

# Purple Pride

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## New dance policy explained

By: Patricia Alexander

The new dance policy has been the big gossip in the hallways over the past few weeks, and it is obvious that the GHS student body's overall opinion is not in favor of it. So when Mr. Downey went to each classroom to explain the policy, there were many mixed emotions.

The reason it is so hard for this new policy to be accepted and understood among the students is because it is not clearly black and white. This article's purpose is to clear up any confusion over the new agreement.

When asked about the new dance policy, Downey explained that all of the rules are the same, and already in place up to the dancing portion. For example, some students had a problem with the rule that stated that any vehicle could be searched at any time. However, this rule has always been in effect, just not in writing. The new policy basically gives him the right to ask you to stop if it makes him or others feel uncomfortable and helps the staff control what is going on at a dance (which is a school sponsored event). The policy is targeting the overtly sexual in nature.

So what happens if we don't sign? Well for seniors the consequence will be no prom. But as for the rest of the student body, the policy will be in the student handbook next year. Which means that it will be the same kind of thing as the Tylenol problem. If you don't sign the paper, you can't get Tylenol from the office. If you don't sign the dance policy, you won't be admitted into a dance (starting at prom this year). Downey doesn't like major changes in the middle of the school year. He feels as if you should know what you are getting into at the beginning, starting with signing the student handbook. That is why he is giving us so much time to get the agreement in.

So how does Downey feel about the subject? Provocative lyrics in *our* music leads to the way we dance. There is always going to be disagreements on what is and what is not appropriate among generations; but, as long as everyone respects that it is a public school, there shouldn't be any big problems.

## Valentine Wishes



To: GHS

Happy Valentines Day to each and everyone here! I love you all! You make my job a great place to work!

From: Susie



To: All female GHS students

**REMEMBER:** A way to a man's heart is through his stomach!

From: Mr. Downey and Mr. Mileski



To: Mr. Barron

Happy Valentines Day!

From: Alyssa Sexton



To: Abby Ballard

You are beautiful and the best date ever! Marry me?

From: Anonymous



To: Hailee

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and gosh dang it I love you!

From: Paul



To: Jenna Bernson  
Have a great day! I mean it!  
From: Justin



To: Mr. Barron  
Thanks for being so dedicated to Science Olympiad!  
From: Jenna Bernson



To: Katie Thompson  
Pants on the ground!  
From: The Crew



To: Stephane Utterback  
^\_^ Hi!  
From: Leo



To: Caleb Cox  
You run through our mind everyday!  
From: Paula and Lindsey



To: Britney Frost  
Thanks For being my texting buddy! XD  
From: John



To: Jenae  
You're a great friend, hope you have a great Valentine's Day.  
From: Allison



To Halle:  
I love you. Have a happy Valentines Day!  
From: Jenae



To: Kent King  
You are the sweetest guy I know. Your super cute and funny! Happy Valentines Day.  
From: Jenae

## Snowcoming Dance

By: Kelly Coyne

Many students did not want to go to the Snowcoming Dance, due to the new dance policies, but it was still a success. The dance policies were not yet in effect, but some students said it seemed like they were. The sophomore class made much more than expected with a gross of \$1,800. The dance went from eight to eleven with an admission of \$7. The dance consisted of mainly freshmen and sophomores, and a decent amount of juniors and seniors. Sophomore Jammie Botruff said, "The music was lame, but I still had a fun time." Junior, Ashlee Anderson said, "I had a good time at the dance because the policies weren't in effect."

## What Guys Really Think Of Valentine's Day

By: Halle Hartung.

We all know that girls supposedly *love* Valentine's Day. Flowers, candy, romance. Well, the question often comes up: What do guys really think about Valentine's Day? Do they simply pretend to like it, to make their valentine happy? To find out, males around Gladstone High school were asked to explain their thoughts on this *lovely* day..

Student, Mitchell Paquin says, "I could really care less about it.."

Student, Isaac Cole says, "Uh, it's not really a change in the day."

Teacher, Mr. C. Young says, "I don't like Valentine's Day. I hate when I'm told how to feel. There shouldn't be a day telling me to be romantic."

Student, Kevin Bowie says, "I love it. It's just awesome. It's a day where everyone feels loved!"

So, it seems we've reached the conclusion: Guys don't really care about Valentine's Day.

## "Dream Date"

By: Jenna Leisner

Everyone has a dream date. Mr. Asian Persuasion, Levi Cunningham, said that for his dream date he would take senior Brittany Jurek on a date at some delectable Mongolian Grill. He would start the night out by picking her up at 7 o'clock sharp. Then he would drive her to the infamous Mongolian Grill. The romantic Mr. Leonoff admitted to wanting to take the Mrs. to a candlelit dinner on the lake. He would feed her lush lobster tail, and read some love filled poems that would make Edgar Allen Poe jealous.

