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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,

As we continue to progress through this school year, I am proud of the accomplishments and sense of urgency on our campus. We have our days of laughing, caring, crying, sharing, and working together. These moments create our culture of everyone pulling together to make sure each student is receiving the best instruction each day. **As we enter the testing season, I need you to keep encouraging your child to do their very best on every test they take the remainder of the school year and to be present the day of testing.** The results of their scores do have an impact on what courses they can take next year and keeping them on track to graduate on time. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Everyone has read about the different scenarios about the federal and the state legislature appropriating money or not for personnel and programs. Once the budget is finalized, then our District makes decisions with the funds that are allocated to us. We may have to reduce in some areas and tighten our belt in others. I appreciate your patience as we work through this process as it relates to student scheduling.

Although this school year has presented its challenges, I am very proud of how the staff, students and community of George Jenkins High School has adjusted. We continue to excel in all academic, athletic, and co-curricular areas at both the district and state levels. Our students have been involved in various school and community projects that have benefited those in need of assistance. The continued success in all areas of academics, athletics, student performances and club activities are the reasons parents want their child at GJHS. My administrators, staff, students and parents have been very helpful in sharing information that I have needed to make decisions which affect our school.

It is important that you know and understand what is going on at our school. I urge you to become involved at GJHS, be a volunteer, be a substitute teacher, or be a mentor. Maybe you would like to work with one of the many clubs or sports teams, some place or someone is waiting for you, take an active part in George Jenkins High School. You can also stay up to date with activities and accolades on our website, Facebook, and Twitter. I'd also like to encourage you to think about joining our Academic Booster Club. It is our strongest parent organization that supports many things we do on campus throughout the year.

Our mission is each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared...with a vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

KEEP SOARING EAGLES!

Tom Patton
Principal

Polk County Schools Mission Statement

"The mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences for our students that result in high achievement."

News from Student Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2021-2022 school year! Students should be diligent in maintaining grades for their final quarter. Only semester grades, the average of quarter 3 and quarter 4, are recorded on a student's academic record and included in their cumulative GPA. The month of May will include many tests including FSA ELA, End of Course exams, and AP exams. End of course exams will be given in US History, Geometry, Biology, and Algebra 1. These EOC grades will also be calculated as 30% of the final course grade. Be sure to pay close attention to the testing schedule and be in attendance, ready to test on the assigned day.

Seniors: It's your final quarter of high school! Enjoy your last few weeks by attending all your classes and keeping all grades up. FLVS courses must be completed by May 1st to count for graduation and be included on the high school transcript. College Decision Day will be celebrated the last week of April. Look and listen for more information after Spring Break.

Senior class information, graduation, elementary school Senior Walks: stay up to date on the information by visiting our GJ webpage at www.georgejenkinshs.com under 'announcements' on the front page and 'Class of 2022 Senior Information'.

- **Senior Awards Ceremony:** May 12th 6:30pm GJHS Auditorium Invite only
- **Graduation:** Saturday May 21st 12:00 pm

Community Service Updates

Required now is a community service self-evaluation. This is a typed one paragraph summary of the service work experience. This is used to encourage students to reflect upon the service work experience itself. Students will consider the difference they have made in their community.

Documentation for Logging Hours:

- Please be sure to fill in date completely. With month/day/year.
- Time In and Time Out, remember hours may not be done during school time.
- Signature of Agency Supervisor.
- If missing any of the above, hours cannot be logged.

Community Service Plan:

- A plan will have to be filled out for each agency you do community service for. On this form you will need to fill out information about the agency. Student will need to give a description of organization where work will be performed.
- Address social issues the activity will address.
- Answer nine Y/N questions.
- Student and Parent will need to sign each service plan that is turned in.

Not Approved Hours:

- Service that is performed for pay.
- Hours through church related worship or evangelism.
- Hours completed during school hours.
- Meetings of any kind.
- Practice for extra-curricular activities/clubs.
- School music or dramatic production where credit is earned.
- Any donations!

