Mission Statement
The staff is committed to providing successful learning experiences for all students. We will enhance the development of each student's academic, physical, social and emotional potential through maximum achievement of skills necessary for continuing education and employment.

SHOWCASING AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPERIENCE

Business Computer Technology students’ in Mrs. Florian’s class have been studying Entrepreneurship. After learning what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur they found Kim Daisy, Founder of Daisy Cakes. Kim has been on Shark Tank, Today Show and Good Morning America (and many more) showcasing her amazing cakes that she creates using her Grandma’s recipes. Her simple secret is hand-sifted flour, farm fresh eggs, and hand-iced with sweet cream frosting. The students discovered that if you put your mind into something, you can create it. As long as you are passionate, committed and self-driven you can do anything.
Seniors: As you complete your final year of high school and prepare for your postsecondary options, the following should be considered to maximize your opportunities for State of Michigan aid programs.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA is required each year to receive state aid. The FAFSA must be submitted by March 1, 2020 to be considered on time. The FAFSA can be completed at [https://fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

- After your FAFSA is received, create a MiSSG Student Portal account at [www.michigan.gov/missg](http://www.michigan.gov/missg) to complete aid program applications and monitor your eligibility status. Michigan Student Aid awards the first college/university listed on your FAFSA. If you decide to attend a different institution, please update this in the MiSSG Student Portal or call us at 1-888-447-2687.

- If you scored 1200 or higher on the SAT, you may qualify for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS). For consideration of the MCS, we need to associate your SAT score with your FAFSA. To complete this process, we need your Social Security Number (SSN). Your SSN may already be in our system, but we recommend that you call us at 1-888-447-2687 to check.

- If you are eligible for the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), you must complete your application by August 31, 2020. To check your TIP eligibility and complete an application, log into the MiSSG Student Portal at [www.michigan.gov/missg](http://www.michigan.gov/missg) or call us at 1-888-447-2687. Some colleges/universities have separate deadlines for TIP students. If you are TIP eligible, contact the financial aid office of the college/university that you plan on attending to learn about their process for TIP students. To learn more about our programs and resources, please visit [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid). Connect with us on social media @mistudentaid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship postings can be found outside the senior hallway by Guidance Office, as well as online at [www.gaylordschools.com](http://www.gaylordschools.com) (go to “High School”, then “Guidance/Counseling Office”). New scholarships will also be listed in the daily announcements. Seniors should check every other week to see if new scholarships have arrived for which they should apply.
Winter Driving Safety Tips:
Here are some tips and advice for all drivers about staying safe during winter driving season.

**Be Prepared!**
- **Knowledge:** Before leaving home, find out about the driving conditions. Safe drivers know the weather and their limits. If the weather is bad remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow, or just don’t go.
- **Clear:** Remove any snow on your vehicle’s windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen.
- **Inspect:** Check your vehicle’s tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts and hoses. A breakdown is bad on a good day and dangerous on a bad-weather day.
- **Time:** Leave plenty of time to reach your destination safely. It’s not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.

**Caution: Slippery When Wet!**
- **First Snow or Ice:** Drivers often aren’t prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between cars.
- **Black Ice:** Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery – and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas – all are hot spots for black ice. Remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- **Limited Visibility:** Stay attentive and reduce speed. Know what’s going on around you.
- **Four-Wheel Drive:** On snow and ice go slowly, no matter what type of vehicle you drive. Even if you have an SUV with four-wheel drive, you may not be able to stop any faster, or maintain control any better, once you lose traction. Four-wheel drive may get you going faster, but it won’t help you stop sooner.

**Staying Safe Around Snowplows**
- **Distance:** Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don’t tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.
- **Speed:** Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Allow plenty of time to slow down. Remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- **Vision:** A snowplow operator’s field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don’t always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.

**Proceed with Caution!**
Who wants to win $500?

Each year, drama club sells raffle tickets for the annual Gaylord Downhill Quack. This is a fundraiser which culminates in a rubber duck race down a ski hill at Treetops Resort.

Students and their families sell raffle tickets, of which each has a number on it. Each ticket number corresponds to a number written on a rubber duck. On Saturday, February 1, each numbered duck will be sent down the ski hill toward a finish line at the bottom. Whoever buys the duck that crosses the finish line first wins $500! The second place duck owner wins $250, and the third place duck owner wins $100! All remaining tickets also go into a large bin and are used for door prize drawings.

See a drama club member today to purchase your ducks or inquire at the high school main office. Questions can be addressed to drama club director Laura Hotelling.

Horticulture had their first harvest of romaine lettuce. The students harvested it, bagged it and brought it down to the culinary crew for use. Pictured left to right: Robby Ware, Nate Hill, Anthony Gentz, Kerner Berish, Spencer Oppermann, Emily O’Rourke, Chloe Kraus, Alexus Winkowski, Mandy Hopp and Jon Steele.

Mark your calendars for the next two productions in Gornick:

![The Pitch](image)

**It’s GHS staff play time!**

*The Pitch*, this year’s GHS staff play, is the hysterical story of Bryan trying to pitch his weird script ideas to a grumpy movie producer. His non-conventional ideas include a strange silent movie, a disgusting sports drink, a bad film noir story, and more. This show will run Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7 at 7:00.

![Newsies](image)

**Now is the time to seize to day!**

Mark your calendars now for GHS Drama Club’s musical *Newsies*! This fantastic show, based on the 1899 strike of the New York newsboys, will have your laughing, crying, cheering, dancing, and more. Starring the talents of the 90+ drama club cast, crew, and pit members, you’ll love this story of overcoming hardship and making the most of each day. Shows will run March 6 and 7 at 7:00 P.M. and March 8 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets will be available starting in the beginning of February.
If parents or family members are interested in sending their student a rose for Valentine’s Day, The Spirit Zone is taking orders from now through the end of January. The cost is $2.25/stem, or $25/dozen. The roses will be delivered during 4th hour on Valentine’s Day. To pay, please stop in to the Spirit Zone. We accept cash, card, or check.

The 4 young ladies in the image are the students that created this piece of artwork. Left to Right: Nadia Keller, Hailey Zack, Katie Chafer, and Angelina Blanzy

They are all in Mrs. Hunt’s Studio Arts class as first year students, and two of their requirements are to do a piece of artwork for the community (Community Outreach) and to Collaborate on a piece of artwork. These ladies decided to combine these projects into one.

The artwork was done for the United Way and it shows the various organizations associated with their program. Those organizations represented are: the Food Pantry, Senior Corps, Salvation Army, The Refugee, and the 211.
ATHLETE ATTENDANCE

- Athletes are required to be in school the entire day to be eligible to participate in practices and games.
- Absences should be pre arranged for funeral, medical, field trip or other school approved activities with the athletic office.
- Should an athlete be absent due to a medical/dental appointment they are asked to bring in a medical excused slip to confirm appointment. Most medical offices will fax slip to (989) 731-2585 upon your request.

ELIGIBILITY

It is extremely important to let your coach and counselor know if you plan to participate in college level athletics! Counselors know the ropes for initial eligibility and will help guide you through the process.

All Gaylord courses have been submitted to the NCAA eligibility center; but, not all courses have been approved. Talk with Mrs. Eckstein to make sure you are taking the right classes for NCAA eligibility.
We are unable to interrupt classrooms during testing. Please avoid appointments on these days.

January 23 & 24
April 14-17
June 8-10

**Some event dates are subject to change**