NOVEMBER ATECH Meeting

Grand Valley High School

November 13, 2026



Please use your Grand Valley email address and check your account regularly. This is how you will receive information about events, tryouts, graduation, college visits, etc.

Please also join the **GVHS Guidance Google Classroom** (**pgvvwec**) for important information regarding communications from home base.

Please encourage your families to follow the school's **social media posts** regarding upcoming events on homebase. Media posts go to our live feed, (X) Twitter, and the school Facebook.

Please watch the **ATECH announcements**. Important announcements posted at homebase are also included at ATECH through your announcement system.

Please view the online monthly calendar found on the Grand Valley Website under the EXPLORE tab for updated events and our Year-At-A-Glance Calendar.

Teacher Announcements:

****Mr. Dawson will collect Senior and baby photos which are typically due in March. Please be sure to send your baby photos to the senior *gvclassof27* Instagram.**

Senior Class advisors are Mrs. Orosz and Mrs. Newell. Please feel free to reach out to them with questions via email or see their senior classroom which they will be emailing you a code to in the coming days. Important details about caps and gowns, senior events, and graduation procedures will be posted here throughout the year.

SENIORS: Make sure you go to Heff Jones and make an account with your personal email and enter your height and weight. This is not ordering; this is to hold your size gown if you decide to order. See the GV website for the QR code under Documents - High School, or see the GV Facebook post previously made by Mrs. Orosz. Please order your cap, gown, and tassel by December 20!

After December 20, the price will increase.

SPORTING NEWS:

Please reach out to Mr. Hall, our Athletic Director, if you have any questions regarding sports events or tryouts.

INDOOR TRACK will begin on December 1st. Contact Coach Nims for more information. :)

Consider supporting our GV Mustangs by attending our sporting events. :)

PARCHMENT: Parchment is the online tool we use to send out **transcripts**. You will need to have your account registered and up and running. If you would like a transcript sent to a college, technical school, or employer, you will need to make a request for it online. Please find the parchment service at the bottom of our school webpage or access it at: https://www.parchment.com/

FSA IDs/FAFSA: GVHS encourages ALL seniors to create their FSA Ids, complete the FAFSA, and to narrow down their college admission options. In October, we are encouraging students to complete their college applications.

THE COMMON APP.

Consider completing just ONE college application for multiple colleges with the **Common App.** Directions, info, a list of colleges this will work for, etc. can all be found at https://www.commonapp.org/

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: If you fill out the Common App or a college application, please give the teachers a two+ week window to accommodate any recommendations they may need to complete. Also, please be sure to send them a courtesy email (or talk to them in person) explaining the impending task. :)

Anyone needing assistance with the FAFSA can schedule a one-on-one session with Lisa Jackson from Kent State Ashtabula's Financial Aid Office. You do not need to be attending Kent in order to receive the office's free assistance.

Mrs. Brumit's google classroom code (**pgvvwec**) can help you with quick links to many junior and senior resources. Please check this out. It includes a senior checklist timeline, FAFSA info, SIA guidance, links to local colleges for post secondary options, info on applications & the Common APP, scholarships, the O*NET Career Assessment, Shout outs, etc.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS: To participate in the CCP program, you need a letter of intent completed each year by April 1st for the following school year. Those who miss the original deadline can complete a secondary letter of intent deadline of November 1st for the spring semester courses.

Mrs. Gibbons asks that you take care of any dues or class fees you may have. Feel free to contact her at michelle.gibbons@grandvalley.school for an update on any fees owed. If you do not pay your school fees and dues, you will not be permitted to walk at graduation.

SENIOR DUES: All seniors (including ATECH seniors) must pay the senior class dues of $18.00. These cannot, unfortunately, be waived.

FEE WAIVERS: If you are on free/reduced lunch, you are eligible for a fee waiver for any college application, as well as 4 fee waivers for the ACT. Please see your counselor for a fee waiver for the ACT or any colleges you apply to if you qualify.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Volunteer hours need to be turned into Mrs. Gibbons at the beginning of May for recognition at graduation. Students who secure 50 volunteer hours throughout high school will receive special honors at graduation. Students who secure 20 hours will earn the graduation seal for community service at GV. Please submit these hours as you complete them. We take a final count of community service forms at the start of May each school year.

THE MUSTANG STABLE CORNER:

If you should need any assistance with clothing, hygiene products, resource connections, school supplies, household supplies, support groups, or community engagement, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Hall, our Mustang Stable's Community Liaison. You can call her at 440-805-4545 or by email, ashley.hall@grandvalley.school

Mrs. Hall asks that anyone in need of a winter coat, hat, or gloves should please email her so she might help you.

Youth Opportunities is an enrichment program in Ashtabula County available for students ages 14-24. They work to provide life skill incentives and eliminate barriers inhibiting success for young adults. We are able to get you an application at any time. YO! can assist with monetary incentives for attendance or grades, help with driver's education fees, VLA coursework fees, finding a job, building a resume, transportation … the list is endless. If you could benefit from this organization or have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Hall at the Mustang Stable for assistance and a referral. (Contact information can be found in the preceding paragraph.)

Scholarship Opportunities

Mrs. Gibbons does a great job posting scholarship opportunities in the guidance office. **Applications roll in in January.** Please feel free to see the Guidance Google Classroom section on Scholarships for a full list of national/local scholarships which you may be looking at currently if you are a senior. If you are at ATECH, please see your school counselor for help with those which they may only have available in their buildings.

ACT

The last day to register for the December 12, 2026 ACT test was November 6, 2026. Late fees still apply for registration, however. Remember students on free lunch can qualify for four free vouchers for taking the ACT. See Mrs. Brumit or your ATECH counselor for help. Registration can occur at: https://www.act.org/

End-of-Course Exams & Credit Detail

Please check to see if you have passed all the necessary assessments to graduate. You must acquire a 684+ on the ELA II and Algebra required end-of-course exams, earn 2 seals, as well as complete all required coursework. Seniors who have not secured the test scores needed for OPTION 1 graduation pathway will need to explore an alternative pathway according to the career, CCP, military, or ACT pathways available to you. Please see your testing coordinator or email Mrs. Brumit (carrie.brumit@grandvalley.school) **if you would like an update.**

COMMUNICATION:
Please share all information discussed in our ATECH packet with your families at home.

Information from our monthly meetings and pertinent announcements can be found on the bulletin board assigned to GV in your lunchroom. The ATECH announcement portal also rotates our important announcements from homebase. Finally, **please check your GV email frequently as this is how you will access important information.**



A Message from Mrs. Brumit, GVHS School Counselor:

Please reach out to me via email or phone if there is anything I can do to help you or anything you might need. (carrie.brumit@grandvalley.school or 440-805-4547)

Stay safe and stay positive. Wishing each of you well! :) Mrs. Brumit

SAFETY NUMBERS:

CALL	Emergency: 911 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988 Ashtabula Area Resources: 211
TEXT	Crisis Text Line: Text - 4hope to 741741
TWEET	The Lifeline: Twitter - @800273TALK