



# Superintendent's Newsletter

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Superintendent

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## DECA Event



On January 19, 2019 Grafton DECA, the competitive business club at Grafton High School, hosted their third annual Winter Gala at Highfields Golf and Country Club. The Winter Gala raises funds for students to travel to competitions, attend career development conferences, and complete their community service projects. Madie Geoffroy, Matt Jankowski, and Tyler Concaugh led this project. With the help of the club's other 35 members and local businesses, they were able to raise over \$10,000. The gala included games, raffles, dancing, and a sizeable silent auction. Senator Mike Moore and Representative David Muradian were in attendance in addition to many local entrepreneurs, business professionals, and parents.

Members of DECA compete in various entrepreneurial competitions to help further their education and careers. Concaugh and Jankowski, juniors, and Geoffroy, a sophomore, will present the Winter Gala as their project at DECA's State Career Development Conference in Boston on March 8th, 2019. Twenty Grafton students qualified and will compete in this competition in hopes to advance to Internationals in Orlando, Florida later this year. Grafton DECA would like to thank all who attended and donated. Thank you to the town of Grafton for continued support of their ambitions.

## **FY20 Preliminary School Department Budget**

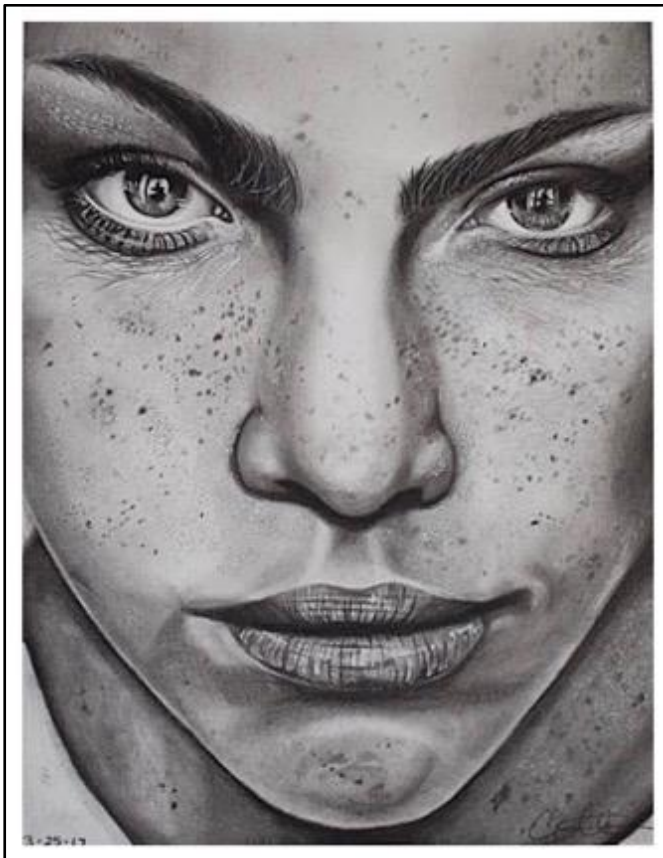
Last Wednesday evening, the School Committee met with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to discuss the developing FY20 budget and projections for future years. The handouts created for this tri-board meeting can be accessed [here](#). Over the next few months, the preliminary budget will be discussed and modified through presentations to the Finance Committee and during School Committee meetings. The preliminary budget book can be accessed at [www.graftonps.org/budget](http://www.graftonps.org/budget). Please feel free to contact me at [cummingsj@grafton.k12.ma.us](mailto:cummingsj@grafton.k12.ma.us) with questions or requests for additional information.

## **2019-2020 Grafton Public Schools Calendar**

The School Committee approved the calendar for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The calendar can be accessed [here](#).

## **Grafton Middle School is Looking for Career Day Presenters!**

On Wednesday, May 29 from 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm, Grafton Middle School is organizing an afternoon for our GMS eighth graders to learn about a variety of careers. We are seeking parents/community members from a variety of fields to share a description of their job with a group/class of students and answer questions. There will be 2-3 sessions, and each session will last 20 minutes. Thank you for your time. If interested, please respond to the GMS School Advisory Council through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2SCK6B>



### **Gold Key Winner**

Congratulations to Ciara Scales, GHS junior, for receiving the Gold Key Award for her amazing drawing! The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12.

## **School Committee Update**

The next School Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 12th. The committee meets in Conference Room F in the Municipal Center (second floor) at 7:00 pm. The agenda will include an update on the FY20 budget and the improvement plan and school report for South Grafton Elementary School

## **Upcoming Events**

March 11 Jazz Night, 7:00 pm at GHS

March 14 Mr. GHS, 7:00 pm at GHS

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April 4 - 7 Mamma Mia! Spring Musical at GHS

April 6 GMS Vendor Fair 10:00-2:00

April 12th NGES Ed Camp

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May 4 Prom at DCU Center, 7:00-10:00 pm

May 8 GHS Scholarship Night, 7:00 pm at GHS

May 16 GHS Art and Technology Night, 6:00 pm

May 16 GHS Spring Concert, 7:00 pm at GHS

May 17 Cabaret for a Cause, 7:00 pm at GHS

May 22-25 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC

May 22 National Honor Society Recognition Night, 6:30 pm

May 28 GHS Sports Night; 6:30 pm at GHS (change from the previous posting)

May 29 Senior Class Trip

May 30 GHS Class Night, 6:30 pm at GHS

May 31 GHS Class of 2019 Graduation, 6:00 pm at GHS

May 31 Senior Bon Voyage Party - 10:00 pm at GHS

June 6-11 G Term at GHS

Grafton High School Athletics -

Click on the link to be redirected to our website for sports schedules. <https://www.graftonps.org/Domain/599>

## **Community Bulletin Board**

[Free Conference for Parents offered through HMEA's Autism Resource Central – February 28, 2019](#)

[Recreation Department February Flyer](#)

[Girl Scout Troops in Grafton - Registration Still Open!](#)

[Grafton Little League Registration Open for Spring 2019 Season](#)

[Grafton Youth Lacrosse Registration is Open for Spring 2019](#)

[Grafton Girls Softball Registration Now Open](#)

[Community Harvest Project 2019 Kids Cooking Classes](#)

[Grafton Soccer Club Registration for Spring 2019](#)

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## **Links**

The multitude of available browsers can sometimes lead to difficulties in opening links. Below is a list of the links in the newsletter. These can be inserted into any browser as needed.

FY20 Budget Handout to Tri-Board:

<https://www.graftonps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=10154&dataid=13773&FileName=Jan2019%20Tri%20Comm.pdf>

2019-2020 Calendar:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1S7tmaCNgafHaW4RrXIGAjZ6cichsNWxmp6rwa7hCyps/edit#slide=id.p>

GMS Career Day:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2SCK6B>

Free Conference:

<https://www.graftonps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=10051&dataid=13779&FileName=Autism%20Resource%20Central.pdf>

Community Bulletin Board:

<https://www.graftonps.org/Domain/1025>

Sincerely,  
-Jay