
TORNADO TIMES

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Letter From the Editors

Welcome back for the second issue of the Tornado Times! We are so grateful for all of the kind words sent our way following the release of our debut issue. Our writers appreciate the support and we continue to welcome any feedback that our readers may have.

In this month of November, it is particularly important to

reflect and recognize what we are grateful for. It is hard to believe, but the first quarter has already come and gone. The school year so far has certainly been a blessing, as we are happy to see our students back and excited to learn every day. The staff of the Tornado Times hopes that our readers take some time out of their busy schedules to reflect on what they are thankful for as the holidays approach.



Greetings From the Superintendent

By Mr. Jeffrey White

Hello everyone and hope you had a Happy Halloween!!!! Halloween was so much fun. It is one of my favorite holidays. I loved seeing all of the great costumes that students wore. While visiting with many students during lunch, I had the pleasure to talk about a matter that is near and dear to all of our hearts: food. Among the many things we want students to enjoy here at Tuxedo are healthy and delicious foods. I promised that we would put out a survey to get your thoughts. Well, we are excited to be launching a food program survey for all our students and staff! We want to hear all voices. The District is committed to improving your meal options. We are lucky that we cook and prepare our own foods because

that gives us the flexibility to make changes based on the wants and needs of our students and staff. So start thinking about your favorite foods now and don't forget to fill out the survey. Bon appetit!!!



Words of Wisdom to the Students of GFB

By Mr. Roy Reese, GFB Principal

As we go through November, we have already completed two months of school. Much has been accomplished in these two

short months, but there is still much to do. You may not have done as well academically as either you, your teachers, or your parents may have wished. That, however, is fixable. In most schools, a lack of doing and submitting homework is the major contributor to falling grades. Do not fall into that trap and allow that to happen to you – we all have to do homework – **EVEN ME!! EVERY NIGHT!!!** I would recommend that you not wait to make up your work.



Our Fall sports teams have done exceptionally well. The Girls Volleyball Team made it to the second round of the playoffs and Chima Oparaji represented the Tuxedo Cross Country Team at the section meet.

The Fall Fest Dance was a huge success. A big thank you to the Student Council, Mrs.

Castellanos, Mrs. Takeuchi, Ms. Elmendorf, Mr. Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Hines and Mr. Chan and his band for making the evening a huge success.

The tents are gone for the year which means indoor lunches are on the horizon. With the Fall weather turning colder, only students in grades 9-12 will be permitted to eat lunch outside after Monday, November 7th. Grade 6 will be in Room 205. Grades 7-8 will eat in the cafeteria. Just a reminder, Covid regulations are still in

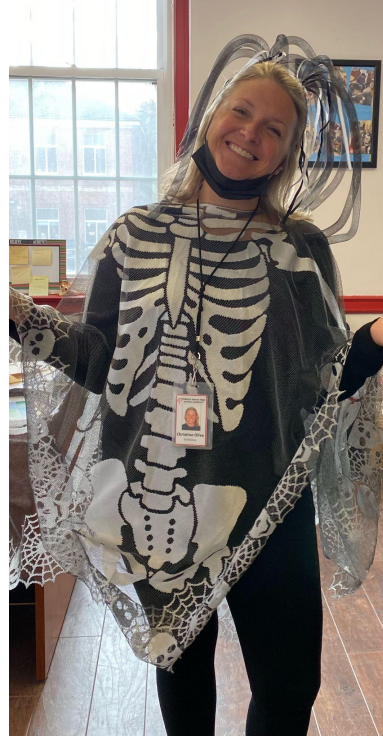
effect; thus you must stay in your assigned seats.

Letter from the Guidance Department

By Mrs. Christine Oliva

Over the past few weeks, the Guidance Department has kicked off our virtual and in-person college visits beginning with St. Thomas Aquinas College and SUNY Binghamton. Other schools that have visited include Butler University, SUNY Oswego, University of Buffalo, Stony Brook University, Clemson University, University of Rhode Island, and University of New Haven. Click here to see a full list of Colleges and University visits to GFB!

