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Letter From the Editors

Happy new school year, everyone! After a relaxing summer break, we all picked up our backpacks and headed back to George F. Baker, and although we must still wear masks, we are all thrilled to be here in person with everyone. This year, a new club has been founded - the Tornado Times Newspaper Club. This club, run

by Ms. Jones and Mr. Fitzsimmons, includes a group of students who document the current happenings of GFB through writing and photography. These findings are edited by Ms. Jones and Mr. Fitzsimmons then uploaded right here to the school website for all to see. Theodore Heavner is the club's president and main writer and Chloe Sisskind is our photographer. Most of our staff are in grades 6, 7 and 8, so we hope that you will enjoy their writing as they and the newspaper grow together. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can

contact us, Ms. Jones, or Mr. Fitzsimmons.

We all can't wait to see how this club grows and we're excited to share the news of Tuxedo's George F. Baker High School with all of you!



Letter From the Superintendent

By Mr. Jeffrey White

Hello to the classes of 2022,2023,2024,2025,2026,2027, and 2028! It has been a great pleasure meeting all of you in your classrooms, the gym, the cafeteria and the hallways. I am delighted to serve as your superintendent and help make these years of your lives productive, fulfilling and just

plain fun. A common term for this period of your life is called the "wonder years"; the time when you are growing up and filled with wonder. It is the mission of all of your teachers, administrators, and building staff to help support you in developing into the best people you can be. We want to make this an exciting and successful encounter for each and every one of you. Please take advantage of every opportunity you have here and let us know how we can make your school even better. This is your life, let us help make it a great and beautiful experience.



Letter From the Principal

By Mr. Roy Reese, GFB Principal

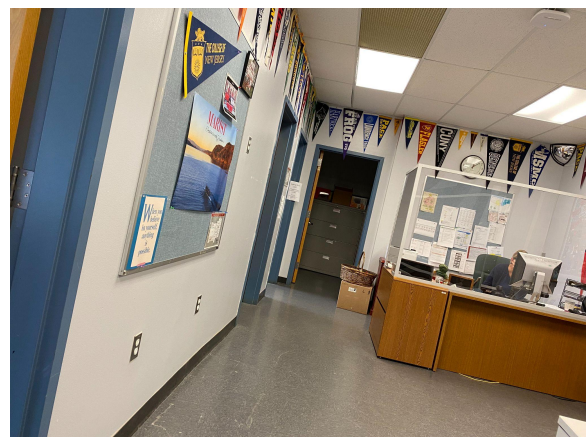
It is my hope that you are enjoying the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year as much as I am. Each day that goes by I learn something new. It could be more names of students, a chance to teach a class, chatting with students in the halls, or “interrupting” many classes with my visits. I have found the students, faculty and support staff very friendly, welcoming and eager to help the “new” principal. I look forward to coming to school every day, sharing in your experiences and appreciate your kindness.



Letter from the Guidance Department

By Mrs. Christine Oliva

Our dedicated team of support individuals consist of Ms. Oliva - School Counselor, Ms. Dyba - Guidance Assistant, Ms. Clark - School Psychologist and Ms. Feest - CSE Secretary. Together, our efforts support the instructional integrity of the school district by providing a comprehensive school counseling program aimed at developing self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills along with career and college exploration.





GFB Media Center

By Mrs. Valerie Mui

The George F. Baker Library Media Center is open! Join us during Study Hall from 8:00-11:14 am every day and during period 6 Enrichment on A, C, and E days with a pass from your teacher. Admire our new decor, relax with our recent additions to the library collection, locate a comfortable spot to be productive, or run into a favorite GFB staff member.

The Library Media Center has a lot to celebrate. Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 15th and continues through October 15th. It highlights the achievements of Hispanic Americans, including authors such as Sandra Cisneros and Elizabeth Acevedo. What do *Where's Waldo*, *Harry Potter*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* have in common? Their presence on bookshelves have all been challenged. The American Library Association's Banned Books Week (September 27th- October 1st) celebrated our freedom to read. Check out a banned book any time; chances are, you will be adding another to the list of the many banned books you have already read.



