



Maximizing the full potential of each child by supporting the heart & challenging the mind

GREAT SCHOOLS MATTER TO OUR FAMILIES AND TO OUR COMMUNITY

D37 is committed to ensuring our children are at the heart of all decision making and planning. With our "Portrait of a Graduate" model approach, we will be sharing our vision and mission in this newsletter.



OUR GAVIN D37 VISION—THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD IS MAXIMIZED WHEN WE:

- Provide a safe, respectful and positive environment
- Create and maintain effective home, school and community partnerships
- Develop and deliver learning experiences that stimulate curiosity and discovery
- Utilize resources wisely while keeping the best interest of the children and community at the forefront
- Draw strength from our diversity

IN THIS EDITION LEARN ABOUT:

- Our efforts and dedication to the safe return to full-time, in-person learning
- How our district works to maximize our federal and state grant opportunities
- An introduction from our new superintendent, Dr. Scott Schwartz
- The latest in construction updates
- How to get involved in our Gavin Involvement Group (GIG)
- How both our 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Teams won the 2021-22 Lakes Region Athletic Conference Championships

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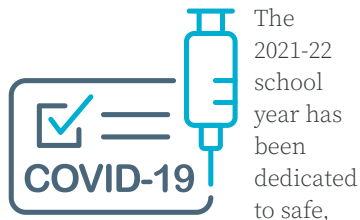
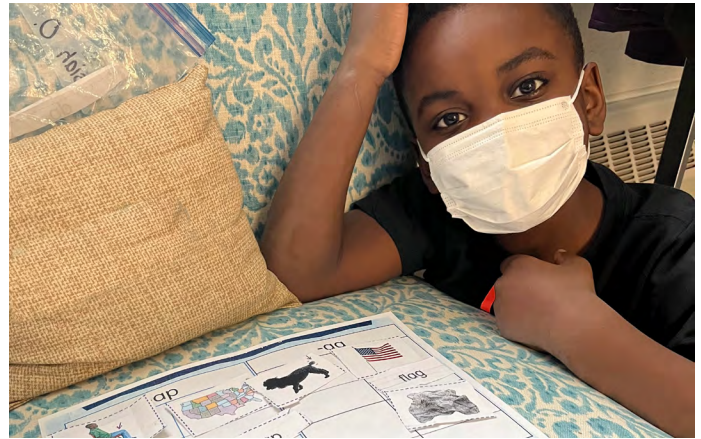
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PORTRAIT OF A GAVIN GRADUATE

- COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
- COMPASSIONATE GLOBAL CITIZEN
- INNOVATIVE CRITICAL THINKER
- EMPOWERED LEARNER

COVID-19 Mitigations and the Test-to-Stay Program



The 2021-22 school year has been dedicated to safe, full-time, in-person learning. Gavin 37 follows guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) to ensure all the necessary COVID mitigations are in place. The goal is to limit the spread of COVID-19 and keep our staff and students safe.