<https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/o/tufsd/page/guidance-department>



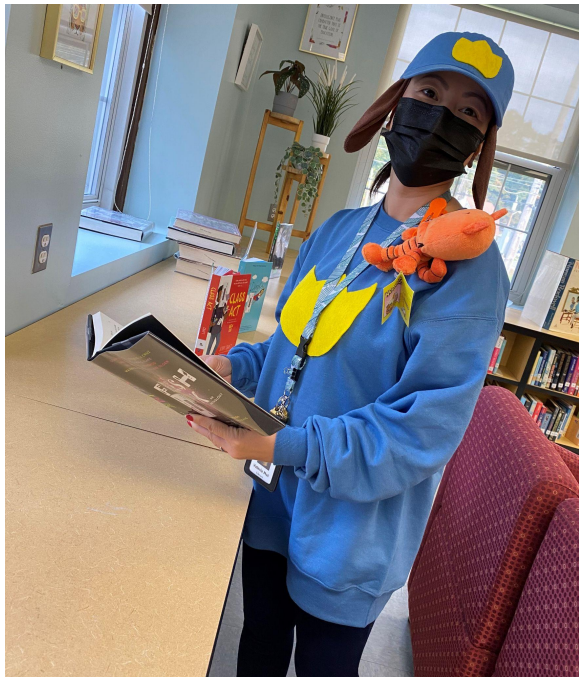
What is Digital Citizenship?

By Ms. Valerie Mui

Digital Citizenship week was celebrated during the week of October 18 - 22. Students in grades 6-8 were asked during their Digital Literacy class to define digital citizenship in their own words and share how they can be responsible and safe online. Here are some of their answers:

Karasten K. in the 7th grade said, "Digital citizenship means that you know how to use the internet responsibly. You cannot share personal information on the internet and use different passwords for websites."

Emma K. in the 6th grade said, "Digital citizenship means being kind, respectful, and always accepting."



Nicholas M. in the 8th grade said, "Digital citizenship means being responsible online to myself and others. This is by not

sharing personal data online and disabling cookies when you can."

Hamza I. in the 7th grade said, "I think that Digital citizenship is being a good online citizen and having responsibility over what you do online."

Logan P. in the 8th grade said, "Digital citizenship means how people act and interact with others online. I can be a safe and responsible digital citizen by being kind to others and if others aren't being nice, I could attempt to diffuse the situation."

Elena H. in the 6th grade said, "To me, digital citizenship is being courteous and smart online. If you tease people or post misinformation, you really won't be a good digital citizen.

We can be safe and responsible by being respectful to everyone online and defending victims of cyberbullying. We can also be

safe by keeping personal information to ourselves (it's not personal information if it isn't, well, personal!)."

From the Classroom: Earth Science

By Ms. Lisa Morganstern-Perl

Did you know that a rock is classified by how it was formed? Further, a rock can become a different type of rock over time depending on what it encounters in nature. Students in Earth Science have been successfully modeling the processes that create rocks and transforming them into different rocks in lab class. They created a faux igneous rock called "Obsidian" using boiling water and crayons, and were able to create a pretty good simulated sedimentary rock known as "Conglomerate". Lately, the Earth Science class has been following the travels

of Kern, the garden gnome, to learn more about the force of gravity and the true shape of earth.

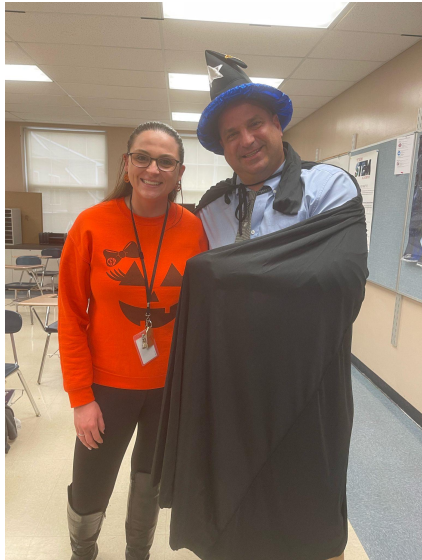


Geometry and Algebra I

**By Ms. Courtney Elmendorf and
Mr. Thomas Reilly**

In Geometry, students are utilizing compasses to construct rotations, reflections, and translations. The goal is to help students develop a conceptual understanding of the characteristics of rigid motion. This is setting the stage for triangle proofs where students will draw conclusions about

triangles based on given information.



In Algebra, the class is examining how to solve linear equations and inequalities using inverse operations. Students are then using the concept of inverse operations to manipulate mathematical formulas. Shortly, the class will be moving on to defining, identifying, and working with functions. All classes ended the month of October with a small Halloween celebration.

Music Department

By Emilia Kainatsky - Gr. 7

Jazz band performed in the PTO carnival. It was a remarkable performance that pleased everyone's ears.

