

TIGER NEWS

From The Principal's Desk



Congratulations to Mina Buchkowski, 12th grade, for being selected by her fellow classmates and teachers as the 2022-2023 D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen Award recipient from Gobles High School.

Qualities and criterium to be selected as the D.A.R. Good Citizen Award recipient include leadership, integrity, dependability, service and patriotism. Mina has displayed these qualities in numerous ways as a Gobles student. She is a member of the High School Student Leadership Committee, the President of both Student Council and National Honor Society, and is also a member of the Gobles Marching Band, the Cross-Country, Track and Bowling Teams.

The D.A.R. was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C.. It is a



non-profit and non-political volunteer service organization specifically organized for women. The D.A.R. is dedicated to promoting patriotism, to preserving American history, and works toward securing America's future through excellence in education.

The D.A.R. Good Citizens Award recipients have an opportunity to enter the D.A.R. Good Citizen scholarship contest. As such, Mina has the potential of winning up to a \$5,000 scholarship. Good luck Mina!!!!

Mina is the Daughter of Tina Grybus of Gobles, MI, and Matt Buchkowski of Bloomington, IN.

Congratulations to Mina and her Family on this most deserving honor.



Core Values

Leadership 🐾 Integrity 🐾 Respect 🐾 Responsibility 🐾 Pride & Tradition

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Create a culture of deliberate excellence with equity.

Vision Statement

Every graduate will be future ready for personal success, college and career, and the global marketplace.



Math Department

The Math Department teamed up with the English Department recently to put to rest an Age Old Question....

“Why is it called a PAIR of pants, but only ONE shirt?”

A common answer was “because there are TWO legs.” However, a shirt also has two arms and isn’t plural, so that wasn’t correct. A shirt actually has more holes in it than a Pair of Pants does anyways.

Research shows that the real reason leg coverings are always referred to in the Plural form is because the word Pants is an abbreviation for the word Pantaloons. A pantaloon was a single leg covering that was pulled on and tied to a waist belt. Since there was one for each leg, they always came in Pairs. Once they started to be manufactured as ONE connected piece, the PLURAL form still stuck. This is the reason that it is called a PAIR of Pants.



our math department rocks on Halloween (with a guest singer from the English department)

English Department

One-Pagers for the Win!

In a world of Tweets, Snaps, and Instagram posts, our children are used to taking in world news through shortened bytes of information. When was the last time you saw your teenager read an entire article on a subject that they were interested in? Hopefully, not too long ago, but you get what I’m talking about if your child has a phone with one of the popular apps that condenses what used to be full-length articles into a picture and a caption. It is instant information that takes no longer than a few seconds to read and understand.

One-pagers are a great way to bring the world of this current mode of communication into the classroom, and it captures the attention of the students, too. A one-pager is a great way for students to illustrate their understanding of a text through quotes, drawings, symbols, questions, and analysis. With directions from the teacher on what information and skills the students are expected to demonstrate, the student can create an assignment that allows them some freedom and creativity to analyze a story, article, chapter, or character. This assignment can be adapted for any subject, including math, and students find it interesting and fun to complete.



Picture to the left: Carly Akers, Freedom Morris, and other 8th-grade students, enjoy a gallery walk of amazing one-pagers in English class. Students researched the meaning of their first names and created one-pagers for their assignment.



Science Department



Pictured to the left:

Emma Steinman securing a solar panel on their greenhouse in agriscience.

Pictured to the right:

Noah Philley and Ethan Ashbaugh helping ready the green house in agriscience.



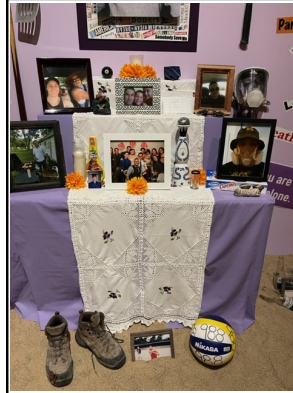
Pictured above: Students in chemistry learning about the field of spectroscopy.



Pictured to the left:

Using a standard laboratory microscope, Carter Bell learning about cells in biology.

Social Studies Department



On Tuesday, October 25th, the Spanish II students had the pleasure of traveling to Pilsen, a suburb of Chicago. Pilsen is home to the National Museum of Mexican Art, as well as home to a culturally rich neighborhood. The two dozen students and chaperones were able to visit the tiendas especialidades

(specialty stores) in the neighborhood. Students bought authentic candy from Mexico in the dulceria (candy store), homemade pastries from the panaderia (bakery), and visited other stores in order to learn more about Mexican culture.

