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During the past couple of weekends, many GMS students have participated in events that show off their talents and our school in the best of ways.

During the weekend of April 28, 29 and 30th, we had GMS students participating in the IGSMA State Music Contest as well as students participating in the State Science Olympiad Competition.

The celebrations below are in chronological order...

GMS Band and Choirs:

On Friday night, April 28th, our GMS band students in the GMS Wind Ensemble, the GMS 8th Grade Symphonic Band and the GMS 7th Grade Concert Band all received Division One Ratings and Awarded "Superior". All members earned a gold medal that evening.

On Saturday morning, April 29th, the choral members traveled to Main West High School in Des Plaines and the GMS 8th Grade Treble Choir and the GMS Ladies Honors Select Choir received ratings of Division One and were Awarded "Superior". They all earned gold medals.

The GMS 7th grade choir did an outstanding job too! They received a rating of a second and were awarded "Excellence". They earned silver medals.

GMS Science Olympiad:

(Saturday, April 29th - later in the day) Our GMS team had an incredibly exciting weekend earning **5th place** overall (out of the top 50 schools in the state)! Although it was a rainy day at U of I, the kids had infectious spirit and were full of smiles! There were many specific individual awards, but the 5th place team award was the culmination of much hard work throughout the entire season. Congratulations to all team members on a job well done.

This past Thursday, May 4th...(The GMS / Frederick School Talent Show)

What a great event! There were 26 acts including dog training, comedy, singing, dancing, cheerleading and many more! We're always so impressed by the strength it takes to get up in front of an audience to perform! Congratulations on your moment in the spotlight!

This past Saturday, May 6th... (GMS bands and choirs were at it again)

Our GMS bands and choirs were at it again at the annual "Music in the Parks" celebration of talent at Great America. At this point, I don't remember all of the specifics, however, I remember the statements from Mrs. Novack and Mr. Thomas that it was almost a "clean sweep" and "GMS was announced at the top of almost every category". Congratulations to all of our GMS musicians for another great day of showing off your talents. Your hard work is very much appreciated!

Later in the day on May 6th...

The GMS track and field team finished up their conference tournament after it was rained out the previous Saturday.

Our GMS athletes showed off their talents by taking on the best that our conference has to offer and showing that they held their own throughout the entire competition.

Because the meet was held over two weekends, many of our athletes do not know the outcome of their events yet, so we're going to hold on that information until after school today so we can celebrate with them. However, from what I know, it sounds like there were multiple individual conference champs and one conference winning team!

Congrats to our GMS track and field athletes.

As you can see, the springtime is filled with many opportunities for our students to celebrate their talents. During the past couple of weekends, almost half of our GMS student body had the opportunity to perform at a competition that they had dedicated much time and effort to prepare for. Affording our students these opportunities reminds them of how important it is to work hard to achieve their desired outcomes. Congrats on a couple of great weekends of events.

Have a great week ahead!

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