At GFB, the symphonic orchestra practices two times weekly. Students are practicing many marvelous pieces and will surely please everyone with their talent at the GFB Winter Concert.

Welcome to NHS and NJHS

By Ms. Jennifer Jones-Scanlon

Twenty-eight students were inducted into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, November 18, 2021.



President Marisa Leo, Vice President Zoe Vaught and Secretary/Treasurer Eliza Vaught hosted the ceremony. Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Clayton Chan, played “If I Ain’t Got You” and “Just the Two of Us.” Emily Brito sang the National Anthem. Mr. White, Mr. Castricone, and Mr. Reese gave inspirational speeches.



The keynote speaker was Ms. Park who discussed the importance of Service, Leadership, Scholarship and

Character. GFB is proud to welcome its new members.

GFB News

By Theodore Heavner - Gr. 12

Continuing with the great kickoff of Season 4 of GFB News, Theodore Heavner interviewed Principal Mr. Roy Reese. It is sure to make you laugh!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xpkPWrcESI>



Teacher Feature

By Michael Gurley-Diaz - Gr. 6

Did you ever wonder what high schools our teachers and staff attended? Here is a fun fact! Mr.

Brunner, Mrs. Bussard, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Hines, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Rush, Mr. Takeuchi, and Mrs. Takeuchi all graduated from GFB. These teachers and staff sat in our seats, learned in our classrooms, and walked in our halls as students. Tuxedo really is a home that we can all return to at any time.

Fall Fest 2021

By Theodore Heavner - Gr. 12

On Friday, October 29th, there was a Fall Fest for Grades 9-12. Students dressed in costumes and donated cans of food and money to the Sloatsburg Food Pantry as their entrance fee. Organized by Ms. Castellanos and her Student Council, students listened to music, danced, had candy and pizza, and played games. The High School Jazz Band played a set of Halloween-themed music.



There was a costume contest which awarded prizes. Parker Givens won “scariest costume” as the Grim Reaper. Ted Heavner, Marley Vaught, Reggie Juance and Mr. Chan were awarded “most original costume” for being dressed as characters from Super Mario Bros.

Unity Day

By Ms. Christine Oliva

Thank you to Cayla Stankiewicz and Aileen Bonilla for helping to create GGB’s Unity Day 2021 Bulletin Board outside of the Guidance Office. On Unity Day, people come together — in schools, communities and

online—to send one large ORANGE message of support, hope and unity to show that we are united against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. The color orange was chosen to represent Unity Day because it is described as vibrant, warm and inviting. Orange is commonly associated with safety and visibility.



NHS and NJHS Fall Food Drive

By Ms. Jennifer Jones

From September 11 through November 12, the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society collected

over 500 canned goods and 75 boxes of cereal for the Sloatsburg Food Pantry.



Upcoming drives include a pasta/rice drive, a cereal drive, a toiletry drive, a snack drive and a pet drive. If you would like to donate any items, please drop them off at the GFB Main Office.

STEM Halloween Challenge

By Mr. Marco Margotta

On Friday, October 29th during Enrichment, students participated in a STEM activity designed to embrace the spirit

of Halloween. Students designed and created pumpkins and shared their work with their classmates. There was a contest to see whose pumpkin was the best and a good time was had by all.



The Tradition Continues

By Ms. Michelle Hines

The Senior Lounge is back! After a hiatus the past few years, the Senior Class will now have a place to call their own. Room 226 has been transformed from a regular classroom into a safe

haven to be able to study, collaborate with their peers, and enjoy the perks of being a senior! After having a meeting with the Senior Class about their wants and needs, Mr. Reese recognized that the group was in dire need of a place where they could establish their identity within the school, a place where they could make their mark. In turn, he made it happen, obtaining a room and having a camera installed for safety. Ms. Jones and Mrs. Hines collaborated on making the place feel cozier, providing the room with seasonal decor.



Mrs. Hines also added pictures of the group taken on their

recent Fall Senior Enrichment Trip to Heaven Hill Farm, where they were able to pick pumpkins, enjoy a Fall Festival, and even have ice cream at Bellvale Creamery on their way home. While you do have to be a senior to "hang out" in 226, it is a place that all students will be able to enjoy... well, eventually, when they become a senior!

Lounge Talk with Ms.

Hines

By Elena Haimerl - Gr. 6

Since the publication of our first issue, so much progress has been made towards transforming Room 226 into the Senior Lounge. I recently sat down with Ms. Hines, English teacher and Senior Class Advisor, to discuss the new Senior Lounge.

