



# The Griffin

## Black History Month at YWCP

During the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month, a time for a celebration of and reflection on the achievements of African Americans. Though the recognition and celebration of African American life, art, culture, and history should be sustained year-round, we take this essential time to reflect on, review, and revise the place of the African American experience in the national consciousness – and hopefully, carry this awareness with us in our daily lives, now and throughout the rest of the year.

**Check out this website for some great resources on black history month.**

**<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>**



### February Dates:

**Week of February 7-  
Q2 Report Cards mailed home**

**Blood Drive: Feb 10**

**Valentine's Day: Feb 14**

**Winter Spirit Week: Feb 14-18**

**Winter Social: February 18**

**Winter Recess: February 21-25**

### Wellness Spotlight

#### A Note from Nurse Lowery...

#### **COVID-19**

COVID-19 infection numbers are dropping but it is still in our communities so here are a few reminders.

- Wear a mask at all times and immediately after eating meals.
- Wash your hands or sanitize them often.
- If your mask is soiled please see staff for a new one.
- If you have any symptoms or are sick please stay home.
- If you get COVID you must quarantine for 5 days and ensure you wear a mask.
- You **MUST** quarantine if you are in close contact with a COVID positive individual and you are not vaccinated, with or without symptoms (for example a sibling tested positive).
- You **MUST** quarantine if exposed to COVID and you have symptoms even if you are vaccinated.

#### **Physicals & Immunizations**

Students and Parents please be sure you submit current and updated Physical & Immunization forms to the Nurse. These are needed for NYS compliance, Work Permits and Sports participation.

### Happy Birthday Griffins!

Janiah Sanchez	Adolphine Shabani
Jen'Niya Dunniehigh	Nahveah McClary
Izhar Hussein	Ahlam Albalaasi
Ann Marie DeJesus	Sam Johnson-Coleman
Winter Fowler	Niajana Torres
Queen Asia Turner	Gamila Saleh
Aliseyonna Walton-Ruffin	
Leisha Marie Colon	
Stephanie Davis	
Dejah Manor	
Jada Harris	
Hibah Shaibi	
Kaylee Marie Christian	
Surai Johnson	
Jan'Azia Elliot	
Alicia Montgomery	
Sha'Lee Bryant	
Naszirra, Butler	
Caitlin LaMoire	



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## Staff Spotlight



Ms. Jardas has been teaching at YWCP for seven years. She lives in the city of Rochester. Ms. Jardas attended the University of Tampa. Dexter is her Pitbull/Boxer mix. For fun, Ms. Jardas likes to workout, go hiking, take pictures, and hang with family and friends. Currently, Ms. Jardas teaches Global I, Participation in Government, Economics, Women's History, and Foundations of Social Justice. When asked what she loves about teaching at YWP, Ms. Jardas says " I am humbled daily by being surrounded by an amazing group of educators who come to work every day determined to make a difference in our scholars' lives."

Her favorite quote is: " I am the master of my fate I am the captain of my soul" Some other fun facts about Ms. Jardas are that she went to college to study pre medicine. She lived in Australia for a year and a few places on her bucket list to visit are Colorado and Arizona.

## Griffin Parents

### **We need your help!**

Please guide and support your child's learning by ensuring scholars:

- \*Arrive to school on time.
- \*Check BUZZ, our online Learning Management System, for all current and past-due assignments.
- \*Check school email for important announcements and reminders.
- \*Communicate with counselors, teachers and advisors for assistance as needed.

## News from the Counseling Center

Youth ages 14-20 are invited to apply for a 6-8 week paid summer work experience sponsored by Rochester Works, Monroe County, and the City of Rochester.

The Summer of Opportunity application is open until March 25, and youth can apply online

at <https://rocsummeryouth.com/>.

Email Ms. Hasler or Mrs. Davis-Bernard with any questions you may have.

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With quarter 2 coming to an end, the school counselors are looking at grades and dates for our Quarter 2 Honor Roll Celebration. A date for this event will be communicated in the near future!

## Spirit Week /Pep Rally

- Winter Spirit Week begins the week of February 14th
- Students in good standing will be able to participate and attend the pep rally on February 18th
- The themes for Spirit Week are:
  - Monday 14th: wear red, pink, and/or white
  - Tuesday 15th: Twin day
  - Wednesday 16th: Dress like a teacher
  - Thursday 17th: Favorite brand
  - Friday 18th: Class colors