From the Classroom:

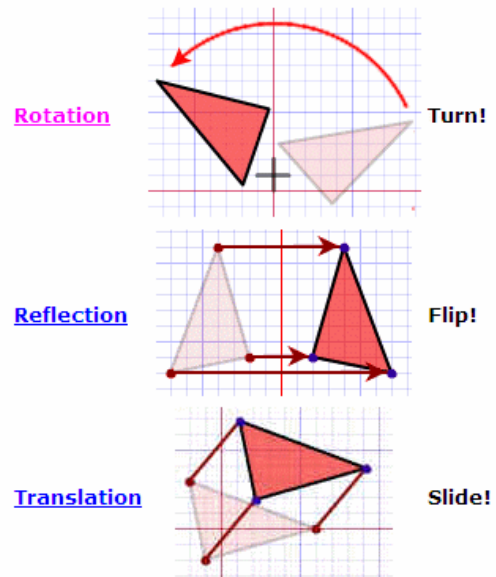
Math

By Courtney Elmendorf and
Thomas Reilly

The new Common Core Algebra I curriculum challenges students to make sense out of mathematical patterns by utilizing the tools of algebra. Ms. Elmendorf and Mr. Reilly's Geometry class is having fun

with Rotations and Reflections.

This provides students with opportunities to engage in higher-level reasoning activities using a variety of representations. They are exploring patterns and justifying them by manipulating algebraic expressions.



GFB News

By Theodore Heavner- Gr. 12

GFB News is the brainchild of Mr. Clayton Chan, who created a Video Production class to allow students to showcase their talents and creativity.

This award-winning show is in its fourth season, and the following video introduces all the students in Mr. Chan's Video Production class:

<https://youtu.be/JteBHP9Kx-c>.



But did you know that Mr. Fitzsimmons was a baker for six years? Hungry for a good bienenstich cake or a linzer cookie? Mr. Fitzsimmons is your man!



Teacher Feature

By Michael Gurley-Diaz- Gr. 6

Welcome to Teacher Feature, where you get to learn fun facts about the teachers of George F. Baker High School. These are things that you probably always wanted to know about the people who teach you daily. By day, Mr. Fitzsimmons teaches Middle School US History and AP Government.

Peace Day

By Nerla Paul- Gr. 6

On September 21, 2021, GGM celebrated World Peace Day on the GFB Front Lawn. Mr. Chan, assisted by the GFB Tech Crew (James Reedy, Dominik Cichon, and Sam Kainatsky), broadcast the event. Mr. Chan and Mr. Stelmach co-wrote a song called "Let There Be Peace." The song

was performed by Jazz Band members (Grace Donnelly, Kayleigh Donnelly, Amanda Dykstra, Theodore Heavner, Reginald Juance, and Marley Vaught). Grades 4 and 5 accompanied the Jazz Band by singing. It was a lovely day!



The Tradition Continues

Guess what's coming to Room 226? It's not a history, science or math class, but the long-awaited reincarnation of the Senior Lounge!

Due to COVID restrictions, the school was unable to allow a Senior Lounge last year, but it is making its triumphant return in Room 226.

Here are the before pictures, but stay tuned for the full reveal of the 2021-2022 Senior Lounge. Let's go, Class of 2022!



Sports

Modified Volleyball

By Emilia Kainatsky- Gr. 7

At Tuxedo, our modified team is training every day after school from 3:00 PM to 4:15. The girls had their first game on the 28th. According to Ms. Park, the Modified Volleyball Coach, "The girls have been working super hard, and I'm impressed with how far they've come in the couple weeks of practice, and it'll be great to see everyone come together for this game."

JV and Varsity Volleyball

By Mrs. Michelle Hines

The varsity program is off to a great start, having a 6-3 record to start the year. The team has already qualified for the Sectional playoffs with an important win over rival S.S. Seward earlier this season. The team is comprised of seven girls: Vanessa Duarte, Kaitlyn

Kroeber, Katrina Patrick, Cristal Pichardo, Juliana Scanlon, Dayanara Vasquez, and Anastasia Vishnevskaya. The team is doing splendidly, especially considering this is their first time playing since 2019. Most of the girls are playing new positions, and are adapting well. The JV program is also improving every game and are enjoying being on the court again. The team consists of Emily Brito, Veronica Chavez, Amanda Dykstra, Daniela Gonzalez, Casey Juance, Madison Marsh, Maya McColgan, Alex Scully, and Alondra Sarabia. Come support the girls at their future home games (10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/25). Our senior night will be on October 25th, so make sure to join us for that contest against Division rival Burke!



Running Club

By Emilia Kainatsky- Gr. 7

Running Club encourages 5th-9th grade students to be physically active and develop the love of running with the goal of later participating in the Varsity Cross Country team. This club is active during the fall, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM. This club does relay races, stretching, and teaches you how to run properly. One cool thing happening is a timed relay race going half a mile, with a goal being a whole mile. If you're interested in running, and you like exercising, then join the running club, you might just enjoy it!

