



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 13 ~ 25 October 2019

Students: 736

3 rd = 40	6 th = 94	9 th = 97
4 th = 53	7 th = 87	10 th = 70
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

Jenkins Hall – Time stood still for a moment on Wednesday morning as a large group of GMC family members and community supporters gathered outside of Jenkins Hall for the formal ribbon cutting ceremony. The renovation and restoration project holds a special place in the heart of many who have fond memories of their own years walking the historic halls (yes, they still creak!) in a place that has long been viewed as an integral part of the GMC Prep experience. As a new generation of students (our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) prepare to move into the space in the coming weeks, they will connect the “old” footprint, halls, wooden floors, and transom windows with the “new” benefits of modern innovations and safety. There are far too many people to thank and we would certainly leave someone off the list by mistake so we would just like to express our deepest and genuine gratitude to each and every person who has made this dream a reality!

“You can dance, you can jive, having the time of [our] lives” as One Act Heads to State Competition – The cast of this year’s One Act Play, *Mamma Mia!*, captured the GHSA Area Championship over six other competitors on Monday – making it our FIFTH consecutive Area Championship and the SIXTH in the past SEVEN years!! In addition to the team title, Will Culberson (12th) was named as Best Actor and Isaiah Wilson (11th) was named as Best Supporting Actor. Additionally, Haley Housworth (12th) and Madison Sloan (12th) were named to the All-Star Cast. The high-energy, spirited show under the direction of LTC Mark Weaver and MAJ Jenny Morris was presented to sold-out home audiences on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Whether one was experiencing the music of ABBA for the first time or singing every word along from memory, it was definitely another show that will be long remembered! Our 68 members of the cast and crew have one more sold-out home show on Saturday night then head to State Competition on Saturday, November 2, to defend their Title and uphold their powerhouse reputation!

Lady Dogs Softball Compete in the GHSA State Elite 8 – Our Varsity Softball team is currently playing in the Elite 8 in the GHSA state softball tournament in Columbus. The Lady Dogs won their first game on Thursday with a 4-0 victory over Marion County, but fell short in their 2nd game with a 9-1 loss to Commerce. At the time of this report, the team was battling it out with Trion for a spot to advance. We will report back to you next week on the final results.

Cross Country Headed to GHSA State Competition! – Our Varsity Cross Country Teams hosted the Area Tournament on Thursday and qualified to move on to GHSA State Competition. The Varsity Girls placed 2nd with three girls placing in the top 10 - Jada Warren (10th) placed 3rd,

Mattison Strom (12th) placed 5th, and Kamryn Willis (9th) placed 10th. The Varsity Boys placed 4th in our Area with Ethan Tolentino (11th) placing 7th. Each team will advance to the GHSA State Tournament on Saturday, November 2nd, and promise to make their mark at the State level!

Raiders Headed to State Competition! – Students, faculty, staff, parents, family, and friends gathered on the North Bricks on Thursday morning to send our Raider teams off to State Competition in true Bulldog style. Our Mixed Red Team heads into State as the Region Champs and all teams head to Nationals in another week. We all know the tradition of GMC Raider excellence and are excited to cheer them on at these upcoming competitions!

Annual President's Parade – The President's Parade is a very special day in the lives of all GMC Cadets as it serves as another way to connect current students to those who came before them and reminds us all of the ties that bind us to each other and to Georgia Military College.

- Georgia Military College's Distinctive Unit Insignia (commonly called the "unit crest") was presented to our newest members of the Corps of Cadets. The crest, approved by the United States Army's Institute of Heraldry in February 1964, represents our heritage.
- Legacy Ribbons were presented to 47 cadets who have a sibling, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, or great-great grandparent who is a graduate of GMC Preparatory School. This heart-warming component of the Parade has quickly become a favorite since its inception a few short years ago.
- The coveted JROTC Gold star was presented to each of our newest High School cadets. The gold star signifies that the Department of the Army has recognized Georgia Military College Prep School Junior ROTC as a National Military Honor Unit with Distinction.
- The Distinguished Order of the Servant Leader medallion was presented to four cadets. This award recognizes members of the GMC family who have volunteered at least 100 hours of community service in one year. We are so proud of each of them -- Millie Gray Chapman (7th) for 100 hours, Cameron Duke (7th) for 100 hours, Davis Duke (9th) for 200 hours, Shelby Duke (11th) for 300 hours, and Jocelyn Sanders (9th) for 600 hours.

