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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.

Here at GJHS we are busy keeping our focus on the academic achievements of our students and the co-curricular activities of everyone to ensure our students success. Our students continue to perform at or above the levels of expectation demanded by the staff and community. We continue to strive to succeed and compete in all areas of academics and athletics. I am very proud of our students, staff and stakeholders as we continue to increase our scores in all areas and be recognized for our community involvement. We want our students to graduate from George Jenkins High School with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career. We are proud to say that being prompt, polite and prepared is a way of life at GJHS.

Recently, I've been writing letters of recommendation for scholarships for students who are not ranked in the top ten of their graduating class. It is with great pride that I write these letters for these students. These are the students who you never hear about getting special awards and are part of that silent majority. It is this group that will one day make the majority of the decisions that will affect our country. It brings me great joy when all my students receive the recognition and awards they deserve. The staff at George Jenkins High School takes great pride in their ability to connect with each student and enhance the student's ability to acquire the needed skills to survive in an ever-changing world.

As I walk the campus and visit classrooms, I see the dedication and professional manner in which our teachers perform their duties and are preparing their students for the AP, EOC, and EOY tests. The demands on my staff grow each year with more time needed daily to do their job. They continue to do an excellent job, despite all the obstacles each one encounters in both their personal and professional lives. **I want to personally thank my staff for their work with our students and each other.**

Our students are engaged in meaningful activities and take part in a varied number of co-curricular activities. **It is even more important now than ever before, that you stress to your child to do their very best on every test they take this year.** With the number of mandatory tests and the importance of each one has varying effects on your child's graduation, schedule and their ability to take part in school activities.

We continue to have opportunities for everyone to be involved here... parents and students. Please check our school website frequently to keep up to date on all activities going on here at GJHS. The teamwork involving my administrators, staff, students, parents, food service, custodial, volunteers and community is what makes **George Jenkins High School!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL!

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

Our elective course registration for the 2022-2023 school year starts on Monday, February 14th. The main academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) follow a District Progression Plan for each subject area which is based on current course, course grades, and testing data in that subject area. Students will be choosing their elective courses using a google document online registration form. This form will open on Monday, Feb 14th, and close on Friday, Feb 18th. Students will have an opportunity to complete the form at school or may choose to complete it at home with their parents. Once submitted, the student will receive an email confirmation with their chosen courses. Students are encouraged to review course choices with their parent prior to making selections but will be able to resubmit their requests through Friday, Feb 18th. Counselors will be available in the Food Court during all lunches for students to ask questions and gain advice on selecting elective courses. All students must submit an elective registration form or their elective courses will be chosen for them.

In May, students will be able to see all their courses that will be scheduled for the 2022-2023 school year on their Student Portal and will receive a printed copy of the requested courses. Any corrections must be submitted to the Student Services Office prior to the end of the school year. Over summer, counselors will turn course requests into schedules. Final schedules will be distributed at orientation. Please remember, we do not have the flexibility to honor course change requests once schedules are complete. Requests for course changes must be submitted prior to summer break.

How to Choose Electives

Elective courses should align with post-secondary goals. Students wishing to attend a four year university after high school should have academic rigor that includes additional AP, academic, and foreign languages courses. Even though foreign language is not required for graduation, two years of the same foreign language is required for admission to a four year university and the Bright Futures scholarships. Additional academic courses include foreign language, science, AP, and social studies courses such as Psychology, Sociology, and Creative Writing. More competitive colleges want 5-6 academic courses per year while other universities are looking for 4-5 academic courses per year. The minimum number of academic courses needed for university admissions is 18 which would be 4-5 academic courses per year. More information on State University System requirements can be found at www.floridashines.org or on each university's website under admissions. Dual Enrollment opportunities allow students to earn college credit while still in high school and offer additional opportunities at academic rigor, especially for students interested in the state college's 2+2 option. More information on dual enrollment can be found on our website under Student Services, and another dual enrollment information meeting will be held in April. Our Career Academies give students experiences and exposure to different career fields. Most offer industry certifications that prepare students for direct entry into the workforce. Students should use these courses to explore career options, build their work resume, make connections with professionals in these industries, and/or prepare for further education in that field of study. For a complete list of courses along with the course descriptions, please refer to the registration page on our website at www.georgejenkinshs.com.

