



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 3 ~ 16 August 2019

Students: 748

3 rd = 40	6 th = 95	9 th = 100
4 th = 53	7 th = 88	10 th = 72
5 th = 57	8 th = 101	11 th = 86
		12 th = 56

Faculty/Staff: 67

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

Undefeated. The Lady Dogs Varsity Softball Team is off to a hot start for the season! They are currently 4 and 0 with wins over First Presbyterian Day School, East Laurens, Monticello, and Emmanuel County Institute.

High 5 Friday. What a way to start your morning! High 5 Friday began last year with our 4th and 5th graders and quickly became a favorite tradition at GMC Prep. Different teams, clubs, and groups of 6th-12th grade students volunteer to show up early on Friday mornings and give a special greeting to our elementary students as they come through the car rider line and begin their day. This week's featured group was our Lady Dogs Varsity Softball Team. It is a real understatement to say that there is plenty of smiles, laughter, and joy to close out the last school day of the week!

Junior Bulldogs Athletics. This week, over 100 young student athletes took their first step in playing and competing for GMC Preparatory School in football, football cheerleading, and cross country. Parent meetings were held to explain the programs and registration was held. We are excited to have 21 football players, 40 cheerleaders, and 46 cross country runners from grades 3, 4, and 5! Football and cheerleading practices began this week with cross country practice set to begin next week. The first football game in our inaugural season will be played on September 3, at 6pm, on Davenport Field against Gatewood Academy. Come see the Pups play and the cheerleaders cheer! Cross country will be training for the Will Robinson Memorial Run which is scheduled for October 19. What an exciting time for our young students and future cadets!

Honoring Secretary Usery. 8th grade Georgia History classes (LTC Scott Seagraves) took the opportunity to read and learn about the life of the Honorable William J. Usery, former United States Secretary of Labor. Using information provided by the GMC Foundation, students learned about Secretary Usery's childhood, his years as a GMC cadet, his time in the US Navy, his time as a labor negotiator, and his service to the country as Labor Secretary. As a continual reminder of the legacy of Secretary Usery, 8th grade cadets will be awarded the Usery Ribbon during an upcoming ceremony. This ribbon is one of only three awards – Usery Ribbon, Legacy Ribbon, and Order of the Servant Leader medal – that GMC Cadets are allowed to wear throughout their cadet career.

Learning about our Military Service Academies. For the second year in a row, we were very fortunate to have two Admissions Officers from the prestigious United States Coast Guard Academy and the United States Military Academy at West Point visit with our students. CAPT Michael Freddie, Admissions Director at USCGA, and CPT (P) David Mason, Admissions Director at USMA, observed morning formation and presented two informative presentations to our students – our G-22 (Seniors in 2nd Battalion leadership positions) in the morning session and our 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in the afternoon session. Both of these military service academies are highly competitive and considered in the top colleges and universities in the nation.

Amazing Artists. (MAJ Paige Barlow)

- The 8th grade Exploratory Art students and the Senior Art students have been Aiming High, Standing Tall, and Getting Spotted learning about Pointillism! They did a wonderful job creating a grid drawing of a giraffe to learn proportion and they shaded it with dots in the style of Pointillism to create value, shape and form.
- 7th grade Exploratory Art students have been studying POP ART and Andy Warhol. They have drawn some amazing Coke bottles that POP with bold black outlines and primary colors! Some even have the eye catching Benday dots!
- 6th grade Exploratory Art students are learning about symmetry. They are working on a Symmetrical Name design and using complementary colors to decorate them.

CPR, AED, and First Aid Certified. We are proud to announce that all of our 9th graders spent time during their Freshman Focus classes (MAJ Jennifer Brown) earning their CPR, AED, and First Aid. Special thanks to Mrs. Wendy Smith, Director of GMC Health Services, for sharing her time and expertise with our students!

Giving Back. We enjoyed catching up with Niko Urias and Chase Rauhut (both are members of the GMC Prep Class of 2017) when they returned to GMC Prep on Friday to share their college experiences (Niko attends the United State Coast Guard Academy and Chase attends the University of Alabama) with some of our current students. They had lunch with 12 of our High School students who are interested in either the Coast Guard Academy or an Army ROTC Scholarship. Niko presented a slide show on his academics and training at school and both students answered questions about their experiences in college.

Visiting Dignitaries. We were very excited to host Mr. Donovan Head, the Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, on our campus this week. One of the highlights of his visit was the time he spent meeting with our HALP – High Adventure Leadership Program – students during enrichment. He spoke to the group about his experiences earning his Eagle Scout Badge and how he now applies same lessons he learned during that process to his career serving several Congressman and now Governor Kemp.