

GMS/GHS Board Report April 2026

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Important Dates**

- May 6 – Scholarship & Awards Night, NHS Induction
- May 8 – 5/6 Spring Choir Concert
- May 11 – 7–12 Spring Choir Concert
- May 13 – Day of Caring
- May 16 - 8th Grade Formal
- May 18 – 6–12 Band Concert
- May 25 – No School (Memorial Day)
- May 26 – Indigenous Ed Celebration
- May 28 – Last Day of School for Students
- May 30 – Graduation

School Culture

- Prom was successfully held and provided students with a safe, memorable, and well-organized experience. Thank you to Ms. O'Toole, chaperones, and all staff who contributed their time and effort to make Prom a success.
- “Prom with a Purpose” was offered as a sensory-friendly event in collaboration with seven IASC districts to support students with unique needs.
- The PBIS March Madness initiative is currently in the “Final Four” stage, where staff still contending are planning a redesign of a school space.
- Planning is underway for the Day of Caring, where high school students will participate in community service organized by Raider Retail. Afternoon activities will include NHS-led events, outdoor activities, and senior activities at Longyear Park.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated next week to recognize the dedication and hard work of staff. We have a great theme and lots of rewarding surprises, fun, and even food awaiting our teaching faculty. Make sure to show appreciation to our hard working, dynamic teaching staff!

Academic & Instructional Updates

- MCA testing for students in grades 3–11 has been taking place from April 13 through April 29 in reading, math, and science. Students are currently completing science assessments and make-up testing sessions. MCA testing will conclude by the end of next week.
- FastBridge benchmarking assessments will be administered next to monitor student academic growth over the year.
- K-12 Math Curriculum Review team will be piloting two new programs next year after a lot of research and reflection on new math standards.
- The master schedule for the 2026–2027 school year is currently in development. Mr. Floersheim and Ms. Hazelton are collaborating to ensure the schedule meets student and staff needs. Scheduling work will continue throughout the coming weeks to prepare for a strong start to next school year.
 - Online Learning Opportunities (details shared at recent Curriculum Committee meeting)
 - Unified PE
 - AP English Courses
 - Considering daily Advisory

Student Achievement & Recognition

- Sixth grade students represented the school at Math Masters in Bemidji, where they demonstrated perseverance and strong problem-solving skills. Perrin Ellis earned a Top 10 individual finish at Math Masters, representing an outstanding accomplishment.
- Fifth grade students recently graduated from the DARE program after completing the required lessons. DARE graduates will participate in a celebratory trip to a Minnesota Twins game on Saturday, May 2.
- FFA students represented the school at the State Soils Competition on April 19. These students demonstrated their knowledge and skills in agricultural sciences through this competitive event.

ACTIVITIES

Spring Sports

- GNK Softball is off to another fantastic start to their season after a section semifinal run last year. The Titans are 7-1 and were recent repeat winners of the Iron Range Conference tournament we annually host in collaboration with Grand Rapids.
- Titan Baseball has struggled out of the gates, but consistently been “in” most of the games they’ve played through the early and middle innings before faltering later in games. The team is deeper than it has been in recent years and has added pitching depth this year, which is helping. Our Junior High baseball teams are off to a great start and have won the majority of their games to this point, including double victories over Grand Rapids last week.
- GNK Golf is in the infancy of their season yet, but had two good showings in home meets at Swan Lake CC. The Boys team was 3rd in their first meet, led by a 2nd place individual finish from Otto Hammer. The Girls team won their meet, led by an individual win from Ava Gangl and a 3rd place finish from Lola Champlin. Overall, golf is enjoying great success with participant numbers up yet again, with now more than 30 out for the sport.
- GNK Track & Field has been fortunate to get 4-5 meets in already. They hosted their annual indoor meet at UW-Superior in late March and have been on the road to Crosby, Moose Lake, and Esko. They have hosted a home C team meet and will host a home Varsity Invitational on Thursday, April 30 in Nashwauk.
- We have 4 girls and 2 boys participating in GRG Lacrosse in Grand Rapids. One of our boys, senior Zeke Stuber, is a team captain for Lightning Boys Lacrosse.