



Letter from the Principal



Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the first semester is winding down, and second semester is just around the corner. Our first round of SOL testing is complete, and we are looking forward to more successes this spring. As always, we value and appreciate your support and continued involvement. I hope you will join us for PTSA Open House on Monday, February 13 at 7 pm to meet your child's new teachers. We also look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 21 for our Scheduling Information Night. The main presentation begins in the auditorium at 7 pm followed by an opportunity to visit with teachers of core and elective programs. Specialized sessions will also be offered for those interested in our Advanced Placement program at 6 pm in the Auditorium, our Special Education services at 6 pm in the Forum, and our Technology Academy program immediately following the main presentation in the Auditorium. Both the Open House and the Scheduling Information Night are key components in your student's success for the second semester and next school year.

As we look ahead, the Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at the Chesapeake Conference Center with the After Prom Party to follow at the school. (This is a change from the original published date) Grassfield High School's Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 15 at 11 am at the Ted Constant Center on the campus of Old Dominion University. These are always exciting events for our seniors. This year we are proud to have our first Technology Academy class to walk across the stage in June. These 54 students entered GFHS in 2008 and will have completed the rigorous standards within the Entrepreneurship, Information Technology or Pre-engineering strands proudly to be named Grassfield High School's inaugural Technology Academy graduating class.

As our students continue to grow and excel in academics, athletics and in performing arts, our reputation as a "Community of Excellence" continues to shine. We can all take pride in being a part of the Grizzly Family!

Blessings to each of you for a joyous and prosperous year!

Carolyn Bernard

Carolyn Bernard
"Mama Griz"

Exam Schedule

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CONGRATULATIONS

**MONICA
AGUDELO
Finalist,
City-Wide
Teacher of the Year**

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Visit the
Grassfield Homepage
www.gfhgrizzlies.com



The Skinny Dip.

frozen yogurt bar

Grassfield's After Prom Committee is having a fundraiser on Feb 15 from 5pm to close. Go to either Skinny Dip location and mention you are with Grassfield High School.

Hanbury Village

237 Hanbury Road East

Chesapeake, VA 23322

Greenbrier

1437 Sam's Circle

Chesapeake, VA 23320

Are you ready for some
DODGEBALL?



Grassfield After Prom Committee hosts
The 4th Annual Dodge Ball Tournament
March 2, 2011, 5pm 'til it's over.

Sign-ups begin mid-February.

Details coming soon.

PTSA INCENTIVES



ABC Farm Fresh Program

Bring in any Farm Fresh receipts dated September 8, 2010, to May 31, 2011, and each dollar spent will be credited into a point system that we can use to purchase free educational equipment for the school. Please provide the original receipt and **remember that the months of September and January are worth double points!**



Campbell's Labels for Education

When you use Campbell's soup, Campbell's Supper Bakers, Franco American products, Pepperidge Farm products, V8 beverages, Prego Pasta Sauce, and Market Day products, simply clip the barcodes or save the tops and bring them to school. We accumulate points for these labels and are able to purchase school products from the Campbell's catalog.

Remember, you no longer need to clip the entire label – **just the UPC code itself.** To see a list of eligible projects, visit

http://www.labelsforeducation.com/pdf/eligible_products.pdf



Harris Teeter, Together in Education

Each time you shop at Harris Teeter and use your VIC card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Grassfield High School. Our school Number is **6695**

To register your card please visit

<http://www.harristeeter.com>

and choose *Together in Education*.



Tyson's A+ Project

Turn in labels for participating Tyson's products such as Tyson boxed and bagged frozen chicken, Tyson's lunchtime meals, Tyson deli meats, Tyson's ready to eat chicken and beef strips in all varieties, and Tyson's frozen meals. **Each Tyson's label is worth 24¢.**



Food Lion Shop & Share

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Grassfield High School. To register your card please visit

<https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterNewOrg.asp>.



Target

A total of **1% of your purchases** at Target and Target.com and .5% of Target Visa Credit Card purchases will be donated to Grassfield High School. Target will track purchases and distribute the accumulated donations to Grassfield in March and September.

Our school number is **125821**

To enroll please visit www.Target.com

or your nearest Target location.



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NEW THIS YEAR!



Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

Help our school earn FREE SUPPLIES!

Our school will earn credits year-round equal to 5% of your qualifying school supply purchases to use for FREE supplies.

Every time you shop at Office Depot, remember to give our school ID# 70216568

Collection boxes are located in the main office and media center.