Soccer Club

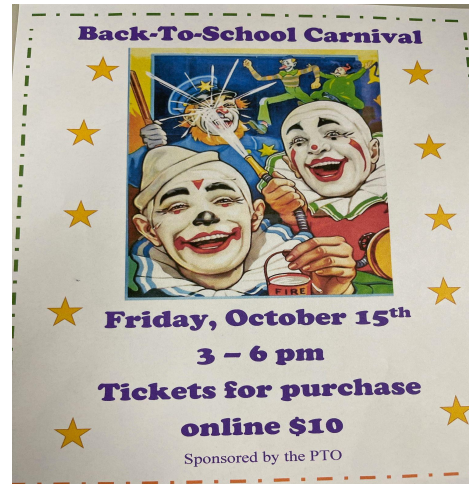
By Emilia Kainatsky- Gr. 7

Soccer Club is a club dedicated to soccer, open to students grades 7-9. Soccer Club runs

from Tuesday to Thursday throughout the fall, from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM. According to Mr. Brunner, the Soccer Club Coordinator, Soccer Club is all about “getting together, playing soccer, and having fun.” This club teaches you about ball skills, playing games, and learning the rules of soccer. So if you’re interested in having fun and playing soccer, make sure to join before it’s too late!

Back-To-School Carnival

The long-awaited return of the PTO Carnival following the 2020 hiatus will be on Friday, October 15th at 3-6 pm in Circle Field. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place on Friday, October 22nd. Tickets are available online from the PTO for \$10. Thank you to the PTO for organizing this exciting event and keeping the tradition alive!



Around the Town

Tuxedo Joint Fire District Truck Dedication

By Brooke Bower- Gr. 6

Eagle Valley Fire Company #3 is having an Open House and Truck Dedication on Saturday , October 9th, 2021 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Eagle Valley Firehouse, 14 Scott Mine Road, Tuxedo. There will be light refreshments, fire prevention giveaways & a visit to the firehouse, fire trucks & equipment. All the firemen will be there to answer any questions. This is a dedication for their 2020 KME Pumper

Truck. A brief dedication ceremony will begin at 11:45am. Please come out to support the volunteers of Tuxedo and see the new fire truck #572 that is here to help protect all of us. This inside reporter has a special secret: if you stay a little bit after 1:00 pm all the surrounding fire departments will be coming with their trucks and will be christening the truck for goodluck with a big water wet down. If you want to see the fire trucks in our town in action, come watch .



At the Tuxedo Library there is a Teen Bullet Journal Club. There will be 3 sessions for Ages 12-18. By Brooke Bower- Gr. 6

Personalize a plain notebook into a masterpiece! A bullet journal can be a planner, a diary, or anything else to help organize with mindful inspiration. This in person craft club will be held once a month. All materials will be provided.

- Thursday, October 7th at 6pm: Decorate your cover.
- Wednesday, November 3rd at 6pm: Monthly Spread
- Wednesday, December 8th at 6pm: Habit Tracker



Tuxedo Farmers Market

By Emma Keating- Gr. 6

As the temperature gets cooler and harvest season comes to a close, we will have to say goodbye to our beloved Farmers Market. You can still get fresh fruits and vegetables until October 30th every Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Tuxedo Train Station. Visit tuxedofarmersmarket.com for more information. Take advantage of the fresh produce while you can!



Ted's Talks

By Theodore Heavner- Gr. 12

Ted Heavner is going to be running an advice column! If

you'd like to submit a school appropriate question, Ted is here to listen at this form: <https://forms.gle/jxGp3yYnvGQn5e6S8>.

(Your name will not be shared in the newspaper.)

Chloe's Comedy Corner

Need a good laugh? Chloe will entertain you.

How do you look for Will Smith in the snow? Just follow the fresh prints.

What does a nosey pepper do?
Gets Jalapeno business!

What time do you go to the dentist? At tooth-hurty

If you ever get cold, stand in the corner of a room. they're 90 degrees.

Why is no one friends with Dracula? Because he's a pain in the neck!

Why don't you hear a
pterodactyl go to the bathroom?
Because the P is silent

Why are electrons never invited
to parties? They're so negative.

How does NASA organize a
party? They planet

What's the best thing about
Switzerland? I don't know, but
the flag is a big plus.



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Noteworthy

Inspirations from the Past

"Believe you can and you're
halfway there."

- *Theodore Roosevelt*