

Below are examples of the wonderful accomplishments made by our students and staff in the 2014-2015 school year. The schools are listed in alphabetical order so Grayslake Central highlights are listed first, followed by Grayslake North's. We couldn't be more proud to serve our communities as the following are but a glimpse of what makes us amongst the best learning institutions in the state.



**2014-2015 Accolades**  
**Athletics**

**Fall**

- Boys Soccer
  - Overall Record: 16-5
  - FVC, Fox Division Conference Champions
  - Vernon Hills Tournament Champions
  - All-Conference: Connor Gosell, Isaac Longenecker, Jonny Madrid, Joey Mudd, Ben Sizelove
  - All-Sectional Players: Connor Gossell, Isaac Longenecker, Jonny Madrid
  - All-Sectional Honorable Mention: Joey Mudd
  - All-Area Daily Herald: Isaac Longenecker, Jonny Madrid, Joey Mudd
  - All-Area Daily Herald Honorable Mention: Connor Gosell, Ben Sizelove
- Girls Tennis
  - FVC, Fox Division Conference Champions
  - State Qualifiers: 1st Team Doubles- Sarah Adornetto, Brenda Zador
- Girls Volleyball
  - Overall Record: 22-16
  - Conference Record: 8-4
  - 3rd Place in FVC
  - All-Conference: Allie Daul, Taylor O'Neill
  - All-Area Daily Herald: Allie Daul, Hayley Peterson
  - All-Area Daily Herald Honorable Mention: Morgan Anderberg, Marie Gerbasi, Jaqueline Hamrick, Taylor O'Neill, Dani Sentz
- Boys Golf
  - Overall Record: 7-2
  - Conference Record: 5-2
  - 2nd Place in FVC

- 3rd Place in Regionals
  - 5th Place in Sectionals
  - State Qualifier: Kyle Reynolds, finished 33rd
  - All-Conference: Michael Murdy
- Girls Golf
  - Sectional Qualifiers: Kim Balling, Esther Rhie, Sophie Jensen
  - All-Conference: Kim Balling
- Football
  - Kevin Dunk kicked a 45 yard Field Goal breaking the old school record
  - All-Conference: Richard Novrouzov
- Cross Country
  - 1st Place in Antioch 2A Regional
  - 3rd Place in Kaneland 2A Sectional
  - 6th Place in IHSA 2A State Tournament (Highest Finish in School History)
  - All-Conference: Jack Aho, Max Brunk, John Girmscheid
  - All-Regional: Jack Aho, Jack Battaglia, Max Brunk
  - All-Sectional: Jack Aho
  - All-State: Jack Aho

## Winter

- Boys Basketball
  - All-Conference: David, Llorens, Joey Mudd
  - Daily Herald All-Area: David Llorens
  - Daily Herald All-Area Honorable Mention: Michael Benko, Joey Mudd, Sam Ruhlmann
- Girls Basketball
  - All-Conference: Lauren Spalding
  - Daily Herald All-Area: Lauren Spalding
- Boys Bowling
  - First Ever Boys Team at GCHS
- Girls Bowling
  - All-Conference: Sarah Polsgrove, Josie Taylor
  - Sectional Qualifiers: Kelsey Holst, Sarah Polsgrove
- Wrestling
  - 2nd Place in FVC
  - All-Conference: Jonathan Makey, David Thiel
  - State Qualifiers: Jonathan Makey, Richard Novrouzov, David Thiel
- Poms
  - All-Conference: Sarah Johns, Alyssa Remshak
- Cheerleading
  - 2nd Place in FVC Tournament
  - 3rd Place in DeKalb Medium Division Sectionals
  - 9th Place in IHSA Medium Division State Tournament
  - IHSA Sport A Winning Attitude Award
  - All-Conference: Nicole Alvarez, Christine Choi, Aryana January, Jenna Jueco, Rebecca Feery

### **2014-2015 Activities/Clubs Accolades**

- Science Olympiad Team qualified for the State Competition
  - Entomology 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hanah Oelschlager, Melissa Hacker
  - Cell Biology 4<sup>th</sup> place: Kathleen Aoki, Mike Loula
- Individuals from WYSE qualified for the State Competition
  - English
    - Matt Osterndorf took 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Victoria Liu took 6<sup>th</sup> place.
  - Biology
    - Matt Osterndorf took 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Kathleen Aoki also took 5<sup>th</sup>
- Math Team qualified for the State Competition
- Academic Team qualified for the State Competition
- PSP and Student Council collected over 67,000 pounds of food and \$6,700 to help feed needy families in our community
- FBLA-Megan Lefebvre, Taylor O'Neill, and Kevin Song – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Website Design and National Qualifiers