Save the information above to use when shopping!

Thank you for your continued support of Grassfield High School PTSA.

Rosemary Klempin



Grassfield DECA Chapter Wins Big at the District Leadership Conference Competition

On January 5, 59 members of Grassfield High School's DECA Chapter competed against other DECA chapters in Chesapeake at the annual DECA District Leadership Conference. This was the largest number of competitors in school history and more competitors than any other high school by far. In front of judges, students applied marketing concepts learned in class to various marketing-related role play situations in front of judges. Out of a total of 16 events, Grassfield DECA members claimed eight overall first-place wins, with an additional nine overall second-place wins and seven overall third-place wins. Our DECA members were awarded a total of 36 medals. First place overall winners move on to compete at the DECA State Leadership Conference in March.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Students receiving recognition were

First place overall winners-Meggie Baker, Jacqui Devore, Taylor Burns, Shelby Allen, Ian White, Shikim Greene, Hunter Wallen, and Benjamin Harrell

Second place overall winners- Blaire Edwards, Kasey Clark, Preston Anderson, Jonathan Leake, Hannah Olsen, Grace Manglona, Shannon Foster, Kelsey Schnobelen, Dylan Hood, and Michaeline Salladay

Third place overall winners - Brianna Ehle, Toni Brown, Justin Schrippa, Justin Dickason, Sharissa Marshall, Clayton Taylor, Ashley Michonski, and Elizabeth Ritzer

Individual winners – Hayley Olivenbaum, Kolby White, Marjani Williams, Devan Womack, Taylor Bryant, Katrina Carlson, Josh Anderson, Daisa Creel, Kellen Person, Nola Anderson, Brittney Banks, Brandon Libonati, and Lindsey Baker

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Does your child have a job *or* need a GPA boost?

Consider enrolling in the Marketing Work Program. In addition to gaining real-world knowledge in the classroom, he or she can earn 2 additional credits for the hours he or she works! Call the Marketing Department or see your guidance counselor for more information.



Business Electives: What's All The Excitement About?

For students enrolled in business courses, it has certainly been an exciting year. Many of our students have joined the student organization, Future Business Leaders of America. With over 100 members and growing, students have been very active in service projects, fundraisers, and social events.

Recently, our members raised money for Tidewater Youth Services Foundation and participated in the Santa Shuffle Fun Run at Old Towne Portsmouth. FBLA members showed their business skills by raising money for this worthy cause. FBLA members also enjoyed our recent holiday social, the Eat N' Meet at Applebee's. Earlier this semester, our organization inducted the new officers and members in a formal ceremony. We are thrilled to have such an outstanding group of young leaders this school year.

For business students, the best is yet to come! In February, FBLA members will be participating in competitive events, such as "Job Interviewing," "Public Speaking," or other business and technology-related events of their choice. Students can advance to state and national competitions, which is very exciting! Grassfield FBLA has established a tradition of excellence at national leadership conferences, and we look forward to another great year.

As you can see, FBLA develops real-world skills, such as leadership, communication, and technology skills, that are applicable for today's workforce. With so many opportunities in FBLA, why not explore a business course? In February, your students will have their chance. They can speak with their Guidance Counselor, Career Counselor, or any business teacher to get more information. The future starts today in FBLA!



Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Patagonia Chapter

It is once again time for Spanish Honor Society inductions at Grassfield High School. The induction ceremony will be held on March 15 at 4 pm in the forum.

To be eligible for this Honor Society, students must have three consecutive semesters of Spanish with final grade of an A while maintaining a 3.0 GPA. Students who qualify to be members may pick up an application from any Spanish teacher or in Ms. Yencer's room, D102. They will be required to get a transcript, counselor's signature, and return them to Ms. Yencer by Thursday, February 9. No late applications will be accepted. This is a nationally recognized Honor Society that will benefit any college bound student.



REPORT CARDS
will be issued on
Thursday, February 2, 2012

Semester II begins
Tuesday, January 31, 2012

PTSA Open House
Monday, February 13, 2012, 7 p.m.
Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teachers
for the second semester classes.