Before visiting the museum, the group enjoyed a traditional lunch of quesadillas, burritos, or tortas, along with rice and beans. After the delicious meal, the students took a guided tour of the National Museum of Mexican Art to learn more about Dia de Muertos, or Day of the Dead. Day of the Dead is a celebration that takes place on November 1st and 2nd and incorporates calaveras de azucar (decorated sugar skulls), cempasuchiles (orange margolds), papel picado (brightly colored tissue paper cut with special designs), and velas (candles). The museum exhibits for Day of the Dead highlight ofrendas (altars) that are in memory of loved ones who have passed away,



and the museum changes these every year; the ofrendas in the museum usually reflect personal memories, or social political policies. All in all, the day was very fun, informative, and enjoyable.



Fine Arts Department



The Blue Star Mothers of America is a patriotic service group that was founded in 1942 and became a permanent organization in 1960. The goal of the organization is to support military families, veterans, and active duty personnel. The local

chapter sends hundreds of care packages overseas during each holiday season and, for many, many years now, our National Honor Society has provided signed cards to include in those packages. The cards let the service personnel know that they are not forgotten and that we appreciate their service to our country. Since Mrs. Butler is the NHS advisor and the middle school art teacher she has coordinated this card signing effort with a holiday drawing activity with her students. Sixth and seventh graders recently spent a couple of class periods decorating envelopes with simple winter and holiday motifs. Pictured here are a few examples. The hope is to send a hometown smile to the face of someone halfway around the world.



This month's featured artist is senior, Nolan VanHorn. Nolan is an Art III student and, although he does not plan to make art his career, he does plan to continue creating art for personal enjoyment throughout his life. Nolan is looking to attend Olivet College and study veterinary science.

Middle School and High School Choir are currently preparing for their Christmas Choir Concert. The Middle School Choir will be performing "Joy, Joy, Joy," by Ken Berg, "Snow On Snow," by Andy Beck, and "Cold Snap," by Mark Hayes. The High School Choir will be performing "The Holiday Season" by Mark Hayes, "Midnight Clear," by Ruth Elain Schram and Aren Newell Williams, and "Veni, Veni Emmanue,l" by Michael John Trotta. They will also be doing a combined piece of music "Night of Silence," by Daniel Kantor. This concert is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit as well as support your middle school and high school students. We hope to see you there!

Athletics Department

Varsity Girls Basketball is off to a great start this season with two wins this week. They Defeated Lawrence 48-39 where Kennadi Killeen was the high scorer with 14 points. They then traveled to White Pigeon and came up a winner again with a score of 51-30. Charlotte Zantello was the leading scorer in that game with 17 points off of 7 baskets and shooting 3 for 4 from the free throw line.



(Varsity Girls lined up for National Anthem)



The JV Girls had their first game at White Pigeon and came up a little short losing 41-30. They are short on players this year, and had to play through the fatigue.



Ellie Wood Shooting a free throw



Students Of The Month



Avery Greffe, 6th grade, was recognized by Ms. Butler. She writes, "Avery Greffe is always so helpful in my 6th grade art class. Not only is he willing to help his classmates when he can, but he also offers to help keep the room

picked-up and often puts away supplies that others leave behind. His extra effort is appreciated!" Well done Avery!!!!



Colton Colingsworth, 9th grade, was recognized by Ms. Redmond. She writes, "Colton's leadership has really blossomed this year. He brings insight to band student leadership meetings and rehearsals, helps students in his section in a positive way,

and volunteers to help daily. After each evening rehearsal this fall, he would always ask, 'is there anything else I can do to help you, Mrs. Redmond?'" Well done Colton!!!!



David Johns, 6th grade, was recognized by Ms. Herman. She writes, "David demonstrates leadership, integrity, respect, responsibility, and pride and tradition in his classes each and every day. He is respected by his classmates and is willing to help both

peers and teachers when needed. He also takes pride in his school work and answers with detail and thoroughly rather than rushing and getting things done quickly." Well done David!!!!



Students Of The Month



Erica Barber, 10th grade, was recognized by Ms. Shein. She writes, "Erica today showed really strong mental toughness and perseverance through some difficult math (proofs) wanting to stay after the bell to finish a proof she had started.