Real World Applications of Math – MAJ Bala Reddy's daughter, Arika, visited with his Geometry and Honors Algebra 2 students this week. A 2016 graduate of the University of Georgia and current Masters of Quantitative Management Business Analytics student at Duke University, Arika spoke to the students about her academic journey and the future of analytics. She stressed how mathematics is an integral part of analytics and about how Artificial intelligence is impacting our daily lives.

0, 1, 2,, 1 billion - Spanish 1 students of MAJ Michael Lerzo are learning to count in Spanish from 0 to 1 billion. They are doing lots of practice to master the patterns with numbers and learning how to apply these large numbers to their daily lives.

Life Lessons in Literature - 10th grade Honors English students of MAJ Logan Cook wrapped up their unit on the classic American novel *The Things They Carried*. During the unit, students learned about the experiences of Tim O'Brien as he explained the horrors that he endured during the Vietnam War. The students analyzed O'Brien's unique use of meta fiction and semi-autobiographical writing along with his belief that fictional stories can express a deeper "truth" that non-fiction stories cannot. MAJ Cook's English II classes finished reading King's "Letter

From Birmingham Jail” and Gandhi’s “Letter to Viceroy, Lord Irwin” to identify how civil disobedience has been used throughout history to protest unjust laws.

Scary Science – 8th grade Science classes (MAJ Nikki Grimes) are getting into the Halloween spirit by writing scary stories that incorporate science. Since they have been studying physical and chemical changes, the students were required to include both types of changes in their stories while also providing supporting evidence. Students exchanged spooky stories and were challenged to correctly identify the physical and chemical changes in the story.

3rd grade Updates - 3rd graders students led by MAJ Sara Gray and MAJ Amy Larson have been busy! They recently completed a Social Studies unit that focused on Native Americans. Their study included learning more about the regions in which the tribe lived, their shelters, and the resources that were available to each tribe. As a final project, students chose a Native American tribe and constructed a shelter for them. The projects were so well designed and showcased much detail and creativity! In Science, students put the Design Process into action as they experimented, tested, evaluated, and redesigned. Their favorite build was that of a tree house that they made extra special by adding lots of different features so each was unique to the student! Math class has been a time to examine and practice multiplication facts and ways to represent a multiplication problem. The students love to sing and create songs to help them remember the different facts. Our 3rd graders are SO very excited about moving to their new classrooms in Jenkins Hall over the next week – what a special time!

Numbers Galore - 7th grade Math (MAJ Suzanne Brooks) concluded a unit on solving equations by playing "Equation Yahtzee" as a review. Students used their answers to earn points in a variety of categories. Next up - using what they have learned about equations to investigate inequalities. Students in 7th grade Honors Math classes are learning about and applying exponent rules and scientific notation to solve problems that involve very small and very large numbers.

Inventors and Engineers – 5th grade students in MAJ Diane Deariso’s classes put the engineering process into action as they designed and built a model/prototype for the invention of their choice. From the simplest to the most complex, we were amazed by their ideas and final products. If you are in the market for a toothbrush/toothpaste combo unit, a ruler bracket guide, or a guaranteed “sure to keep your GMC shirt tucked in” device, we can connect you with the inventor! As a final special component of their unit, students welcomed Mrs. Shea Council - a Double Gold Medalist in the 100m and 200m from the 2000 Sydney Paralympics and a GMC mom! Through her truly inspirational story, she shared her journey regarding the loss of both of her legs as a 6 year old and how her prosthetic limbs were engineered and function.

The Legacy of Cadet Winston Bullring – On behalf of the Greer, family, it is with a heavy heart that we announce that Cadet Winston Bullring has unexpectedly passed away. He brought such joy and warmth to the GMC community in his short life and will be remembered fondly.