Approved Hours:

- Non-profit organizations
- Libraries
- Viste • SPCA
- Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine
- Special Olympics
- YMCA (non-meetings)
- Polk County School Board

Students are still able to turn in old forms if they have them. Moving forward, we only have the new forms available. Hours for seniors must be turned in by April 15th to count towards Senior Awards. The last day of class will be the final chance for Seniors to submit hours for Bright Futures. Hours turned in past this date will not be accepted. April 15th for Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors to be recognized at Awards Ceremony the following school year. Hours turned in after April 15th will be accepted, but will NOT be acknowledged at awards ceremony. All students are encouraged to turn in hours when completed. This will help with misplaced hours and forms.

Florida Bright Futures:

Florida Academic Scholars . . . 100 hours
Florida Medallion Scholars . . . 75 hours
If you should have any questions or concerns please reach out: emily.higgins@polk-fl.net.

Academic Booster Club

The end of this school year will be here before we know it, but ABC isn't stopping now. We have a few events in the works for the next couple months including a Teacher & Staff Appreciation lunch, Student 4.0 Breakfast and of course the highly anticipated Senior Awards.

We are currently taking requests for next year's committee members. If you would like to be involved next year, please plan to attend the next meeting to get more information. The monthly meetings are a wealth of information. We truly appreciate our Administrators for attending and keeping us up-to-date on all the GJ happenings and accomplishments. Don't forget to bring a friend too!

The purpose of the Academic Booster Club is to promote academic achievement by providing support, encouragement and recognition to our students, teachers and staff. Please consider joining us. Our next meeting is on April 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Media Center.

Connect with us on Facebook: GJHS ABC: gjhsabc@gmail.com.

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SAT and ACT Information

The SAT and ACT are entrance exams that are designed to measure a student's readiness for college. These test scores are required when applying to a public university as a high school senior and for the Bright Futures Scholarship program. They can also be used to meet the FSA English Language Arts and Algebra 1 End of Course exam testing requirements for graduation. It is recommended that juniors start testing in the Spring in preparation for college applications in the fall or meeting the FSA ELA graduation requirement. All juniors will take the School Day ACT on April 19th and should be able to access their scores on the ACT website. Here are the remaining testing dates for this school year. The regular fall testing schedule will resume in August. To register, visit www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
*June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
*June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022

*Current 2022 graduates have through the June test dates to meet Bright Futures scholarships minimum test score requirements.



Knowledge is Power!

Use these resources:

- www.floridashines.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
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SAT or ACT - Which Test is Right for You?

	SAT	ACT
Scoring	total score out of 1600	total scored out of 36
	English and math out of 800	English, Math, Reading and science out of 36
	optional essay – no longer offered	all parts totaled and divided by 4 for composite
		optional essay out of 36 (add 40 minutes)
Time	3 hours	2 hours 55 minutes
Question types	require analysis and critical thinking	slightly more literal and straightforward
Guessing penalty	none	none
English	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, includes charts and graphs 35 minutes, 48 seconds per question	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, no charts nor graphs 45 minutes, 36 seconds per question
Math	Up to pre-calculus, narrow, deep focus - emphasis on problem-solving and application of knowledge, calculator and no-calculator sections No calculator- 20 min, 75 secs per question Calculator – 55 min, 87 secs per question	Up to trigonometry, broader focus, emphasis on straightforward application of knowledge. Calculator permitted on all sections. 60 minutes, 60 seconds per questions
Reading	College-level passages from literature, history, science and social studies, including founding US documents. Emphasis on comprehension, analysis, and use of evidence. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 65 minutes, 75 seconds per question.	College level passages or pairs of passages in the following categories: Prose, Fiction, Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science. Emphasis on comprehension with some analysis. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question
Science	None	Includes reading passages, charts, and graphs. Use of logical reasoning and quantitative data analytical abilities is tested. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question

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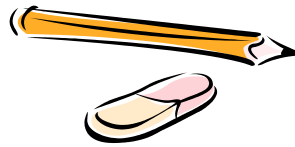
An Associate's Degree May Be Your Path to Success

Former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative is meant to inspire high school students to pursue education after high school whether it's technical education, a community college, or a four-year college degree. Our Florida College System offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree prior to pursuing a bachelor's degree. This path is called the 2+2 system. In Florida, any student who completes an AA degree at a Florida college is guaranteed the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at a Florida college or university.

