

# Volume XXVI Issue 1

"A Five Star School"

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August 2023

For The Parents, Students, Staff And Community of George Jenkins High School

## Principal's Message

Our Mission...each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared.

Our Vision...each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

Dear parents,

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to the students, staff and the entire George Jenkins Community for everyone's hard work and dedication. With the adjustments we needed to make for last school year, I am very proud of our accomplishments. Our students and staff continued to SOAR, and we continued to achieve despite the obstacles! As a school, we continue to strive for greatness, but that does not take away from the victories that should be celebrated, and I am *THANKFUL* to be your leader!

The bell schedule for the start of class (7:00 am) and end of school (2:00 pm) will be continuing to be the same. We are using a modified bell schedule which will have all 7 classes meeting each day Monday, Tuesday, Friday and an Odd/Even block schedule will be on Wednesday and Thursday. The bell schedules will be posted on our website. The time between classes is 7 minutes this year.

Be sure to read the entire newsletter to gather details you need to know:

- The 7-period day will be on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
- 1,3,5,7 (odd days) and 1,2,4,6 (even days) will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- The students first school day is Friday, August 11th. The bell schedule will be a straight 7 period day for that Friday, and we will continue our normal schedule the following week.
- We have many opportunities for parent involvement: booster organizations, student clubs and activities, and chaperoning school-sponsored trips.
- Our continued emphasis on mathematics, science, technology, reading, arts and academies will enhance our student's abilities to be life-long learners and productive citizens.
- Please remember that supervision before/after school and at any school sponsored
  activity is 30 minutes before-to-30 minutes after the end of the event. Please plan
  accordingly to drop off or pick up your child within this time frame.
- Before school drop off and after school pick up is at the front of the school. For the safety of students and orderly flow of traffic, please do not drop off or pick up students at other locations on campus during the time between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. These areas will be blocked off to through traffic and the gates locked.

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#### School Contact Information

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School Fax (863) 648-3573

Attendance Office Fax (863) 648-3018

**Guidance Fax** (863) 701-1131

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# Principal's Message



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• Please contact the Guidance Department and your child's teacher regularly to ensure your child is performing to the best of their ability in all academic endeavors.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Orientation: Tuesday, August 8th at TBD

Please check school website/social media to confirm time of event.

Remember, changes are not made for the sake of change...but to improve results. Our continued success with our programs and policies is the direct result of research and analysis by our staff and community members. We want what is considered the most effective school practices for our students. Working together we can make a positive difference!

Students should be on time and in their classrooms, where they can achieve and excel. Our Mission is to see that each student is "**Prompt, Polite and Prepared**" along with the Vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

**KEEP SOARING EAGLES!** 

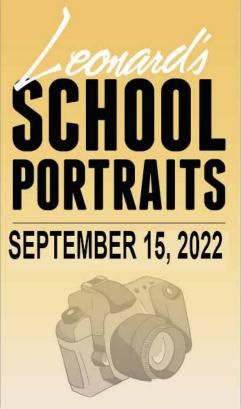
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Don't forget to pre-order your yearbook for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Yearbooks may be purchased with cash or check (made payable to George Jenkins High School) in room 4224 or by a yearbook staff member. Credit and debit card purchases may be made online at www.yearbookordercenter.com, job #0140. Extra yearbooks will not be purchased this year so all orders must be pre-paid.

#### Price until August 8th (Orientation Day)

Yearbook Only → \$75.00 Yearbook, Nameplate & Cover → \$85.00

#### Price after August 8th

Yearbook Only → \$90.00 Yearbook, Nameplate & Cover → \$100.00

#### Senior or Business Ads

Senior and/or business ad in the GJHS yearbook are currently on sale. Do not miss the opportunity to let your senior know how proud you are of them and their accomplishments by placing an ad in the yearbook. The yearbook staff will gladly design your ad and provide you with a proof before publication. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Salas at Jessica.salas@polk-fl.net.

Full Page  $\rightarrow$  \$425.00 Quarter Page  $\rightarrow$  \$150.00 Half Page  $\rightarrow$  \$275.00 Eighth Page  $\rightarrow$  \$80.00

# Underclassmen Picture Day

School pictures for students in grades 9 – 11 will be taken on Thursday, September 15th. The Price packets will be available one week before Picture Day or can be viewed online and purchased at www. leonards.com. Please make sure that your student attends school on this date to have his/her picture taken.