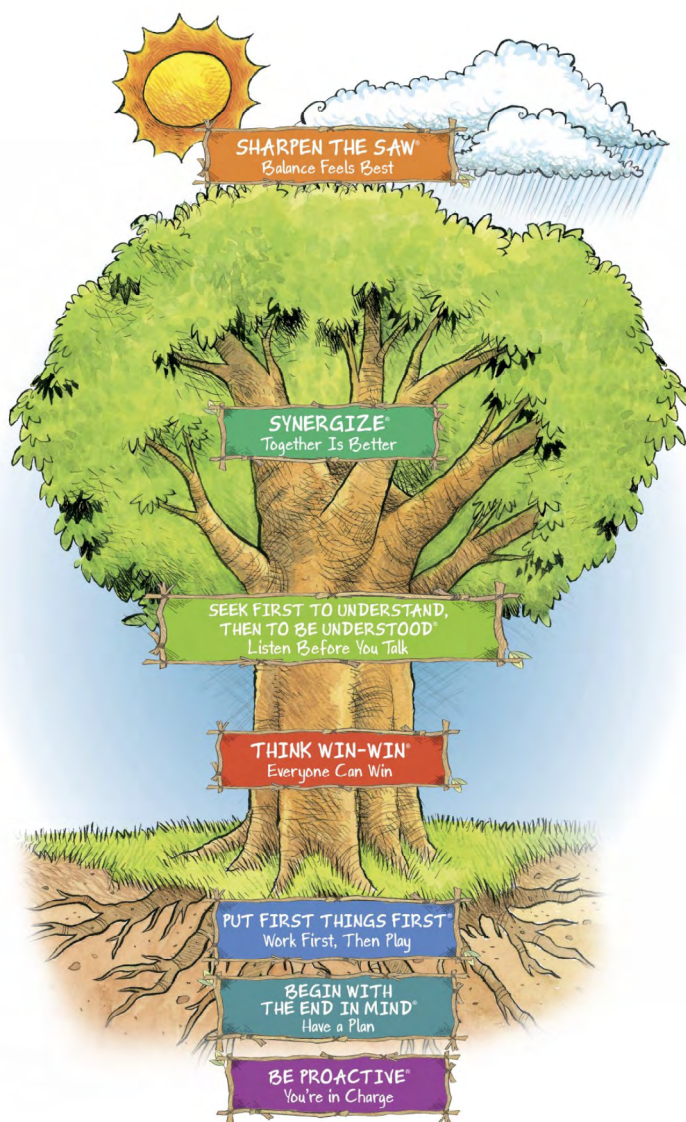
When students are in quarantine, they have access to the learning environment through Zoom. As of Jan. 25, 2022, 150 students have tested positive for COVID-19.

READ MORE ABOUT COVID MITIGATIONS ON THE "2021-22 COVID INFORMATION" TAB ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.gavin37.org/domain/1121>

CURRENT COVID MITIGATIONS IN PLACE AT GAVIN 37

- **Three feet of social distancing** when properly masked, to the best extent possible.
- **Six feet of social distancing** when not able to be masked (i.e. lunch), to the best extent possible.
- **Use of face coverings** per IL Governor's Executive Order.
- **Frequent hand washing**
- **Weekly Shield Testing:** Gavin 37 has a partnership with Shield Illinois to provide weekly COVID tests to staff and students. Parental consent is required for students.
- **Multiple vaccination clinics** for age 12+ at Grant Community High School and for age 5-11 at Gavin Central.
- **Test-to-Stay program:** In coordination with the Lake County Department of Public Health, Gavin 37 was a part of a pilot, "Test-to-Stay" program that allowed many of our students to stay in school rather than quarantine when identified as a close contact to someone with COVID-19. We are happy that hundreds of students have avoided quarantining and qualified for Test-to-Stay to remain in school as long as they are negative for COVID.
- **Isolation and Exclusion:** As of Jan. 11, COVID-positive students and unvaccinated close contacts who don't qualify for Test-to-Stay can return to school after five days as long as they are fever free for 24 hours and have improved symptoms. Close contacts are defined as within three feet of a positive individual for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period when properly masked or within six feet of a positive individual for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period when not properly masked. Vaccinated (and boosted) individuals do not need to quarantine. Prior to Jan. 11, 10 day isolation and quarantine periods were required.
- **School personnel proof of vaccination or weekly testing:** Per mandate, all school personnel are required to provide proof of vaccination or agree to weekly testing.



Leader in Me® Program Launches

Leader in Me® is a comprehensive, school improvement model and social-emotional learning program that equips students with essential leadership and life-readiness skills.

The model impacts leadership, culture and academics. It is based on the book: *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Steven Covey. Gavin Central is in the first year of implementation.

Students learn principles that help them become active, engaged partners in their own learning and develop skills in the areas of self-confidence, responsibility and initiative. Over time, students also build community by working together and motivating one another.

The “7 Habits Tree” (shown above) as part of the Leader in Me® paradigm, outlines the seven basic tenets (the 7 Habits) of the program that are explicitly taught to our students over time.

Use of Federal and State Grant Dollars

Gavin 37 works diligently to maximize state and federal grant opportunities to support our educational goals. Over the past 18 months, there has been additional funding from the federal government designed to help districts navigate the unexpected expenses related to mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Gavin 37 has benefited greatly from these additional funds and have dedicated much of them to support student learning. Below is an overview of the ways in which we have spent these supplemental funds.