The Florida College System includes 28 public state colleges and community colleges at 178 sites across the state. An "open-door" admissions policy allows any student with a high school diploma the opportunity to pursue an Associate's Degree. Students are then required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) or submit scores on the ACT or SAT to determine appropriate course placement. College developmental courses may be needed to learn additional college ready skills. The Florida Department of Education defines college ready as a student who has the knowledge, skills, and academic preparation needed to enroll and succeed in introductory college level courses. College ready scores are as follows:

Subject	PERT	ACT	NEW SAT
Reading/Critical Reading	106	19	24
Writing	103	17	25
Elementary Algebra/ Mathematics	114	19	24

A Bachelor's Degree is not needed in every career field to achieve a well-paying job. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, many high demand fields like health care, information technology, and logistics have median salaries over \$55,000 per year for graduates with an Associate's Degree. Many other high demand jobs only require specialized or technical degrees. These programs can offer big salaries without spending big on a 4-year college degree.



AP Exam Schedule

All AP exams will be administered on the GJHS campus according to the College Board's Administration schedule. Students are required to take their exam on the assigned day.

Check in will begin 30 minutes prior to the testing time. Please plan on arriving at the testing location by 7:30 for morning exams and 11:30 for afternoon exams. Students will be excused from all periods of their regular classes on their AP exam day.

2022 AP Exam Schedule		
WEEK 1: Paper, In School at GJHS		
	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2	United States Government & Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 3	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 4	English Literature and Composition	
Thursday, May 5	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Seminar
		Statistics
Friday, May 6	United States History European History	Art History
WEEK 2: Paper, In School at GJHS		
	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Calculus AB & BC	
Tuesday, May 10	English Language and Composition	
Wednesday, May 11	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology
Thursday May 12	World History: Modern	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Friday, May 13	Music Theory	

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Football

Spring Update

January brought a few great changes to the Eagles football program Coach Canning took a step back, although will still be in the Eagle wings and mentoring from the sidelines; we will not be saying goodbye. We are welcoming Head Coach Paul Freeman as he takes on his new role! Coach Freeman is no stranger to George Jenkins High School having taught here for nine years as a PE teacher.

Paul has also coached in our football program at GJ since 2017 as an offensive coordinator, special team's coordinator and defensive coordinator. Previously, Paul coached at All Saints Academy and Ridge Community High School. Paul was also Athletic Director at Winter Haven high school during the 2016–2017 school year where the school won the Ledger's "Athletic Department of the Year". Paul is also a Lakeland community member and has two sons of his own that plan to become GJ Eagles one day. Come out, cheer for the team, and welcome Coach Freeman as our new head coach as he leads the Eagles into their spring game against Celebration High School on May 20, 2022, 7:00 PM at Veterans Stadium.



Upcoming Important Football Dates include:

- Talbot House community donation drive (week of April 4-8)
Football players will be serving the community and bringing donated items.
(List of items needed below)
- Mandatory FALL parent player meeting May 10th at 6 PM GJHS food court
- Golf tournament May 14th 1PM Cleveland Heights Golf Course
- Football physicals June 6th GJHS food court, time TBA

We look forward to a great 2022 football season; see you all under the Friday night lights!

Talbot House Donation Suggestions:

Plastic/Styrofoam Cups	Shampoo	Sugar	ACCEPTED ONLY
Plastic Utensils	Conditioner	Brown Sugar	ON April 8th:
Twin-Sized Bedsheets	Body Wash	Canned Vegetables	Milk
Blankets	Aluminum Foil	Garlic Powder	Heavy Cream
Plastic/Styrofoam Plates	Plastic Wrap		Eggs

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Students wishing to take dual enrollment courses at Polk State in the fall must apply online at www.polk.edu as a dual enrollment student. Once the application is complete, students will receive an email containing their Polk State ID# and information on how to complete the online orientation. Students will also need 'college ready' test scores which can be achieved through SAT, ACT or the PERT. SAT and ACT scores must be sent directly to Polk State through College Board or ACT. The PERT can be taken through Polk State. The application email will have information on how to request to take the PERT online from home or how to schedule to take the PERT at Polk State. A PERT study guide is available on the GJHS website under 'Academics, then 'testing information'. Counselors will share more dual enrollment information in a dual enrollment meeting in the Auditorium in April. Students should check their school email for meeting details. For more information about dual enrollment including minimum GPA, test score requirements and the steps for registration, please see our website at www.georgejenkinshs.com under the 'Student Services'.