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#### Class of 2024 Senior Portraits

This year our official photographer will be Leonard's Photography. Leonard's will be on campus on the following days to photograph your senior:

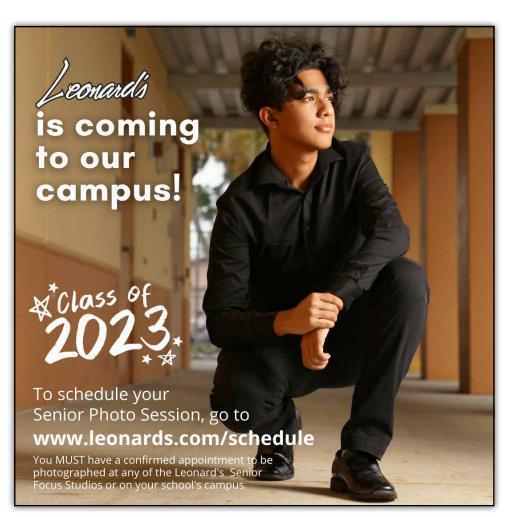
- August 11: 2pm-7pm
- August 24: 2pm-7pm

Sitting fees start at \$15.00 and increase in price based on the session that you schedule. This fee must be paid before the pictures are taken. Make sure to visit www. leonards.com to get more information in regards to sessions that are available. Two weeks prior to each session, you will receive an appointment card. If there is a conflict with the appointment time, please call Leonard's Photography at (800) 215-4852 to reschedule your session.

Please note that to be in the yearbook

your senior MUST take his/ her pictures with Leonard's Photography. Leonard's will also be scheduling photo sessions at their new studio located at 225 N. Kentucky Avenue; Lakeland, FL 33801.











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Support student athletes at George Jenkins High School by joining the All Sports Athletic Booster Club. 100% of the funds support your GJ Athletic Programs. 50% or more of your support will go directly back to the Sport(s) of your choice!

#### CORPORATE EAGLE - \$1,000

\$550 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice

Public address sponsorship announcement at football games

40 All Sport Admission Tickets \*\*

2 Eagle Reserved Parking Passes

3 Student Athletic Activity Cards\*\*\*

(Value of Package is \$1,210)

#### GOLD EAGLE - \$500

\$300 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice

- 30 All Sports Admission Tickets
- 2 Student Athletic Activity Cards\*\*\*
- 1 Eagle Reserved Parking Pass (Value of Package is \$625)

#### BRONZE EAGLE - \$150

\$75 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice

Name on "All Sports Athletic Booster" Recognition Board

- 15 All Sports Admission Tickets\*\*
- 1 Student Athletic Activity Card\*\*\*
- 1 Eagle Reserved Parking Pass

(Value of Package is \$240)

#### SILVER EAGLE - \$300

\$150 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice
30 All Sports Admission Tickets\*\*

2 Student Athletic Activity Cards\*\*

1 Eagle Reserved Parking Pass (Value of Package is \$425)

#### **EAGLE - \$100**

\$50 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice

10 All Sports Admission Tickets\*\*

1 Student Athletic Activity Card\*\*\*

(Value of Package is \$135)

#### EAGLE FRIEND & ALUMNAE - \$50

\$50 Donated to the Sport(s) of your choice

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#### Eagle Parking Pass - \$50

Reserved Parking to All Home 2021 Football Games

\*\*All Sports Admission Tickets are good fo<mark>r an</mark>y home sporting event EXCLUDING DISTRICT EVENTS.
\*\*\*Student Athletic Activity cards allow 10 admissions to any GJHS home sporting event EXCLUDING football (Value \$20).

NAME

STUDENT'S NAME: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

PLEASE MAKE MY DONATION TO THE FOLLOWING SPORT(S):

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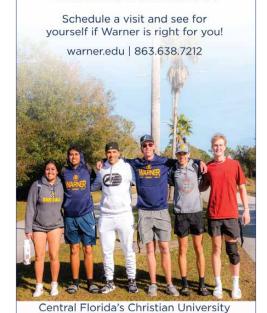
1) Make checks payable to: GJHS Athletic Booster Club, 6000 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland, FL 33813



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#### **Parking Pass** Information

#### Purchase Your Parking Pass for 2023-2024 School Year!

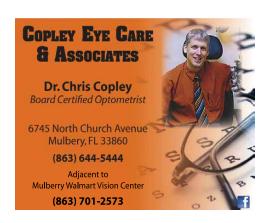
Any student who intends to park on the GJHS campus must purchase a parking pass and display it in the windshield of their vehicle. The cost of a parking pass is \$20 and may be paid in cash or with a check made out to George Jenkins High School (write the student name in the memo line).

Parking passes will be sold on Tuesday, August 1st and during Orientation on August 8th. They will also be available throughout the school year in the front office. Parking passes are on first come basis. Student parking passes will be given out upon purchase. Please print and fill out the form below and bring it with you when coming to pick up your parking pass. We will also have printed copies as well.

> August 1st – Freshman Office Seniors: 10:00 am – 11:00 am Juniors: 11:00 am - 12:00 pmSophomores: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Students/parents will enter the Freshman Academy Office to purchase their parking pass.

For any additional questions, please contact Gavin Osborn – gavin.osborn@polk-fl.net.





#### **GJHS 2023-2024 PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION**

Please bring the completed application, a copy of your driver's license, and a payment of \$20. We are accepting cash or checks only. Checks can be made payable to George Jenkins High School. Student hangtags will be provided at the time of purchase.

PARKING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. Students must drive and park safely in accordance with school policy. Please help us to maintain the safe environment of our school. Warning: After the first week of school, students parking without permits will be in violation of GJ parking regulations and subject to discipline.