I loved this kind of mentality and wanted to commend her on this! She has shown great focus this past week on a topic that is easy to get overwhelmed by." Well done Erica!!!!



Lucas Grauman, 11th grade, was recognized by Mr. Van Buren. He writes, "My kudos would go to Lucas Grauman in my sixth hour class. He has always come into class with a can-do attitude and has always tried out new exercises. Even though he isn't an

athlete, he sure works like one!" Well done Lucas!!!!



Maximus Sager, 7th grade, was recognized by Ms. Harbaugh. She writes, "As my middle school students work their way through the core values lessons for respect this month, there have been times when students were asked to place their

hand on the shoulder of a student who has "shown respect," exhibits "self-control," and has "listened to or stood up for you," and a majority of the boys placed their hands on Max." Well done Max!!!!



Featured Staff Members



Hello, my name is Nathaniel Merrell. I am from South Haven, Michigan and I graduated from Western Michigan University in December of 2020. I studied Secondary Education Majoring in Social Studies and Minor in History. I did

my Student Teaching at Lakeshore Middle School in Stevensville Michigan. This is my first year teaching and I am extremely excited to be a part of the Gobles community.



Hello Gobles I am Mr. Albrecht. I joined Gobles MS/HS as your Engineering STEM teacher this fall, coming from Constantine MS where I taught math and science for 14 years. I had previous stops at Elk Rapids HS, teaching science, and Whitefish Township

Schools in Paradise, MI, teaching math and science. I look forward to teaching here at Gobles and meeting the students and watching them grow up into young adults.



Hello, I am Sandy Murray, and I was born and raised in West Michigan. I lived in and attended school in Kentwood until my parents moved us to Rockford. I graduated from Rockford more than a few years ago, and I always feel sentimental when I visit

there. I attended Grand Valley State University, graduating with a major in History and a minor in Spanish. I taught Social Studies and Spanish at Cassopolis, at New Prairie, and at South Haven. I am so very happy to come to Gobles where you are treated like family.

Counselor's Corner

We have a shortened month due to the Winter Break, but we are still busy, busy, busy. I have completed my meeting with the seniors, and am now moving on to the 9th-11th grade students. During the first week of December Mrs. Candelaria from Van Buren Tech will present the numerous programs that they have to offer to the sophomores. All sophomores will be going on a trip to the tech center on December 8 in the morning to view 2-3 programs that interest them. I will also work with them on their future plans so that we can make sure that their decisions about schedules and program involvement are relevant to their goals.

The freshmen will work on their 4 year plans and developing their future career ideas. The juniors will begin thinking about specific colleges and apprenticeship programs so that they can make decisions about the senior year and beyond. Juniors are also preparing for testing that will occur in the spring, and will need to know which colleges to send their score reports. They will also begin working on essays for college and scholarship applications. Students who plan to go straight into the workforce will begin working on resumes and cover letters, or searching for the appropriate apprenticeship programs and their requirements.

October and November were busy months for the seniors as they worked on the FAFSA for financial aid and applied to colleges and scholarships. Last week I took the juniors and seniors to Grand Valley State University. They had a blast and enjoyed seeing what college life has to offer.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email me.

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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- 8-DEC: 10th Grade Field Trip To Career Technology Center. Ms. Trapp, School Counselor, will be taking the 10th grade class to visit the Career Technology Center in Lawrence. Thus, giving our students the opportunity to see what the Tech. Center has to offer, helping them to determine if they would like to take classes at the Tech. Center during their Junior and Senior years. The bus will depart at 7:30am. Students should be back to school by 10:30am
- 9-DEC: Choir Field Trip to Meadow Woods Nursing Home. Ms. DeVall will be taking the Middle School and High School Choir to the Meadow Woods Nursing Home in Bloomingdale to sing Christmas songs to the residents. The bus will depart at 12:30pm. Students should be back to school by 2:30pm.
- 12-DEC: Board of Education Meeting, starting at 6:00pm, Middle/High School library.
- 14-DEC: Early Release, Half-Day of School, Middle/High school students dismissed at 11:00am. No lunch services.
- 14-DEC: Elementary Christmas Concert, starting at 6:00pm, in the Middle School Gym.
- 23-DEC to 6-JAN: Winter Break. No School for students, no School for teachers.



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