### **2014-2015 Fine Arts Accolades**

- GCHS Tri-M Music Honor Society produced and performed 2 Cabaret Nights in November. The proceeds of over \$600 were given to the Starzec family, who have 2 children with major medical bills (Jennifer Starzec is a Tri-M and GCHS choir member)
- GCHS music students Raquel Ruiz (flute) and Alexandria Turnquist (soprano) were selected to Illinois Music Educator Honors Ensemble
- The GCHS Band performed at Disney Land over Spring Break

### **2014-2015 GCHS Misc Accolades**

- GCHS earned the designation of Democracy School
- GCHS ranked 15th on the Washington Post's list of Most Rigorous schools in Illinois
- Rebekah Marassa, Amanda Jung and Esther Rhie received the Voice of Democracy Awards
- Steve Ikenn earned his 100th coaching win as a Ram
- Renee Gugel earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership
- Kay Silva earned her Doctorate in Education
- Anna Jensen, Sarah Wasik, Jacqueline Wardin, Isaac Longenecker, Jaron Armiger and Alyssa Remshak were named Grayslake Exchange Club Students of the Month

- Daniel Skinner and Lauren Tracy were recognized at the Illinois Principals Association Recognition Breakfast in April 2015



### 2014-2015 Grayslake North Accomplishments

#### Curriculum:

- Grayslake North earning the designation of Democracy School
- Erin Wise earning the Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year award through the VFW
- Emily Weiss as a finalist in the Those Who Excel Teacher of the Year contest (could you check the official name on that?)
- Development of the SWAT peer-tutoring program
- Social Studies teachers and students testifying at public hearings on civic engagement
- Over 20 student projects advancing to regional competition in the Chicago Metro History Fair
- Five junior students earning honors in the VFW Voice of Democracy audio essay competition
- Three junior students advancing to the state competition in the American Legion Oratorical Contest
- PSP students leading the school and community to unite behind AJ Peterson and his family
- Record enrollment in the Exploring World Cultures program
- Successfully opening AP Human Geography to selected freshman students for next year
- Students being recognized for outstanding service and civic engagement through Rotary and Exchange Club scholarship programs
- Record number of students participating as election judges in the November election
- Piloting the 1:1 technology program in American Studies classes
- Social Studies faculty being invited to serve as a panelist at the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition Consortium
- Ice Safety course for all freshmen in conjunction with the Grayslake Fire Department
- Two Blood drives with Life Source
- Screens 4 Teens and provided free EKG tests for any student who registered.
- Opened our brand new, state of the art weight room

- The new course, Adventure Challenge Education, which also allowed students to participate in a field trip to do the high ropes course at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI.
- The overall continued improvement of our athletic teams as a result of our Athletic Strength course.
- The average growth of 2 points on the ACT for those students who exercise the morning of the test.
- \$5000 grant to build the Outdoor Classroom next to the library
- Supplied about 50 students with rented calculators that they otherwise wouldn't have access too, and teaching students to use the technology
- Successfully piloted a Type II Assessment in 3 core areas
- Made significant curricular changes to align more closely with Common Core Standards
- Trained our Algebra 1 students on PARCC exam technology
- Implemented performance tasks in Algebra 1 and Geometry
- Implemented an ACT preparation unit for all junior level classes
- As an extension of our classroom-Spanish club has been volunteering 2 times a month at Vista Hospital assisting Spanish speaking patients.
- French is taking a trip to France this Spring break with 11 students from North and 9 students from Central
- Blaine Ray visits Grayslake World Language Department again!

### **Athletics:**

- Football – IHSA State Qualifier 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row - FVC Fox Division Champions
- Boys Soccer – IHSA Regional Champions
- Girls Golf- first year as a team, IHSA Sectional Qualifiers as a team
- Boys Cross Country- IHSA Sectional Qualifiers as a team
- Dance- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Fox Division of the FVC
- Cheer- IHSA State Qualifiers- Large Varsity Division
- Wrestling- 7 wrestlers qualified for IHSA Sectionals, 3 wrestlers qualified for IHSA State, Cody Sawyer 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medal
- Boys Bowling- first year as a team, one bowler qualified for IHSA Sectionals
- Girls Bowling- FVC Champions, IHSA Regional Champions, Sectional Qualifiers, State Qualifiers, Sarah Littleton 8<sup>th</sup> Place Medal
- 6 of our 7 Fall Varsity IHSA Teams earned All-Academic Team Honors due to our team average GPA of a 3.0 or above.
- We have had five athletes commit to playing in college this year.
  - Sarah Littleton – St. Francis University – Bowling
  - Brenden Bolman –Missouri State University– Swimming
  - Titus Booker – University of Wisconsin – Football
  - Samantha Villwock- South Dakota University – Soccer
  - Ireland Dunne- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh - Golf

## **Activities:**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division V of the Special Olympics Illinois High School District Basketball Tournament

**LINK CREW:** Successfully ran orientation for almost 400 freshman students  
Hosted Final Exam Study Tables (FEST) before winter finals for over 100 students  
Provided informational tours for incoming freshmen and their families on 8<sup>th</sup> grade night

**OPERATION CLICK:** For Operation Click, we have had several gas card winners (4) and parking spot winners (4). We also have an average of 98% of seatbelt compliance of our student body!