What are your plans for the Senior Lounge?

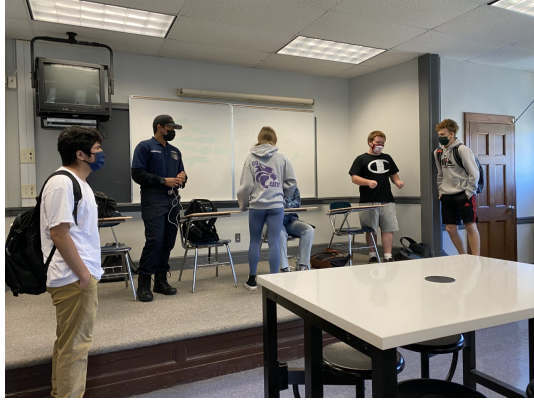
"The Honor Society, myself, and Mr. Reese plan to collaborate on furniture and decorations for the Senior Lounge, to give it more of a homey type of feel, and truly make it their own. I'm going to incorporate pictures of seniors that they submit to me also, so I can put them up on the walls."

What times would students be permitted in the lounge?

"Study hall, or lunch or any break times."

What are the benefits of having the lounge?

"It's a space for them to call their own within the school, especially since it's their last year here. A place they can claim ownership over and have space to work and collaborate in peace."



What made you decide that you wanted to start up the Senior Lounge again?

“We wanted to return to the original, traditional feel in the building. We wanted to move the lounge from the cafeteria, which really wasn’t a senior space and wasn’t a space where they could sit down and work. Since Mr. Reese arranged to have a camera in the Senior Lounge, they’re allowed to be up there.”

When will the lounge open?

“We just opened, actually! I was very excited for them, it was nice to see their excitement and home in the building. It was nice to hear the plans that they had for the room.”



Senior Trip 2021

By Chloe Sisskind - Gr. 12

On October 14, the Class of 2022 went to Heaven Hill Farm and Garden Center to go pumpkin picking. The class had a great time picking pumpkins and enjoying traditional Fall games and activities. Afterwards, the Seniors went to Bellvale Creamery to get ice cream.

Thank you Ms. Hines!



Election Season

By Jack Reilly - Gr. 8

Here at Tuxedo, we take elections seriously. In the spirit of the American tradition, the High School and Middle School Student Councils had their elections and welcomed a new set of officers. In the High School, the officers will work beside Ms. Castellanos to organize school events and charitable endeavors, while the new officers in the Middle School will work with Ms. Park and Mr. Fitzsimmons to do the same.

The High School Student Council Officers are as follows:

President - Marisa Leo

Vice President/Social Media - Kaitlyn Kroeber

Secretary/Publicity - Mario Ginis

Treasurers - Veronica Chavez and Daniela Gonzalez



The Middle School Student Council Officers are as follows:

President - Jack Reilly

Vice President - Emilia Kainatsky

Secretary - Kayleigh Donnelly

Treasurer - Karasten Kasker

Congratulations to all who were elected and keep up the good work!

Fundraiser Season is in Full Swing

By the Middle School Student Council Officers

The Middle school Student Council has been doing many amazing fundraisers, including a penny drive and a Krispy

Kreme Fundraiser, in which we raised about \$1800. Half the proceeds from the penny drive are going to be donated to a charity. The class that donates the most wins a fun prize that the class decides. We are going to be doing more fundraisers as the year goes on, so we would love your support in making this community a better place.

Sports

Cross Country

By Mr. John Landro

Chima Oparaji completed his 2nd season on Varsity Cross Country. Chima's best finish this year was a 2nd place finish against Port Jervis and Burke Catholic High School. He also set a personal best time of 18:07 on that day. Chima competed on November 4th in the Section Nine Class D Championships. He had hoped to once again qualify for the NYS Championship in

Chenango, New York after representing Tuxedo in Plattsburgh, New York in 2019.

Modified Volleyball

By Emilia Kainatsky- Gr. 7

At Tuxedo, our Modified Volleyball Team trained every day after school from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM. According to Ms. Park, the Modified Volleyball Coach, "The girls worked super hard, and I'm impressed with how far they've come in all the weeks of practice."



