

Good morning Hustlin' Hawks! Today is Wednesday, February 25, we are following a Day 3 schedule, and these are your daily announcements.

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Black History Month

Today for Black History Month we are highlighting...

*Frederick Douglass* believed education was essential to freedom and equality. Through leadership, writing, and public service, he helped shape national conversations about civil rights and justice.

#### Free Yearbook Winner

We're excited to announce that Nico D. is the official winner of our *Guess the Theme* Yearbook Competition! Nico correctly cracked the clue, guessing Time Magazine, and has won a FREE 25/26 Spectrum Yearbook — congratulations! Didn't win? Don't worry — yearbooks are still on sale! Make sure to purchase yours before they sell out. You won't want to miss this headline-worthy edition. Get yours while you can!

#### Career and Technical Education Month-Stat of the Day

Here is today's CTE Stat of the Day: *Grades are not enough! Certifications prove you have real, job-ready skills and give you a competitive edge for college, internships, and future careers. Approximately 110 (and counting) Business, Tech Ed, and FACS Certifications were earned last semester. Congrats to those students!*

### ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### College Visits

Juniors and seniors: Representatives from the following colleges will be at GHS to meet with students. Stop in student services at least 1 day prior to the visit to sign up.

**Thursday, February 26 - Marian University**

#### Link Leader Reminder

Attention Link Leaders: Bring your permission slip, money, and binders to our last meeting on **Thursday, February 26**.

#### Wellness Week

Next week Hope Squad and Psych Club are sponsoring a Wellness Week. Throughout the week there will be spirit days, wellness related activities, an Advisory door decorating competition, TSS options that support wellness, and more! On Monday, March 2, begin your week of wellness by dressing in your comfy clothes. Pajama pants, sweats and sweatshirts are encouraged. Tuesday, March 3 will be Team Tuesday. The options for this are many! Team-up with your friends and dress as a squad, show support for your favorite team in a team jersey, or wear a GHS club shirt. Wednesday is Workout Wednesday. Time to show your sporty side! Show your unity on Thursday in Green and Gold, and on Friday, dress for a "cause". Wear yellow to spread awareness for suicide prevention, blue for bullying awareness, orange for dating violence awareness, and red for substance abuse awareness. Let's support wellness together!

#### National Honor Society

Do you like to give back to your community? Do you have a 3.0 or higher? The National Honor Society is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. You may pick up an application from Ms. Frey in room

213, or in the LMC. Applications are due no later than **Friday, February 27**.

### **Spanish National Honor Society**

Attention Spanish students: Have you completed 3 semesters of high school Spanish? Do you have a B+ or better in Spanish? Do you have a 3.0 or higher GPA? If you answered sí to these questions, join Spanish National Honor Society. You can pick up an application in any Spanish room. Completed applications are due on or before **Friday, February 27**.

### **Prom Attendance**

Interested in attending prom this spring? **Starting March 2nd and running through March 20th**, students who accumulate 12 or more tardies, unexcused absences, or truancies will not be eligible to purchase a prom ticket or attend as a guest at the GHS prom. Attendance matters, and being at school, in class, and on time is mandatory for students if they want to enjoy the upcoming prom experience. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school administration for clarification or assistance. Prom's a blast, but first comes class!

### **Hiring Event**

Have you ever considered a career in the trades? automotive? manufacturing? Come to the 5th Annual Hands On Hiring Event at Franklin High School cafeteria on **Wednesday, March 4** from 5-7 p.m. This event is for graduating seniors looking for full time work in the trades, automotive or manufacturing, sophomores/juniors who want to get into Youth Apprenticeship, and for freshmen and parents to learn about local companies and careers. **All students and parents are welcome!**

### **Rho Kappa**

Rho Kappa, the National Honor Society for Social Studies, is currently accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications can be picked up in room 115 from Mr. O'Keefe or room 137 from Mrs. Way. Students who meet the requirements and complete the application process will be considered for membership. Membership requirements include: having completed two core social studies classes (with an unweighted GPA of 3.0), being prepared to complete at least three social studies courses, having a cumulative GPA of 3.0; having an interest in civic engagement, and providing a letter of recommendation from a GHS faculty member. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to Mr. O'Keefe or Mrs. Way by 2:45 p.m. on **Friday, March 6**.

### **Junior Fundraiser**

The Junior Class Racine Danish Kringle Fundraiser is going on now through March 6th. Participation in this fundraiser will lower students' costs for prom. Any Junior student who sells 20 Kringles or more will receive \$20 off their prom ticket. All order forms need to be turned in to Ms Back (room 118) or Ms Wermund (room 119) by **Friday, March 6**. Good luck fundraising!

### **Prom Style Show**

Any juniors or seniors that would like to model in the Prom Style Show should turn in their permission slips to Ms. Back or Ms. Wermund by **Thursday, February 26**. The style show is **Friday, March 6**, during 7<sup>th</sup> hour. The first 20 girls to turn in their form will get to participate!

### **Storytelling Workshops**

Your lives are full of stories worth telling - funny ones, messy ones, ones that change you. Learn how to tell your own story well. Sign up to participate in the Ex Fabula-Storytelling Workshops that start next week **Friday**,

**March 6** during hours 5 and 6. Only 20 spots are available for these workshops! Stop in the LMC and pick up a contract to get signed by your teachers to attend. All contracts must be turned in by **Tuesday, March 3!**

### **Dodgeball Tournament**

Rho Kappa is sponsoring a Dodgeball Tournament fundraiser on **Thursday, March 5** from 3-6 p.m. in the Hawk Dome. Teams will be comprised of six individuals. The cost of registration is \$18 per team. Registration will be capped at 16 teams. Prizes will be awarded for the winning team, the team with the best name, the team with the best "uniform", and the most spirited team. Please pick up registration materials from Mr. O'Keefe in room 115, Mrs. Way in room 137 and/or the main office. Talk to your friends and form your team soon! Space is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis! Registration will close on **Thursday, February 26** at 2:45 p.m.

### **Volleyball Tournament**

Think your team has what it takes? Sign-ups for the Volleyball Tournament sponsored by Senior Board are still happening! The tournament will take place on **Tuesday, March 17** at 5:30 in the gym. Pick up a sign-up sheet from **Mrs. Richter or Mrs. Sibley** before all **12 team spots** are filled! We now have the ability to make the individual or team payment online but don't forget to have your sign up sheet turned in! Get your team signed up now.

### **Lost & Found**

Lost & Found tables are set up in the atrium. Items left on the table at the end of the week will be donated.

**2025-2026 School Calendar - Click [Here](#)**

**Upcoming Athletic Events - Click [Here](#)**

### **Upcoming Important Dates To Note**

Tuesday, March 10 - ACT Testing, 11th grade students attend (grades 9, 10, 12 No School)

March 30 through April 3 - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance along with Cadet Culotta and Cadet Willis.

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
Of the United States of America  
And to the republic for which it stands,  
One nation, under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.