



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 5~~ 30 August 2019

Students: 744

3 rd = 40	6 th = 95	9 th = 99
4 th = 52	7 th = 88	10 th = 71
5 th = 57	8 th = 101	11 th = 86
		12 th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

Full Time Faculty = 54
Part Time Faculty = 4
Staff = 9

Dual Enrollment High - 149 Prep School students (46 Seniors, 62 Juniors, and 41 Sophomores) began attending their Fall Quarter college classes this week as part of our Dual Enrollment program with Georgia Military College. This group is our largest one to date and represents 81% of our Seniors, 70% of our Juniors, and 57% of our Sophomores.

Class of 2020 College Acceptances - The first four members of the Class of 2020 have received their acceptances to the colleges/universities of their choice—University of Alabama, Columbus State University, Kennesaw State University, and Wingate University. We look forward to continuing to share all of the places our Seniors will be going on the next leg of their journeys.

JROTC Summer Awards Ceremony - On Monday, we held our annual JROTC Summer Awards Ceremony in order to recognize 2nd Battalion Cadets for numerous military and leadership activities over the summer. We were proud to recognize students from the following activities and hear them share about their experiences with their peers and encourage others to take advantage of these opportunities. A special shout-out goes to the 2nd Battalion’s S3 Rylee Craft and her staff for planning and executing the ceremony with expertise!

JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp at GMC	41 cadets
Rifle Camp in Anniston, Alabama	6 cadets
Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership	2 cadets
Royal Hospital School 10-day exchange program	10 cadets
Royal Hospital School 5-week Summer Term	2 cadets

Farewell to our UK Friends - This week we said farewell to our new friends from the United Kingdom as they departed the USA after a month long exchange program at GMC Prep! This was our second time hosting four amazing British Cadets and their final formation brought many tears as life-long friendships were certainly made. During their stay with us, they enjoyed boating and jet skiing on Lake Sinclair, Pool parties, Six Flags over Georgia, Raider Practice, Obstacle Course, Lake Lanier Water Park, Governor’s Mansion, Atlanta Braves game, World of Coke Museum, Delta Flight Museum, Robins AFB visit and the Air Museum, Uncle Remus Museum, Rock Eagle Park, our first Varsity Football game, and threw out the first pitch at a Varsity Softball game! Even with all these exciting activities, each of them expressed how much they enjoyed the classes and lessons they attended with our students and faculty. We look forward to hosting another exchange in 2020!!

3rd Grade News – 3rd graders have been busy learning during our first few weeks of school! In MAJ Sara Gray’s Math class, the students have been working on the skills of rounding numbers, writing numbers in different ways, creating number lines, and creating place value charts to organize our numbers. In Science, they have focused on the scientific method and how to conduct different science experiments. . One of their favorite experiments was working with elephant toothpaste - a chemical reaction that produces a large foamy mess that looks like toothpaste squirting out of a tube. The product is so big that only an elephant could use toothpaste of this large size!! Our students were also reminded that only elephants are allowed that toothpaste...not students! Another favorite activity was building boats to hold different amounts of weight.

Native Georgia Writers- The 10th grade English classes of MAJ Logan Cook have been reading various pieces of literature that relate to the theme of “Culture.” Students learned in class about the authors Flannery O’Connor and Alice Walker, two Central Georgia natives. Students read their short stories “Everything That’s Rises Must Converge” and “Everyday Use.” For each of these short stories, students have analyzed the themes of culture within these stories, including how the theme is developed in the stories and what point the authors make about the theme. Lastly, in preparation for their Narrative Writing Unit, students learned about the use of dialogue, description, and point of view within these stories.

Junior Cadet Challenge - Our Middle School students completed the Junior Cadet Challenge this week in PE. This program evaluates students on activities that include a timed mile run, push-ups, sit-ups, and shuttle run. The students will complete the assessment again in the 2nd semester in hopes of seeing improvements in their physical fitness.

Home Opener Win - Under the leadership of new Head Football Coach Lee Coleman, the Varsity Football Team started the year off with a “W” by defeating Glascock County with a score of 21-0 in a weather shortened game last Friday night. The Dogs started the game off in a blaze of glory when Armanius White took the opening kickoff back for a score. Armanius was selected as the Citizens Bank Player of the Week for his performance last Friday night. The Dogs travel to Oglethorpe County tonight to take on the Patriots; kickoff is set for 7:30 pm.

Softball Soars- The Varsity Softball Team is now 8-2 and looks to continue their winning ways over the next couple of weeks! The MS Softball Team is off to a great start with a 4-0 record. Both teams are putting in the hard work that it takes to be successful!!

Cross Country’s “Three”riffic Day - GMC hosted our first home meet of the season on Thursday and 507 runners participated in the meet. Our HS Boys placed 3rd out of 12 teams with two runners finishing in the top 10 out of 150 runners. Our HS Girls placed 3rd out of 13 teams with one runner finishing in the top 10 out of 90 runners. MS Boys placed 3rd out of 11 teams with 2 runners finishing in the top 10 out of 142 runners. MS Girls placed 3rd out of 12 teams with 2 runners finishing in the top 10 out of 125 runners.

News from the Art Studio - The Middle and High School Art Clubs kicked off their year this week and we have a fantastic group of creative minds who are eager to create art. The HS club has 27 members and the MS club has 57! The first collaborative project of all students will be

the celebration of Pinwheels for Peace on Friday, September 20 Art classes in grades 3-12, Art Club members, and Art Enrichment members will be making Pinwheels that symbolized peace. Over 300 Pinwheels will be installed on the lawn between the Old Capitol Building and the Sibley Cone Library between 7am and 3:30 pm on September 20 – please plan to come by and check it out! In their daily classes, 6th graders are illustrating a series of art to tell a story which is inspired by Jacob Lawrence while 7th graders are learning about value and how to shade with pencil, pastels, oil pastels, and markers. 8th graders are creating yearn paintings and Seniors have done some amazing India Ink drawings before beginning their units on clay and photography.

New 4th graders. We were excited to welcome some new 4th graders this week – Coco the dog, Dumbo the elephant, and Hedwig the owl! These new “students” joined us a class pets that fit the theme of each 4th grade classroom –the Dawg Den with MAJ Niblett, the Big Top with MAJ Avant, and Harry Potter World with MAJ Williams. These “class pets” will have the honor of spending the weekend with one of our 4th graders and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures! Students will practice their writing skills by keeping a journal to describe how they spent their special time together and will share their memories with their classmates when all return to school on Monday.