<u>Circle Grade Level</u> : 1 Last Name:	2 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> Student ID#: First:	MI:	Class Officer Executive Board
D.O.B. / /	Parent/Guardian:	- 14114	Lxccutive Board
Work Phone:	Cell Phone Home Phone:		CASH
Drivers License Number	er:		CHECK #
Make of Vehicle:	Model:		
Color:	Year: License Plate #		HANGTAG #
**Student Signature:		<u>.</u>	

\*\*Signature indicates that GJHS parking regulations and procedures have been read and understood.

#### All students are expected to follow GJHS parking regulations, including the following:

Parking permits are issued with the understanding that Polk County School Board is not responsible for damage, or loss due to theft. Students may only drive on Campus with a Valid Drivers License. Driving on Campus without a License will result in the Parking Permit being revoked.

\*Parent Signature:

Students must park in their assigned, non-transferable parking space in the designated student parking area (south parking lot or sophomore east lot). Parking on the grass is not permitted. Any violation will result in suspension of driving privileges and possible suspension from school.

When arriving on campus, students are to leave the parking lot area immediately. Students are not permitted to wait in the parking lot for other students. Failure to follow this rule will result in forfeiture of the parking permit.

Also, if students arrive early, they are not permitted to leave campus without permission from the Main Office. Leaving campus without checking out through the Main Office will result in one day out-of-school suspension.

At dismissal, all students must leave the parking lot by the 2:10 p.m. bell unless attending a school-approved, teachersupervised activity or athletic practice.

The speed limit on GJHS campus is 10 MPH, as posted.

Reckless operation of a vehicle will result in disciplinary action and possibly a suspension of parking privileges for a minimum of twenty (20) school days.

Students, by virtue of parking on GJHS campus, are giving permission for the vehicle to be searched for contraband if administrators have reasonable suspicion.

- Any controlled substance as defined in section 5.10 in the Code of Conduct found in a vehicle will result in discipline as defined in section 5.10.
- Any weapons or dangerous objects found in a vehicle as described in section 5.19 of the Code of Conduct will result in possible expulsion from school as defined in section 5.19.

Any violation of student parking rules when on campus may result in a loss of driving privileges for a minimum of 20 days.

OHESTIONS? Call 863- 648-3566. Thank You.









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Football		
Paul Freeman Paul.Freeman@polk-fl.net		
Golf		
Boys: Paul Weaver Paul85@tampabay.rr.com		
Girls: Kirsten Haake kkhaake@gmail.com		
Swimming/Diving		
Jenn Gosline jennifer.gosline@polk-fl.net		
Girls' Volleyball and Beach Volleyball		
Morgann Rodgers morgannrodgers@gmail.com		
Cross Country		
Boys and Girls: Brian Robichaud Brian.Robichaud@polk-fl.net		
Girls Soccer		
Jake Molony jake.molony@polk-fl.net		
Boys Soccer		
John Kilby jonathan.kilby@polk-fl.net		
Girls Basketball		
Marcus Ghent marcus.ghent@polk-fl.net		
Wrestling		
Gavin Osborn gavin.osborn@polk-fl.net		
Boys Basketball		
Kenneth Davis kenneth.davis@polk-fl.net		
Competitive Cheerleading		
Kiley Viggiano kviggiano23@aol.com		

Girls Weightlifting	10/09/23
Nelson Velazquez nelson.velazquez@polk-fl.net	
Softball	1/08/24
Chris Shell Chrisshell57@gmail.com	
Baseball	1/08/24
Alexander Angulo alexander.angulo@polk-fl.net	
Tennis	1/15/24
Cynthia Denner cynthia.denner@polk-fl.net	
Track and Field	1/29/24
Girls: Curtis Williams Curtis.williams@polk-fl.net	
Boys: Brian Robichaud Brian.Robichaud@polk-fl.net	
Boys Weightlifting	1/8/24
John Freeman John.Freeman@polk-fl.net	
Bowling	7/31/23
Matt Townley matt.townley@polk-fl.net	
Flag Football	1/29/24
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#### George's Closet



George's Closet is a clothing and supply closet open to all students for use in room 2115. Recently, we have formed a club called George's Closet Foundation. Our purpose as a club is to bring more awareness to George's closet, increase student involvement in the

community, and to give George's Closet a direction.

The pantry permits student volunteers to help the less fortunate in the school by giving them a marshaled place to receive items like clothes and hygiene items. The volunteers help organize these items and run drives. The bene ts to working in George's Closet are the ability to earn service hours, earn teamwork and collaborative skills, as well as becoming an active member in the community. Service hours are important for scholarships, college applications, and standing out against the rest of the student body. George's Closet Foundation will meet on the rst and third Thursday of the month.

Additionally, the skills mentioned are necessary for the success of our future regardless of your interests. Keep an eye out for more information and our interest meeting around the start of school. If you have any questions, reach out to Mr. Lee Robinson or Mrs. Crosby. (863) 648-3566.



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