



## The City Weekly Update November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is the tallest building in the world? (Answer on last page)**

### **STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ **VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – SIGN UPS ARE CLOSED AS OF NOV. 16TH**
  - November 18, 4 – 7 PM by appointment
  - November 19, 4 – 7 PM by appointment
  - Each year, parents have the chance to meet with teachers to discuss student successes and concerns. That tradition will continue for Fall 2020 Conferences, although the platform by which meetings will occur is certainly non-traditional. Due to safety concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, parent teacher conferences will be held virtually, and by appointment only, from 4 PM – 7 PM on November 18 & 19.



❖ **NO SCHOOL** – November 25-27 is Thanksgiving Break

❖ **NEXT HOMEWORK FREE WEEKEND** – November 28

❖ **CLASS OF 2021 INFORMATION**

- Students you are invited to attend and participate in a GRPS Spartan Experience, What to Know Before You Go! during our virtual class session on November 20, 2020 at 10:30 am-11:30 am. This session will include introducing and getting acquainted with MSU students that graduated from GRPS and participating in dialogue centered around questions about what students should know before going to college. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Shayla Young at willis43@msu.edu or 616-514-8803.
- TCTC Summit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/127173765155>
- GRCC will offer two Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships for next year. The eligibility details are listed below. There is a one-page essay requirement for this scholarship and one written letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or mentor. If you have any questions please let me know. The scholarship deadline is December 1, 2020.
  - Steps to Apply
  - Applications must be submitted by December 1 with the following attachments:
    - A typed, one-page essay that addresses the following topic: "Why is attending College important to me?"
    - One written letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or mentor.
    - Apply at <https://bit.ly/3mzJDsE>
- Eligibility
  - Graduating senior who identifies as a member of a historically underserved and underrepresented group.
  - Enrolled in Kent Intermediate School District
  - Involved in community service or activities in support of diversity and inclusion.
  - Must be accepted into Grand Rapids Community College with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
  - The application must be accompanied by a high school transcript that must include six semesters with a cumulative GPA.
- The scholarship is being sponsored through GRCC Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. You can visit their webpage at <https://www.grcc.edu/officeofdiversityequityandinclusion/drmartinlutherkingjrcelebration0>.

❖ **CLASS OF 2022 INFORMATION**

- Junior Interviews w/ parent/guardians & student are offered to each family as an opportunity to meet individually with Mrs. Ralston to help in:
  - Defining realistic goals, interests and abilities for life after high school/post-secondary plans
  - Understand admission requirements
  - Grow and trim realistic post-secondary options
  - Finding the college that fits (creating the college list)
  - Prepare for and begin the College Application Process
- This can be scheduled virtually using this link:  
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?sstoken=UUh4WjRRdmZndnBqfGRlZmF1bHR8NTQ5Y2QxMzJjZjcwMmUxODQyMDlhM2UwZmVmNDM4NzE>



- Please put your name and a quick description of the meeting in the box. You will receive a confirmation email.

- ❖ **FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):** Since filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to receive federal aid for college, this is one of the most important steps you can take to help your family pay for college. What happens after we file the FAFSA? After completing the FAFSA, the Department of Education will provide you with an Estimated Family Contribution. This value helps determine how much financial aid your student may receive in the form of grants, loans and work experiences. When should we file? Even if you do not plan to take out student loans, file a FAFSA as soon as possible. Many students qualify for some federal aid. Priority consideration for federal, state and institutional funds is given to students who submit a FAFSA by February 15. Watch this short video for any questions on FAFAS:  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsaq>
- ❖ **WORK PERMIT REMINDERS:** Students ages 14-17 seeking a work permit can visit the State of Michigan website to complete a form. Links below will guide you to their webpage based on age. Once completed, please email the form to Ms. Ashley Cintron at [cintrona@grps.org](mailto:cintrona@grps.org). If there are no errors on the form, she will review, sign and send it back to you via email.
  - 16 and 17 years of age, click this link: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-7Form\\_With\\_check\\_boxes\\_449176\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-7Form_With_check_boxes_449176_7.pdf)
  - Under 16 years of age, click this link: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-6\\_with\\_check\\_boxes\\_449174\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CA-6_with_check_boxes_449174_7.pdf)
  - **If you are a minor who is employed, please read, and be informed, about state guidelines for the employment of minors. This information can be found on the backside of the work permit found at: [www.grps.org/images/departments/csa/pdfs/Work\\_Permit\\_Request.pdf](http://www.grps.org/images/departments/csa/pdfs/Work_Permit_Request.pdf)**
    - REMINDER: The school day is considered 9 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday.

#### EPIC EXCHANGE:

We will not be utilizing the weekly update format during distance learning, however, quite often there are important items that we need to share with students.

We would like to introduce **Pegasi Proclamations!** Please take a couple minutes during your Tuesday 8th hour sessions to share the information on the Shared Google Slide Presentation, which can be found in our shared City PLC drive or click the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KlyOLhvp12IOi3xP33PQX1Z0jBvtyxHXLzBgUBe7HvY/edit?usp=sharing>

**JOKE OF THE WEEK ANSWER:** The library, because it has so many stories.