



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 12 ~ 18 October 2019

Students: 736

3 rd = 40	6 th = 94	9 th = 97
4 th = 52	7 th = 87	10 th = 71
5 th = 57	8 th = 99	11 th = 84
		12 th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

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

Cage the Tigers!!! – Homecoming Week 2019 means our school has been ablaze with school spirit and colorful decorations. Students joined together to decorate the halls of Usery and the Prep School Annex to show our support for this year’s “Cage the Tigers” theme. We all had so much fun celebrating Spirit Week as we lead up to the Homecoming game tonight on Davenport Field! Our dress up days were some of the best in years and our students went “all out” to show their creativity and school spirit!

- Class Color Day – Each class was assigned a color of the rainbow with our newest students, our 3rd graders, wearing white to represent a cloud since the rainbow comes from the cloud. MAJ Lerzo, using his newfound talents with his drone, took a picture of the entire student body shaped as a cloud and a rainbow on Davenport Field.
- Tourist Tuesday – Our Elementary students dressed up as characters from Disney and Universal, our Middle School Students showcased the “Big City,” and our High School students were all decked out in Hawaiian/Tropical attire.
- All Out Red and Black – Our school was full of Red and Black as we showcased our Bulldog Pride!! We ended the day together with our first-ever afternoon Senior Parade on the Bricks. Seniors were celebrated by students in grades 3-11, faculty, staff, parents, family, and friends as they passed by in their decorated golfcarts, trailers, ATVs, and scooters. The student body then transitioned to Davenport Field for a spirit-filled Pep Rally to pump up our Bulldogs for the big game on Friday night!
- Technology Thursday – With a new twist on dress up themes, our students dressed up as their favorite apps or favorite app character. We had two teachers who jumped in with their homerooms and really got into the spirit of the day. MAJ Anna Avant and her 3rd grade students dressed as the Fitbit App and MAJ Stephanie Williams dressed as the Netflix App and her 4th grade homeroom dressed as their favorite shows on Netflix!
- The celebratory week concludes tonight with the Varsity Football Game, the presentation of the Court and Crowning of the Queen, and the Homecoming Dance.

Happy 140th Birthday GMC!! – We celebrated GMC’s 140th birthday with cookies for everyone!! What a sweet treat to end our day on Tuesday as we took a moment to reflect on 140 years of producing educated citizens and contributing members of society in an environment conducive to the development of the intellect and character of its students.

Headed to Columbus!!! – Our Lady Dawgs Varsity Softball team won a critical third game on Friday afternoon as they captured the victory in the Sweet 16 series versus the Schley County Wild Cats!! Makenna Talcott (11th) ripped a Grand Slam late in the game to secure a 15-7 win!!

The Lady Dawgs now advance to the GHSA Elite 8 and travel to Columbus next week in their quest to bring another Softball State Championship to GMC Prep! Currently at 27 wins and only 7 losses, we are truly excited to see our Lady Dawgs move on in State Competition!!

Lights. Camera. Action. – Last weekend, some of our Fine Arts students had the opportunity to work in and observe the filming of a short film by Myles Humphus, Prep School Class of 1995). The film - “5 Minutes in May” - was shot entirely in and around Usery Hall and is the story of a couple, Nathan and Karen, who find each other after years of marriage.

Exploring Nature – 4th graders experienced their first GMC field trip on Friday and the verdict is that they are already anxious for a return visit! Lockerly Aboretum was the destination and exploring nature was the theme of the day. Students were divided into 3 groups and focused on the following topics/activities -

- Macros – examining importance to pond ecosystems and adaptations they have
- Diatom Nets - looking at the microscopic pond water life and understanding the importance in the ecosystem
- Decomposition and Microscopes - learning the different types of decomposers and their importance/role in our environment
- Nature Hike - understanding competition, producers, consumers, and symbiotic relationships

Stats in Action – AP Statistics (MAJ Alisha Rochon) welcomed Dr. Rose Nyaondo as a guest speaker this week. Dr. Nyaondo defended her dissertation on women’s political leadership last spring at the University of Massachusetts- Boston. During her presentation to the class, she shared her experiences in collecting qualitative and quantitative data for her research and how she utilized qualitative research methods to examine how political parties, Non-Governmental Organizations, and traditional cultural norms influence women’s political leadership. Dr. Nyaondo has published several journal articles and is currently writing a book chapter on the impact of women and NGOs on community development in Kenya. Students participated in a Q&A session after the presentation and inquired about how she avoided personal biases from influencing her results for the study and about life in Kenya, especially about how women in the villages walk to the river or stream to get water for their entire family. Dr. Nyaondo shared how running water is not common in villages so women often walk a kilometer or two multiples times a day balancing a 5 gallon bucket on their head just in order to have enough water for their family’s daily needs. This presentation was an eye opening experience for our students about life in other parts of our world as well as about how the statistics concepts they are learning in class can be used in making public policy.

Function Families – 8th graders in Honors Algebra 1 (MAJ Jennifer Spencer) began studying function families and their characteristics of different functions this week. By referencing the Linear and Quadratics as the actual parents of the other functions, they were able to discuss similarities and differences to build family connections.

PSAT and SAT Testing at School – On Wednesday, our 8th through 12th graders took the PSAT8/9, PSAT, or SAT School Day test. The PSAT is an important tool in helping students understand the SAT and determining what their future scores may be. The test provides

equivalent scoring to the SAT and provides parents and students with a detailed score report allowing students to target areas of strengths and weaknesses. For the third year in a row, GMC Prep students were able to take the SAT during their regular school day in a familiar environment. 193 8th and 9th graders (98% of the Classes) took the PSAT 8/9, 153 Sophomores and Juniors (99% of the Classes) took the PSAT/NMSQT, and 31 Seniors (56% of the Class) took the SAT School Day.

5th Annual Baldwin Cup -- Our Middle School and High School Cross Country teams competed in the 5th Annual Baldwin Cup at Walter B. Williams Park on Thursday. Our teams ran against three other Baldwin County Schools -- Baldwin High, Oak Hill, and John Milledge Academy. We are proud to share that GMC Prep brought home two Baldwin Cup Trophies! Congrats to our Middle School Boys Team and the Varsity Girls Teams along with their coaches for placing first in the County! The teams also chose to jointly host a Senior Night recognition after the meet and honored 3 Seniors from John Milledge Academy and 3 Seniors from GMC Prep -- Charles Lam, Mattison Strom, and Carson Waters.