President's Day Holiday
Monday, February 20, 2012

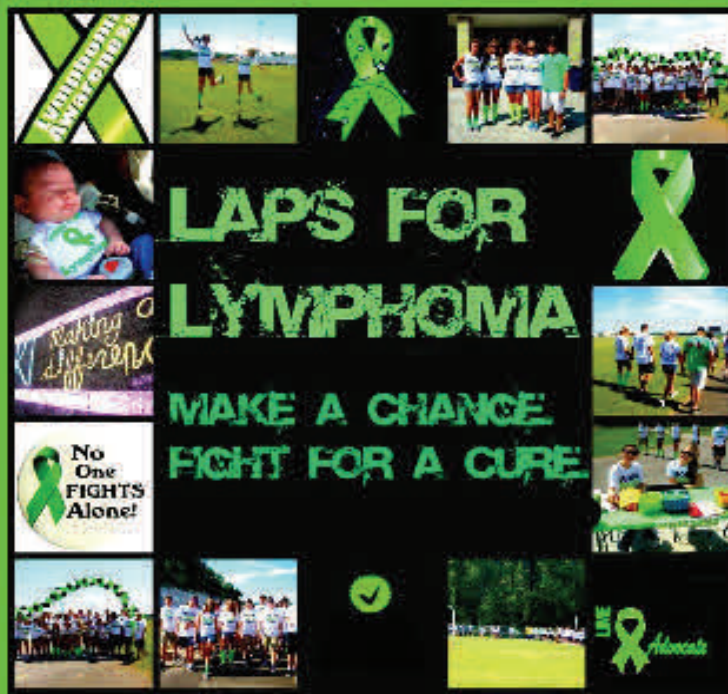
Scheduling Information Night

Join us Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. for our annual Scheduling Information Night. Guidance will present diploma options and graduation requirements, along with general course selection information. Elective teachers will be present with course displays to answer any questions you may have. The following special sessions will also be held that evening:

Advanced Placement Courses—Auditorium—6 p.m.
Special Education Program—Forum—6 p.m.
Technology Academy Parents Meeting—Auditorium— 7:45 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 2012
Teacher Workday—School closed for students

April 9—13, 2011
Spring Break



The 3rd annual Laps for Lymphoma will take place on March 31, 2012! Please check the Grassfield High School website for registration forms and more details! Come and be a part of this community tradition that has raised over \$20,000 in the past two years.

Would you or your business like to be a sponsor? We have sponsorship opportunities for as little as \$50. Please contact andrea.vail@epschools.com.



SOL Writing 11 Test (Spring 2012)

Monday, March 6 – Multiple Choice

Thursday, March 8 – Short Paper

SAT Testing

Students can now visit www.collegeboard.org to register to take the SAT right here at Grassfield High School. SAT dates for the remainder of the school year are as follows:

Saturday, March 10

Saturday, May 5

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement Exam registration will be held 8 to 8:30 a.m. and during all lunches on:

Thursday, March 15

Friday, March 16

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, March 23

The registration for **each** AP exam is \$87 and checks should be made payable to Grassfield High School. Please contact Mrs. Lorri Owens in the Guidance Department with any questions.

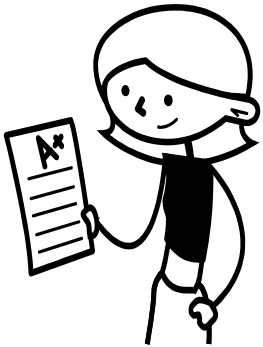
EXAM SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 – 1st BLOCK & 4th BLOCK EXAMS

Block 1 Exam	8:40–9:10 AM – Homeroom/Class Review 9:10-10:40 AM - Exam				
Block 2	10:46 – 11:33 AM				
Block 3	<i>1st Lunch</i>	<i>2nd Lunch</i>	<i>3rd Lunch</i>	<i>4th Lunch</i>	
	Lunch 11:33 – 12:00	Class 11:39- 12:05	Class 11:39 -12:37	Class 11:39 - 1:10	
	Class 12:05 - 1:37	Lunch 12:05 - 12:32			Lunch 12:37 - 1:05
		Class 12:37 - 1:37			Class 1:10 - 1:37
Block 4 Exam	1:43–2:08 PM –Class Review 2:08-3:38 PM - Exam				

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012 – 2nd BLOCK & 3rd BLOCK EXAMS

Block 2 Exam	8:40-9:20 AM—Homeroom/Class Review 9:20—10:50 AM—Exam	
Block 3 Exam 	Lunch 10:50—11:20 For classes who generally eat 1st and 2nd lunch	Class Review 10:56—11:26
	Class Review 11:26—12:02	Lunch 11:26—11:56 For classes who generally eat 3rd and 4th lunch
	Exam 12:02—1: 38	Exam 12:02—1:38