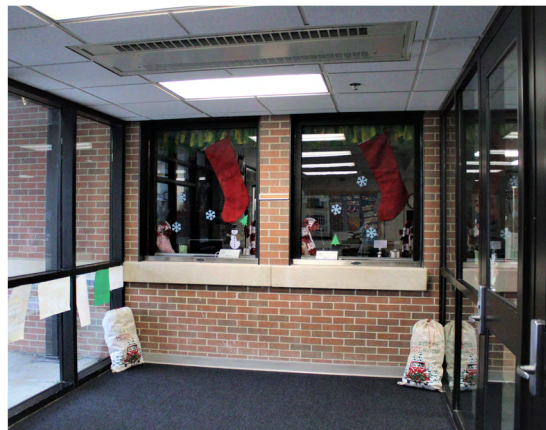
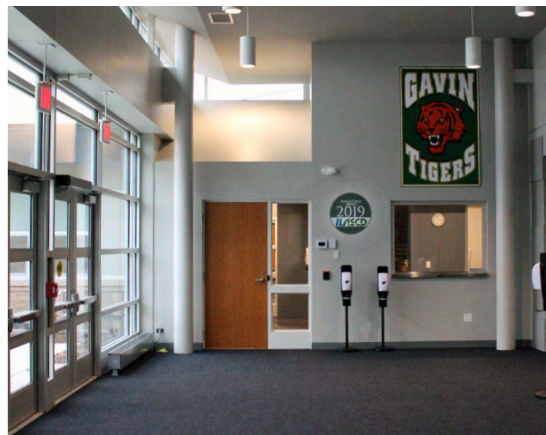
SPENDING OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

“PRESCHOOL FOR ALL” GRANT	\$203,010
Providing funds for early education programs and services that will help young children at risk. At Gavin 37, we have a robust preschool program that services up to 80 students annually, for regular education and special education students.	
TITLE I—EVERY STUDENT	\$118,564
Providing a fair, equitable and high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps.	
TITLE I—SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	\$20,000
Providing resources in order to substantially raise the achievement of students in low-performing schools.	
TITLE II—TEACHER QUALITY	\$23,423
Providing grants to increase student achievement and to improve the effectiveness of teachers, principals and other school leaders through professional development.	
TITLE III—LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION	\$7,820
Supporting programming, professional development and parent participation in EL education.	
TITLE IV—“EVERY STUDENTS SUCCEEDS”	\$10,000
Helping to improve the use of technology in order to improve academic achievement and digital literacy.	
PRE K—IDEA GRANT	\$4,351
Providing funds to employ staff and purchase materials to supplement a comprehensive special education program for children with disabilities ages three through five.	
IDEA FLOW THROUGH	\$216,980
Ensuring all children with disabilities ages three-21 receive a free public education in the least restrictive environment.	
ESSER II	\$461,078
Providing emergency relief funds to address the impact of COVID-19. A portion of these funds went to support new technology solutions in 24 classrooms, providing high quality projection and wireless streaming capabilities for our teachers and students.	
ESSER III—ARP GRANT	\$1,320,924
Providing additional emergency relief funds to address the impact of COVID-19. A portion of ESSER III must be directly related to student achievement. Gavin 37 dedicated a portion of these funds to provide access to engaging digital tools that support student learning in a differentiated fashion, such as ST Math, Edmentum and NewsELA.	
DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT	\$57,424
Helping to assist school districts in closing the digital divide and enabling digital-age teaching and learning. School districts may use funds to provide students with technology tools necessary for technology-rich learning experience.	

TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT DOLLARS ALLOCATED = \$2,443,574

Construction Update

Necessary facility upgrades have recently been completed. The improvements include a renovated library at Central, updated hallway and classroom tile at Central and security and facade improvements to the front vestibules at South and Central. The Board of Education recently approved a continuation of the tile work in the remaining classrooms at Central for Summer 2022.



New Gavin 37 Superintendent

Dr. Scott Schwartz started as the new Gavin 37 Superintendent on July 1, 2021. Dr. Schwartz comes to Gavin with 19 years of experience as a teacher, middle school assistant principal, elementary school principal and Pre K-8 assistant superintendent.

Dr. Schwartz earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, his master's degree from National Louis University, his doctorate from Loyola University Chicago and his Chief School Business Official (CSBO) endorsement from Northern Illinois University.

