

GMS/GHS Board Report May 2026

School Events/Celebrations

- We have 83 students graduating on Saturday! Join us for Commencement at 11:00 a.m. Today, seniors participated in the senior breakfast, graduation rehearsal, and school walkthroughs. There is a great sense of excitement as students prepare to take the next step in their journeys.
- The Senior Pathways Ceremony was held during advisory and allowed us to celebrate our seniors alongside students in grades 7–11. It was a meaningful way to recognize seniors' accomplishments while inspiring younger students as they consider their own post-secondary pathways.
- Scholarship & Awards Night was a tremendous success, with over \$170,000 awarded to students in scholarships recognizing their hard work and future plans.
- Day of Caring made a positive impact throughout the community as students participated in service projects and volunteer opportunities.
- The Indigenous Education Ceremony was held last night 5/26 to honor students who participate in the Indian Ed program. This provided a meaningful opportunity to honor and celebrate our graduating seniors.
- Choir and Band concerts were once again very successful and showcased the talent, dedication, and hard work of our students and directors. They also 'survived' a trip to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater with the 8th grade Music students for yet another year.
- Congratulations to Renee Gibbons on her retirement! Thank you for all of your years of service and opening the minds and hearts of students to foreign language learning, Senora Gibbons. Thank you also for opening the world to students through impactful travel opportunities, Renee! Gracias!
- We also want to extend a big GHS congratulations to Patti Rychart as she plans to retire. While she's been at the district office recently, most of her years in the district were in the offices at GHS and she made a huge impact across all of her years in Greenway.

Instructional/Logistical Items

- Advisory programming remains an important focus as we continue building consistency and meaningful connections for students. We are moving to an 'every-day' advisory schedule and believe in the merits of doing so not only for helping students make academic progress, but also continuing to improve school culture by creating opportunities for impactful staff-student interactions on a more regular basis.
- Planning continues around expanding online offerings and course opportunities to better meet student interests and needs. Summer work will include time for reflection on the school year, reviewing progress, and planning for continued growth and improvement for next year. For example, continued discussion and planning will take place around our Portrait of a Graduate initiative as we begin defining what Phase 2 implementation will look like.
- Current staffing needs for next school year include a 0.5 FTE ELA position, 0.5 Spanish, and a 1.0 Special Education position.

ACTIVITIES

Spring Sports

Our GNK Track & Field teams had four girls and eight boys earn Iron Range Conference All-Conference honors for their champion or runner-up performances at the recent IRC Championships. At last week's 7A North Sub-Section meet, our Titans qualified nine boys to move on to the Section Meet at UMD. Our Titan girls also had a strong day, qualifying twelve athletes on to the Section Meet, as well.

Our GNK Softball team has continued a strong season into tournament play. After an initial hiccup against Mora in the first round game and a close one-run loss, the Titans have made their way safely through the elimination bracket. They will now have an opportunity to play Esko, who they'll need to beat twice, in the Section Championship game on Thursday in Grand Rapids. Game time is 3PM at the Sports Complex.

Although our GNK Baseball team showed signs of improvement throughout the season, unfortunately the team bowed out in the first round of the playoffs with a 3-13 loss at Aitkin in the first round of the playoffs on Tuesday.

Our GNK Golf teams are in the midst of section individual and team qualifiers. Our girl's team did not advance to the final round on Thursday, but we did have two individual girls who did qualify for Thursday's final round at the Quarry at Giant's Ridge. Ava Gangl and Aida Nelson both will represent GNK on Thursday with a state tournament shot on the line. GNK Boy's golfers are at qualifying play on Wednesday 5/27, so results are not yet known on the boy's side.