## Bowling Club hits the lanes

By: Hillary Mahoney

This year, Gladstone High School has put together a bowling club. For being the first year, the club has received more participation than anticipated. Combinations of kids from all grades, freshmen through seniors, make up the bowling club. Although not quite considered a school team, they do compete in tournaments against other schools. There are two teams, a girl's team and a boy's team, and each week members are chosen to compete at that weekend's bowling tournament. Just like any other sport, the more you put into your practice and how well you bowl determines whether you will, or will not, bowl at the upcoming tournament. Gladstone's newly formed bowling club has already competed in six tournaments this season, and their next home meet is Saturday, February 20. They haven't finished out on top, but they rank moderately in their tournaments. Current member, Brad Mattonen states, "We're doing all right. We aren't horrible, but we aren't good either."

## A Night of Enchantment Under the Sea

By: Dani Boucher

It's that time of year again where the junior class is scrambling to get all their ideas together to make this years prom a night to remember. At the first meeting the biggest decision the students had to make was the theme for this year's prom. With over six different choices to choose from the juniors successfully narrowed the choices down to just two. It was between 'Under the Sea' and 'Around the World.' With much debate the juniors finally came to a decision and decided 'Under the Sea' was the right choice. To find out more info on meetings and what you can do to work on prom talk to Mrs. Deacon or a junior class officer. As of right now the prom is scheduled for Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## Antime Fitness opens in Esky

By: Sarah Snouwaert

How many of you have wanted something new added to the Delta Plaza mall? Well now there will be. There is an Anytime Fitness center opening soon. People who made new years resolutions to become healthier, here is the perfect opportunity. Anytime Fitness offers 24-hour access, anywhere club access, tanning, personal training, cardio TV's, health plan discounts, wellness programs, cardio equipment, and strength equipment. It will be opening January 19<sup>th</sup> so go pre-register! Here's five reasons that might change you mind:

- 1.) Close to work, close to home, open 24/7
- 2.) Quick and effective exercise
- 3.) Club culture that is friendly and supportive
- 4.) Affordable dues that fit your budget
- 5.) Flexible membership and payment options



To: Vanessa

I love you honey and I hope you have a great day. I hope you have a good day too. Well I can't wait to take you to dinner my twinkie. I love you!!! ;)

From: Ryan King



To: Cohl Coppock

I love you CJ.

From: Hal



To: Jacob Bianga

I love you baby! Happy Valentines Day.

From: Allison



To: Mr. Leonoff:

We love you big Papa.

From: The King Family



To: Halle Hartung

You are so nice! Hope you have a nice Valentines Day! Love You!

From: Grace Fitzpatrick



To: Sam Cretens

Roses are red, violets are blue. Kisses are sweet and so are you!

From: Hammar time



To: Melissa Crowder

I love you Kitter cat!!!

From: Your secret Admirer



To: Chelsea Kossow

Thanks for going with me to Snowcoming! You're beautiful.

From: Nathan

## The Students' Side

By: Jessica Wickman

We're all aware of the pandemonium caused by the recent "No Grinding" policy. Students are outraged, claiming that their First Amendment rights are being brutally violated. Petitions put up around the school in protest filled rapidly with signatures. Then came the dancing contract. This infamous document outlawed such things as 'freak-dancing' and 'slam-dancing', as well as grinding. A lot of students were bewildered by this notion. What, exactly, do they mean by slam-dancing and freak-dancing? It has been speculated by some that slam-dancing is somewhat related to what goes on in a mosh pit. As far as freak-dancing goes... well, the jury is still out on that one.

We, as students, should know that parents only want what's best for us. Some parents honestly believe that putting an end to our way of dancing will help us become better people. But what is better? Who makes up these rules that define right and wrong? The truth is, nothing is black and white. What's wrong for one student may be right for another. You can't make a rule that affects the whole student body based on the opinions of a small group. The majority of us are perfectly comfortable with grinding, and we don't feel the least bit offended or violated by it. We shouldn't be punished because some people feel otherwise.

## Competitive Cheerleading

By: Halie Marmalick

The competitive cheer teams have a lot to be happy about with their 2010 season. The girls have gone to seven competitions: Iron Mountain, Manistique, Gladstone, Escanaba, Marquette, Norway, and Munising. The varsity team this year has ten girls, and the JV team has eight. The JV team had a very successful season getting a couple of first places and a few second places as well. For the Gladstone meet the JV coped with having only six girls due to sickness and injuries and still managed to get second losing to Kingsford JV by only six points.

Along with the seven competitions, the varsity team also went down to Breckenridge to compete with downstate teams. The girls were pretty nervous going against teams they haven't competed against before, but they ended up taking second place out of six teams with their highest scores yet this season. The girls were also very excited at the Munising competition getting first place and beating Kingsford for the first time in two years. GNC's will be hosted at Marquette on 2/15, and Districts will be hosted at Houghton Lake on 2/20. With a strong performance the girls will qualify for Regionals down at Otsego on 2/27.



To: Jared

You are one great friend and super cute. Happy Valentines Day!  
From: Jenae



To: Sammie Eagle

Thanks for being a friend of mine since the start of freshmen year! Happy Valentines Day!!  
From: Nathan



To: Allison

You are so funny and I Love you! Happy Valentines Day.  
From: Jenae



To: Ryan

You are the love of my life!!!! And I wish the best in everything you do!!! Love you babe!  
From: your girl



To: Rayannon Mason

I love you forever, Bunches and Bunches!!  
Love: Cora Walters

