

Good afternoon,

As we limp into the new year we continue to maintain hope for better times and envision the light at the end of the tunnel. I continue to appreciate the opportunity to work with our staff and students, who maintain as much positivity and fortitude as possible. I have a few messages of importance regarding Garden City High School:

1. **Midterms:** We will not have traditional midterm exams this year. We will not have days dedicated to administering exams or schedule times for exams outside of regular class periods. There will not be a separate midterm grade on report cards. The average of each of the four marking periods will carry more weight. We still do not know if NY State will administer Regents exams in June, which may impact weighting as well. When a decision is made by NY State about Regents exams we will be able to share details about how final grades for transcripts will be recorded.
2. **Winter Wonderland:** At this time we plan on holding a Winter Wonderland event on Friday, February 5th. Final details are still being considered as we strive to offer a safe environment at the high school for all junior and senior students for that evening. There will be no charge for students to attend, and safety protocols will be in place. The DJ and professional photographers are ready to go! It will not be a traditional dance with a large gathering of students in one place; we will keep you updated as plans are finalized.
3. **Seniors' College Acceptances:** Many seniors have started to hear back from colleges regarding early acceptances. Congratulations to those who have found success thus far! The Counseling Center is here to celebrate those accomplishments and support those who need additional assistance or alternative plans. We encourage all seniors to be in contact with their counselors and to update Naviance. Please continue to keep us informed.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Steingruebner  
Principal  
#GCHS  
#WeAreAdaptable