Modified Volleyball: A Season in Summary

By Ms. Jenna Park

Your Tuxedo Modified Team finished their season 12-4! Camila Granillo and Sarah Cruz Granillo were the captains. Nevaeh Alexander, Julia Marusich, Evangeleen Ortiz, Ava Resner, Darya Vishnevskaya, Karasten Kasker, Charlotte Kroeber, Jeanette Folk, and Maria Rinaldo all had a great year.



Strong serving by Kasker and Cruz Granillo helped lead their team to several victories. Your Lady Tornadoes will be returning three athletes next year to Modified, with the remainder of the team moving up to the JV level. Thank you for your continued support!

JV and Varsity Volleyball

By Mrs. Michelle Hines

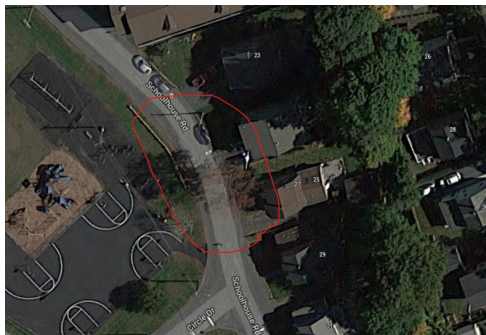
The Varsity Volleyball program wrapped up its regular season with a record of 11-6, which is impressive considering it was their first season back in two years!



The girls secured a Sectional playoff berth early with a win over S.S. Seward during the month of September, and secured the #1 seed going into the playoffs! They defeated Pine Plains (#4) in a home Sectional Semi-final game on Monday, November 1. They advanced to the Sectional Championship game against Mount Academy on Thursday, November 4 at Rhinebeck High School. The girls have worked hard throughout the season and we are so proud of how far they advanced.

Running Club

By Tyler Marsh- Gr. 6



Many students love to run. It is great exercise and it is

competitive. In running club, students ran around Circle Field daily. The first time around the Circle was a jog. Then after stretching, Mr. Landro timed students to see who ran the fastest in two laps. It was a great opportunity for students to try to beat their best time.



Back-To-School Carnival

By Emma Keating - Gr. 6

The PTO Back-To-School Carnival was held on October 15. The Carnival had a range of different activities including limbo, pie toss, dart toss and other traditional carnival games. The winners of the games won candy, toys and even stuffed animals! All of the

games were really fun and a good time was had by all.



PTO President Kelly Spranger said “Thank you so much for all your help at the Back-To-School Carnival. We really appreciate your time helping run games...It was a huge success and we raised \$1500 at the event.” The PTO was extremely grateful for the support of the community members who attended.



Around the Town

Tuxedo Park Fire Department Halloween Night

By Brooke Bower- Gr. 6

The students of GFB were so excited for Halloween! This year the Tuxedo Park Fire Department Halloween Night was held for the first time in a few years at the Tuxedo Firehouse on Route 17 on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The Fire Department welcomed everyone outside due to Covid-19 restrictions. There were pre-made bags for all the Trick or Treaters that were

made by the spooky, scary ghosts , ghouls , witches , goblins and the amazing Tuxedo Park Fire Department. This event returned for its 39th year and is a great Tuxedo tradition. We thank the Fire Department for all they do for us.



Kindness Korner

By Emilia Kainatsky - Gr. 7

It's important to be kind because you can make someone's day. You never know what someone is going through and just a small compliment could put a smile on a person's face. Being kind and tolerant is good manners and you should use these tools for the better! If you

see a friend, compliment them about their clothing or their hair. These little things can fill up someone's heart and can last a lifetime. Kindness is contagious! If you catch an act of kindness, please email emilia.kainatsky@tuxedoschools.org

History of Thanksgiving

By Emma Keating - Gr. 6

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of Thanksgiving were celebrated.



In the mid-19th century, Sarah Josepha Hale led the charge to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Abraham Lincoln agreed, and in 1863 announced that all Americans should set aside the final Thursday in November to celebrate and give thanks.

In the 1930s, Franklin Delano Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week to the third Thursday of November to give people more time to purchase gifts for the holidays.

We at GFB hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday!

Chloe's Comedy Corner

By Chloe Sisskind - Gr. 12

Need a good laugh? Chloe will entertain you.

1) What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear

2) A communist joke isn't funny... **Unless everyone gets it..**

3) What do you call someone with no body and no nose?
Nobody knows.



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Ted's Talks

By Theodore Heavner- Gr. 12

Ted Heavner is 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.)

Noteworthy

Inspirations from the Past

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”

- *Winston Churchill*