Additional Registration Information for Parents

Counselors will host a lunch and learn online Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 15th from 12:15-1:00 pm to provide parents with more information on the registration process. Graduation requirements, post-secondary planning, and elective selection will be discussed and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Look for the Zoom information link on the registration section of our website, on social media, and in an email to students/parents.

Juniors

Counselors plan to meet with juniors individually in April to review graduation status, post-secondary plans, and other important information. Students will review their requested courses for next year and make changes as necessary. Don't forget about the ACT School day this spring! These ACT scores can be used for college admissions and qualifying for Bright Futures.

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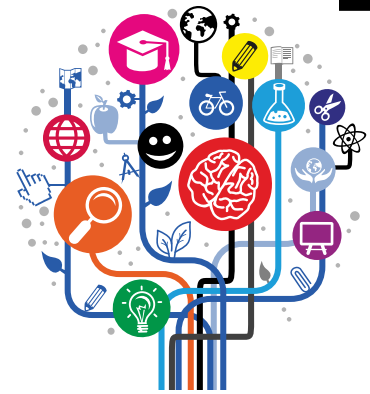
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- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentaid.gov

Seniors

It is now the final semester of your high school careers. Avoid ‘senioritis’! Grades, attendance, and behavior continue to be of high importance. Remember, colleges may rescind acceptance based on semester schedule changes and/or final grades. All courses taken on FLVS/PVS must be completed by **May 1st** to count for graduation and be included on the high school transcripts. Community Service hours are due **April 1st**. Be sure to stay up to date on the latest graduation ceremony information by visiting our GJ webpage at www.georgejenkinshs.com under ‘announcements’ on the front page and ‘Class of 2022 Senior Information’.

Polk Education Foundation Scholarships

The Polk Education Foundation Scholarships are now open!!! All PEF scholarships are local, Polk County donors and 13 scholarships are only for GJHS students. Apply at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/pef/scholarships/> **Online submission deadline is Monday, February 14th at noon.** When the online application is submitted, students must print the completed application, sign, and turn it in to Students Services with their SAR (Student Aid Report from completing the FAFSA) and any other supporting documents by Friday, February 18th. Recipients are announced at the Senior Awards ceremony.

FAFSA

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a crucial component in paying for college. Students who plan on pursuing postsecondary education, whether it be at a university, community college or technical school, should complete a FAFSA. Once the FAFSA is complete, students can work with the financial aid office of the school they are planning to attend to find out their ‘cost of attendance’ and other financial aid opportunities. The official website is studentaid.gov. There is no charge to complete the FAFSA. *If the site requests any form of payment, it is the wrong site!!*

Bright Futures Scholarships:

The Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal Vocational Scholars require specific coursework, minimum GPA, minimum SAT or ACT scores, and community service hours. Students have until the June test dates of their senior year to achieve the required scores. The Florida Financial Aid Application must be completed prior to graduation at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. Please see this website for more information.

What do you want to do when you grow up?

If the average person changes careers 6-7 times in their lifetime, wouldn't it be wise to do some research before choosing a career that's supposed to last a lifetime? The most common reasons for changing a career are disillusionment of the job and not utilizing a person's strengths. With technology changing our work force at lighting speed, it's more important than ever for high school students to research careers that will align with their interests and strengths.

Two beneficial resources available to Florida high school students are Bigfuture by the College Board and the Kuder Navigator through Floridashines at MyCareerShines.org.

At bigfuture.collegeboard.org, students can choose topics in which they are interested, then combine these interests to get career ideas. These career ideas can lead to possible college majors. A plethora of information is available for students to learn more about what careers are out there and how to make career choices.

At MyCareerShines.org can use the Kuder Navigator to complete career assessments and explore careers in areas which their interests, skills, and work values align. Floridashines explains this new tool as follows:

MyCareerShines Kuder Navigator® is an online planning tool made just for students in high school. It gives you everything you need to start planning for your future. You can:

- Assess your interests and skills to connect with careers that are just right for you,
- Explore the extensive catalog of careers to find exciting job opportunities in the dynamic 21st century economy,
- Get information about colleges and financial aid to turn your plan into reality, and
- Create a resume that gets you in the door and moves you up the ladder of success.

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i>	3.50	2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra 1 level)</i>		2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330	
	3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>			
FMS	3 - Social Science	3.00	2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours
	2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>		2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210	

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George's Closet

George's Closet is a clothing and supply closet open to all students. 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 of our President, Nadia Rohani, Elizabeth Black and Kirsten Domineck, our Vice Presidents, and our Secretary, Theodore Murray.