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Spring 2022 Assessment Information

In order to receive a high school diploma in Florida, students must meet certain academic requirements which include passing state assessments, specifically the FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and FSA Algebra End of Course (EOC) exams. The FSA ELA has a one day Writing section and a Reading section which is divided over two days. The Algebra EOC is also divided over two days.

In addition to these assessments students are required to participate in the End of Course exam when enrolled in the following courses; Geometry, Biology, and US History. The EOC will count 30% of the entire course grade – which could affect the first semester grade.

All students need to check their school email regularly for important test information.

Below are the dates for Spring testing. **Please make note of these test dates as make up dates are never guaranteed.**

April 5	FSA ELA Writing for 9th grade students.
April 6	FSA ELA Writing for 10th grade students.
May 2	US History EOC for all students enrolled in this course and AP US History.
May 3 and 4	FSA ELA Reading sections for both 9th and 10th grade. (Must have completed the Writing test in April and complete both sessions of the Reading test to receive a score). <i>Juniors and Senior Post-Secondary Exploration Days</i>
May 10 and 11	Algebra and Geometry EOC for all students enrolled in these courses. Must attend both days. <i>Juniors and Senior Post-Secondary Exploration Days unless enrolled in one of these courses.</i>
May 17	Biology EOC for students enrolled in Biology.

Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be given May 2nd – May 13th. Please check with your teacher and the CollegeBoard website www.collegeboard.org.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

Students taking the Algebra or Geometry EOCs should practice using the online calculator and the equation editor. Handheld calculators will not be allowed for these EOCs. This information can be found in the FSA Portal (link below) under Testing Resources. Information about the FSA program can be found at www.FSAssessments.org.

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments.

Practice test are available for students to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the assessment(s). If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.shtml>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**— For Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology EOC assessments, **no handheld calculators will be allowed for any session.**

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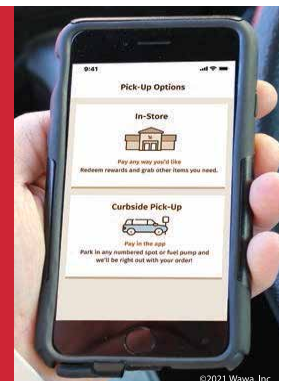
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- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Students’ tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch and/or an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for

him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, these accommodations will be provided for your student.

Per state statute 1008.22 “(3)- STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM- *Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools,*” Per the Florida Department of Education, *state assessments may not be administered remotely.*

Assessment results assist with planning an educational path for your child and provide information regarding the appropriate courses for enrichment or remediation options in a student’s schedule. A lack of state performance data may impact your student with:

- A missed opportunity to meet the graduation requirements necessary for a high school diploma (Algebra 1 EOC and Grade 10 FSA ELA).
- A lower overall grade on an EOC course, because all EOC exams count for 30% of the overall EOC course grade (Algebra 1, Biology, Civics middle school, Geometry, US History high school).

When your child reports to campus for testing, he/she will need to adhere to all district policies, including but not limited to, the dress code and code of conduct.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jody Heady at jody.HEADY@polk-fl.net.

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

We appreciate your dedication to supporting your child’s learning during this unusual year and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

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George's Closet

George's Closet is a clothing and supply closet open to all students for use. 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. Our board is made up with Nadia Rohani, our president, Elizabeth Black and Kirsten Domineck, our vice presidents, and Theodore Murray, our secretary. We have run two drives so far, both in large success. Currently, in the month of March, we are running a men's clothing drive, flyers with more information about donation spots can be found around school. Thank you to the staff who allowed us to set up bins around the campus and to those who donated, all of your help is much appreciated! If you have any questions, reach out to Mr. Lee Robinson or Mrs. Canning at (863) 648-3566.



ART



Please congratulate DJ Bouyie! His art was selected as 1 of 5 from our District to be sent to the Gasparilla Fine Arts Festival! If he wins, there is money and scholarships involved!!

Kaylee Sweet won the Silver Key Award for Drawing and Illustration for our District's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Additionally, she also was awarded and Honorable Mention for her entire portfolio.

National Honor Society News

Students will be receiving letters for membership via email before Spring Break. Please have your students check their emails to see if they will be inducted into National Honors Society. The Induction Ceremony will be in April; the exact dates and times will be in their acceptance letters.