He has a strong interest in listening and learning from all stakeholders in order to make the most informed decisions possible.

Feel free to contact him at any time at sschwartz@gavin37.org or at 847-546-2916 ext 314.

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Wins 2021-22 Lakes Region Athletic Conference Championships



Excitingly, we want to congratulate both the Gavin South 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball teams for winning the 2021-22 Lakes Region Athletic Conference Championship. The 8th grade team finished their season with a perfect 17-0 record.

Left photo: **7th Grade Boys Basketball Team led by Coach Bill Sullivan.** Top row: Aiden R., Jordan O., Drake M., Kamon B., Carter M. Bottom row: Nate M., Andrew O., Jaylen O., Nolan D., Jordan K.

Right photo: **8th Grade Boys Basketball Team led by Coach Kyle Luft.** Top row: Brandon H., Aiden S., Logan M., Erik R., Spencer S., Matthew G., Drake M. Bottom row: Austyn H., Jake H., Larry Q., Adrian C., Nate M., Jared L.

Clubs and Sports

Gavin South Middle School is proud to offer the following clubs and athletics:

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Fitness Club
- Gavin News Network/
Gavin Podcasting Network
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Homework Club
- Jazz Band
- National Junior Honor Society
- Poetry Club
- Robotics Club
- Soccer
- Track
- Boys & Girls Volleyball
- Yearbook Club



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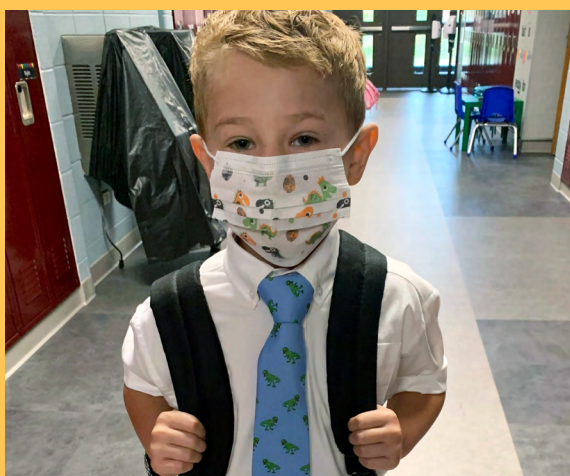
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Key Dates for Winter-Spring 2022

Mark your calendars for these important events:



FEBRUARY

- 8 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 21 No School (President's Day)
- 22 Board of Education Meeting

MARCH

- 1 End of 2nd Trimester
- 7 Report Cards Home
- 15 Student Attended Conferences
- 22 Board of Education Meeting
- 28-31 Spring Break (No student attendance)

APRIL

- 1 Spring Break (No student attendance)
- 15 Non-attendance Day
- 20 Trimester 3 Mid-term
- 26 Board of Education Meeting

MAY

- 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 20 No School (Teacher Institute Day)
- 24 Board of Education Meeting
- 30 No School (Memorial Day)

JUNE

- 1 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- 3 Half Day Dismissal (Last day of school)

Gavin Involvement Group (GIG)

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the [Gavin Involvement Group \(GIG\)](#) who continue to organize opportunities and raise funds for our students, families and staff.

This year, GIG organized a fantastic Trunk or Treat event at Halloween and a successful Book Fair, raising nearly \$6,000 in total and approximately \$2,800 that will go directly to support our libraries.

The 8th Grade Graduation Committee raised over \$5,000 for graduation at their Meat Raffle this December!

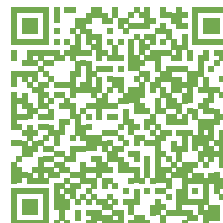
Additionally, the Cherrydale fundraiser raised just under \$10,000 in total funds, of which nearly \$4,000 go directly to support student and school needs. In February, GIG will be running a Butterbraid fundraiser. For every "braid" sold, Gavin 37 receives \$6 to support student needs.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!



If you are interested in volunteering, please search for the "[Gavin Involvement Group - GIG](#)" on Facebook or email GIG at gig@gavin37.org.

Send us your feedback—



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We value your input and appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences so we can continue to strive to improve our services to you.

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