In December, we held a nonperishable food drive; the drive was in large a success, allowing us to receive generous donations of these items and more, which we donated to a local food pantry.

Thank you to the staff, who allowed us to set up bins around campus and to those who donated, all of your help is much appreciated! In March we plan to hold another drive, this time for clothing! If you have any questions, reach out to Mr. Lee Robinson or Mrs. Canning at (863) 648-3566.



Art

The show was the High School "Transcendence" show at the Polk Museum of Art.



Artwork by: Ian Enamorado



Artwork by: Gracie Goodman and Jaden Woehlke

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

Since 1923, this Award has recognized some of America's most celebrated artists and writers while they were teenagers, including Stephen King, Kay Walkingstick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol. We are proud to count her among these esteemed Scholastic Awards alumni!

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Testing

Spring 2022 Assessment Information

In order to receive a high school diploma in Florida, students must achieve academic requirements which include passing state assessments, specifically the FSA English Language Arts (ELA10 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 a two-day period.

In addition to these assessments, students are also required to participate in End of Course Exams when enrolled in the following courses: Geometry, Biology, and US History. All EOCs will count as 30% of the entire course grade – which could possibly affect the first semester grade.

Dates below are tentative for Spring Assessments (at the time this newsletter was in the process of publishing, Testing Schedules were awaiting approval).

*****PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE DATES; MAKE-UPS ARE NEVER GUARANTEED.**

- February 23 & 24** FSA Algebra EOC Retake for students who completed the course but have not met this graduation requirement.
- February 28** FSA ELA Writing Retake for juniors and seniors who have not met this graduation requirement.
- March 2 & 3** FSA ELA Reading Retake for juniors and seniors who have not met this graduation requirement, (you must have completed the Writing session in order to sit for the Reading sessions)
- March 29** ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) English section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.
- March 30** ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) Math section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA and Alg. EOC graduation requirement.
- March 31** ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) Reading section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.
- April 5** FSA ELA Writing for 9th grade students.
- April 6** FSA ELA Writing for 10th grade students.
- April 19** ACT School Day (college reportable – standard time) Students will complete all sections of the test on this day. **ALL** juniors will be scheduled for this test.
- April 26** Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE) for all students taking US Government, including honors and AP.
- May 2** US History EOC for all students enrolled in this course (includes those enrolled in AP US History)
- May 3 & 4** FSA ELA Reading sections for both 9th and 10th grade. (Must have completed the Writing test in April and complete both sections of the Reading in order to receive a score).
- May 10 & 11** Algebra and Geometry EOC for all students enrolled in these courses. Must attend both days.
- 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 <https://fsassessments.org/families.html/>.

Students taking the Algebra or Geometry EOC 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 <https://fsassessments.org/resources/subject-specific/fsa-scientific-calculator> and <https://fsassessments.org/resources/subject-specific/equation-editor-item-tutorial/>.

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One of our important goals at GJ is to ensure every graduate is career ready! In order to make this happen Traviss Technical College was invited to GJ in November to highlight both their Medical and Non-Medical career programs to our students. Seniors were also made aware that we had invited Traviss back to do on-site applications in January and March for these same programs.

On January 7th, several students applied to Traviss' Medical Programs, which are highly competitive. We wish these students success that they might gain admissions to any one of the following: Dental Assisting, Surgical Technician, Medical Assisting or Practical Nursing.

On March 2nd all other graduating seniors will be able to apply on campus for Non-Medical vocations such as Avionics, Automotive, Electricity, Culinary, Cosmetology, Welding, etc. If your senior is interested in attending Traviss Technical for any non-medical program March is the time to apply! Announcements will be made and appointments scheduled. Please call Jane Van Camp in Student Services if you or your student has any questions.

Underclassmen: This is the first year that Traviss has moved their application to the Open Enrollment process which opened on January 4, 2022 and will close on February 18, 2022. Any underclassman (16 or older) interested in attending Traviss as a high-school student needs to apply through the Open Enrollment process found on the PCSB's website. <https://polkschoolsfl.com/schooloptions/>.

GJHS now offers on-site applications for graduating seniors interested in applying to Traviss Technical College



ATTENTION: Students, Parents, Walkers, and Drivers

The safety of our students and staff is always a top priority at GJ!!

Parents: Please use only the **Front Entrance** to the school for **drop off and pick up**. Administrators are on duty every morning to assist in traffic flow.