**LATINOS STAND UP:** LSU had a great dance, in conjunction with SdL of Central on January 15th here at North. We collected canned and dry food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank as our price of admission. Let me know if you want any photos.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Table Tennis competed in its first ever competition against Central!

**SNOWBALL:** For the first year Snowball has expanded our outings with GCHS and Antioch to include the retreat, bowling outing and Feed My Starving Children in one year.

**VOICES:** VOICES was requested to present to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders Oak Grove Middle School and Martin Elementary!  
They were also requested to speak at Gavin Middle School 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**FASHION CLUB:** Helpers in Heels Fashion club made their own tye-die scarves, decorated a golf cart, made posters for Project Cinderella and will be volunteering at next weekend's Prom Dress resale event. We will be doing jewelry design/bracelets this spring as well!

**DEBATE TEAM:** At the ICDA (Illinois Congressional Debate Association) Tournament of Champions, our team captain, TJ Kilcullen was selected among hundreds of students as a participant in the final Tournament of Champions chamber. TJ will be competing in the ICDA State Tournament chamber on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**GAMERS CLUB:** We continued regular meetings. We held our first fundraiser and raised over \$260. We are hosting our first gaming tournament on March 12<sup>th</sup>, a 16-person double elimination Super Smash Bros. Project M tournament.

## BAND

- Successfully hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Knights Marching Tournament
- 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in class AAA at the Renegade Music Fest Marching Band Competition in late October
- Acceptance into and performance in The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual New York City Veteran's Day Parade
- New York Performance with the United States Marine Corp Band

## JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- Performances at the FVC Jazz Festival and the Evanston Jazz Festival
- Outstanding soloist awards at the Evanston Jazz Festival go to Olivia Banach, Bethany Hobart and Veronica Jensen

## WIND ENSEMBLE/SYMPHONIC BAND/CONCERT BAND

- Olivia Banach, Travis Ritchie and Bethany Hobart auditioned for the IMEA District 7 Honor Band and were selected to perform in these elite ensembles
- Zoe Kramer, Andrea Gutierrez, David Braun, Morgan Schneider, Matthew Silverberg, Katie Koterman, Mason Olsansky, Bethany Hobart, Veronica Jensen and Sucharita Doddi were selected to perform in the inaugural year of the Lakes Area Honor Band Festival.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: competed in an invitational at Libertyville High School back on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Here is a list of students who won medals:

- Billy Lay and Jack Bielinski won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Bridge Building.
- Allie Zaborowski, Karyn Price and Jason Moens won 4<sup>th</sup> place in Experimental Design.
- Jimmy Gandy and Joey Harrison won 5<sup>th</sup> place in Wright Stuff.

ART CLUB: art club is helping start our first ever Fine and Performing arts festival: MUSE! We also helped raise over \$900.00 for the Avon Township Food Bank during Empty Bowls in November!

GREEN ROOM: At the beginning of the year Green Room hosted a 12 hour play festival

Sold and Delivered Ghost Grams for Halloween

Sold Lollipops this year

Took Part of the Homecoming Golf Cart and Window Painting

Organized T-Shirt Orders for One Acts, The Matchmaker and Little Shop of Horrors

Attended a three day Illinois High School Theater Festival

Promoted Auditions for all Shows

Is Organizing a Video to Promote Muse: Fine and Performing Arts Festival

Many students will be a part of the Fine and Performing Arts Festival April 1st

Will be inducting around 15 students into the Thespian Troupe  
There is also another show in the works for April.

FBLA: FBLA has had an extremely successful fundraising year, raising enough funds to cover the entire cost of our state competition trip.

At the Northern Area competition, Dylan Harmon placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Business Calculations completion and Michael Ang placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Healthcare Administration.

We will also have 8 students competing in the state competition on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### YEARBOOK:

All color yearbook

First place category at Kempa

NHS: Some of National Honor Society's greatest accomplishments this year have been widening our reach in the community and being a large part in the start-up of the peer-tutoring program, SWAT. We have connected with more people in the community such as the Village at Victory Lakes Retirement Community, the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County, various elementary schools, and local park districts. The SWAT program has been a success in helping other students achieve in the classroom by giving support at a peer level. We are excited to keep strengthening our chapter and its service both in the community and in the school

#### **General:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> year of attending Male Student Success Conference (24 students – largest GNHS Man Up group yet)
- 284 students took the PSAT test. Largest group ever....nearly 75% increase over prior year.
- New Knights Group – 35 students participated at some point of the year introducing / orienting them to North
- 2 - successful parent university presentations
- 504 Plans / Management – Transition to electronic system (esped)
- Knight Stars: 26 student leaders trained on Erika's Lighthouse Depression Awareness program and presented to all sophomores in Health classes