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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.

This year has been a year like no other. We've had to make many changes and our students and staff have been great adjusting! It's hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway point of the school year! With that, our students continue to perform at or above the levels of expectation demanded by the staff and community. We continue to strive, 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 one another.**

Our students are engaged in meaningful activities and take part in a variety of co-curricular activities. **It is 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 having varying effects on your child's graduation, schedule, and their ability to take part in school activities.**

Please check our school website and Facebook page frequently to keep up to date on all activities going on here at GJHS, as well as any updates. The teamwork involving my administration, 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."

Spring Testing

Spring 2021 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.

Below are the dates for Spring testing. Please make note of these test dates as make up dates are never guaranteed. **Note: eSchool students will be tested on campus and need to make arrangements to be at school on test dates.**

- February 22:** March 12: FSA ELA Writing and Reading Retake for juniors and seniors who have not met this graduation requirement. (Exact dates will be determined by February).
- February 22: March 12: FSA Algebra Retake for students who completed the course but have not met this graduation requirement.
- March 2:** ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) English section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.
- March 3: ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) Math section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA and Algebra EOC graduation requirements.
- March 4: ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) Reading section for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.
- March 16: ACT School Day (college reportable – standard time) Students will complete all sections of the test on this day. This test is being offered to *all* juniors.
- April 6:** FSA ELA Writing for 9th grade students.
- April 7: FSA ELA Writing for 10th grade students.
- May 3:** US History EOC for all students enrolled in this course *and* AP US History.
- May 5 & 6: FSA ELA Reading sections for both 9th and 10th grade. (Must have completed the Writing test in April and attend both days of the Reading test).
- May 11 & 12: Algebra and Geometry EOC for all students enrolled in these courses. Must attend both days.
- May 13: Biology EOC for students enrolled in Biology.

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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.

Yearbook News

Last Chance to Purchase Senior Ads/Business Ads

Senior and/or business ad sales has been extended until January 15th. 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	\$425.00	Quarter Page	\$150.00
Half Page	\$275.00	Eighth Page	\$80.00

Yearbooks on Sale

Don't forget to pre-order your yearbook for the 20-21 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. Last day to purchase a yearbook is January 15th.

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ABC

Just as things are adjusting at George Jenkins High School so is the Academic Booster Club. If you have not heard of us before, we are a PTA like organization that provides support, encouragement and appreciation to students and staff throughout the school year.

One of the things we have changed this year is our monthly meeting, which will now be done via Zoom. You can find links on our social media pages and website (listed below). We meet the second Monday of every month at 6 P.M.

Our goals at GJHS have not changed, in fact we are striving to maintain as many of our events as possible. We will still be distributing GPA awards to students for last year. (Remember to hold onto the medals to wear on your gown at graduation.) We will be rewarding 2 senior members a \$500 scholarship. We also held our Teacher of the Year banquet in October.

We hope to be able to continue with many other events but we will need your help. Consider joining us as a member and get up to date information. Members of GJHS Administration are present at our meetings to provide information and updates. You can join by completing the membership form below and mailing or have your student submit to the GJHS main office.



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Boys Basketball

The GJHS Boys' Basketball team wants to acknowledge that we appreciate the support from our local community! Our boys need every opportunity we can give them--outside of this arena, at camps and tournaments—with a chance to grow as athletes and young men. This support makes a real, positive difference for our team. Thank you!

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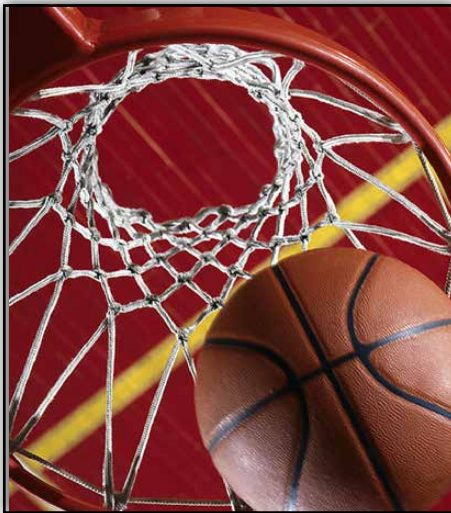


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Welcome to George's Closet.

We take gently used items for our school and community members. We have helped hundreds of individuals and families over the past five years. Please remember us when you clean your closets. You may bring items to the front office and we will take it from there. If you have any questions – please contact the school at 863-648-3588 or email: Donna.canning@mypolkschools.net or Erin.Crosby@mypolkschools.net.

Thank you to Southeastern University (Dr. Cindy Campbell) for the donation and to other community members that have donated this year. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and Happy 2021 from our closet to yours.



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