The Faculty/Bus entrance, Peterson Rd, and the faculty parking lot should NOT be used to drop off/ pick up students.

Walkers: Always use crosswalks, sidewalks and authorized pedestrian gates.

Student Drivers: Please use caution during arrival and dismissal! Be patient and take the few extra minutes to follow the designated traffic patterns.

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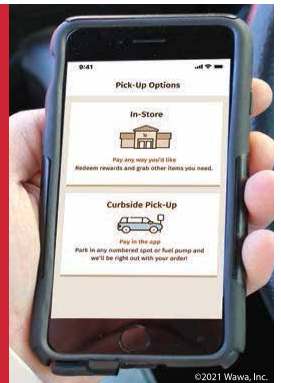
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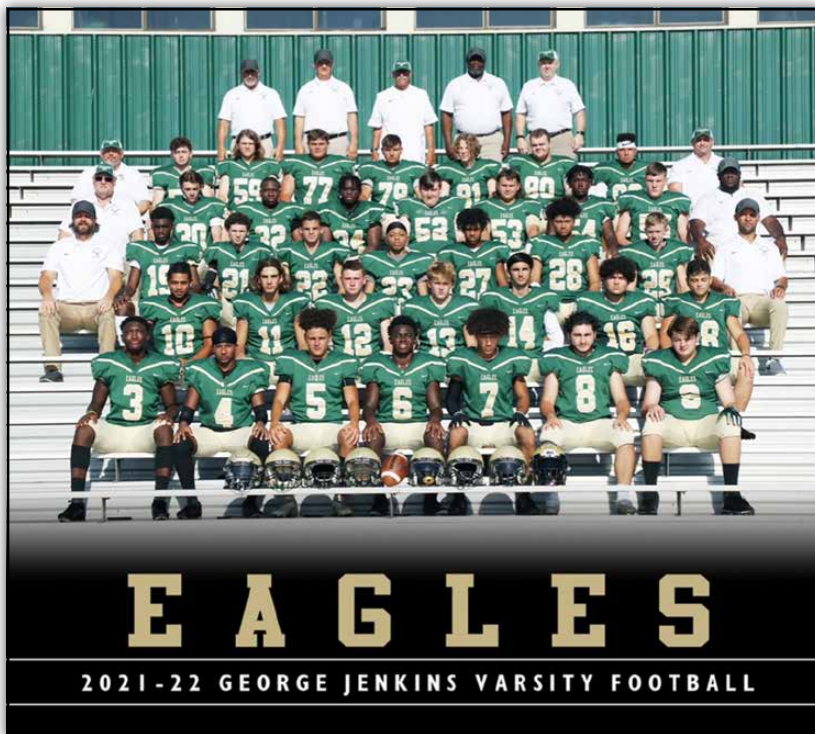
January ushers in the kick off of Football's spring season as the Eagles football team begins weightlifting and training. We are excited as this short important season gets underway. Following weight training, "Iron Days" commence April 4th and run for three weeks. During this time the team concentrates on conditioning and fundamentals with our up and coming Juniors becoming new leaders of our team in preparation for the fall. We have over 20 Juniors returning to lead our 2022 Fall Team and are excited to see their leadership develop.

On April 25, we look forward to the FHSAA allowing official spring practice to begin. Daily practice, Monday through Thursday, commences at GJ where players learn positions and run plays in preparation for the spring game. Emphasis is placed on precision, consistency and sportsmanship. In May, the team will have a green and gold scrimmage in preparation for the annual spring game which will occur later in the month.

To continue to build the sports programs, on February 10th all incoming freshmen will be invited to "Eagle Fest" at GJHS to learn about what sports are offered. Football information will be prominently displayed to inform and recruit new players. Our Eagle Booster Club will be present to explain their volunteer program and answer questions.

On May 14, 2022 as a fundraiser for GJ football, the Booster Club will sponsor their annual golf outing at Cleveland Heights Golf Course in Lakeland. Come and support the team by playing in a foursome, donating items for the silent auction, or donating your time for set up or clean up. Please contact the Eagles Booster Club @ gjfbboosterclub@gmail.com or visit our website: www.georgejenkinsfootball.org for more information.

August can't come soon enough! Can't wait to see you all at Veterans Stadium under the Friday night lights! We look forward to the 2022 season. **Go Eagles, Soar High!**



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