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

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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,

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. I would also like to say **CONGRATULATIONS** on receiving a school grade of a "B" by the state of Florida. With the adjustments we needed to make for last school year, I am very proud of this accomplishment. Our students and staff continued to SOAR, and we continued to achieve despite the obstacles! As a school, we continue to strive for greatness and the "A" grade, 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 go back to previous years with no staggered arrival or release. 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 Wednesday, August 10th. The bell schedule will be a straight 7 period day the first week. The second week will begin our "regular bell" schedule of 7 period and block days.**
- 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 academics 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.

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.

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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

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Student schedules will be available at orientation on August 8th, and the first day of school is August 10th. Class changes are limited to corrections only. Remember, the GJHS Master Schedule was built on the courses that students selected at registration last spring. When scheduling students, we must adhere to the policies set forth by both the State of Florida Department of Education and the Polk County Schools. Academic course placement follows the District Progression Plan and is based on previous course, course grade, and testing data. The students at the spring registration chose electives.

State assessment scores from the Spring 2022 administration of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and End of Course (EOC) exams are updated in Student and Parent Portal. What does all of the testing mean for your student? Score achievement levels range from 1 to 5. Scores are used partially as a guide for scheduling academic levels. Any student whose score was at an achievement level below 3 must have interventions in their schedule as part of their curriculum.

Principal's Message

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Dates to remember:

- **Upperclassman Orientation: Monday, Aug. 8th (9am – 10:30am)**
- **Freshman Orientation: Monday, Aug. 8th (6pm – 7:30pm)**

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!



Tom Patton, Principal

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 benefits 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 first 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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GJHS National English Honor Society Accolades

New Membership and Visions For 2022-23

Our GJHS Chapter of the National English Honor Society held their Third Annual Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Heralding the Chapter's Motto, "Duty goes with honor," the NEHS Charter carries with it a three-fold commitment to the mission of the founders of the National English Honor Society: to promote mastery of written expression; to encourage worthwhile reading; and to foster fellowship among students who excel in their English studies.

The evening recognized the leadership, community service and writing talents from across the membership. Senior Class President, Sydney Dant, presented Leadership Awards to our 2021-22 Officers: President Madison Altwater; Vice Presidents Isabella Morris and Hailey Murray; Secretary Erica Tateishi; Secretary/Treasurer Laken Campbell; Historian Ryleigh Erickson and Parliamentarian Sydney Stewart. We appreciate and thank you for your dedication, diligence and service to our NEHS Chapter during the 2021-22 school year, and they trained our 2022-23 Officers: President, Emma Abdoney; First Vice President, Sarah Ceranic; Second Vice President, Nolan Fernandez; Secretary, Kelly Granger; Treasurer, Lydia Shi; Historian, Colton McManus and Parliamentarian, Nalanie Davila. Every first and third Thursday, NEHS members will be sporting their new black, blue, gold and white T shirts and inviting guests to our meetings in 19-127.

Only persons with high scholarship in English are admitted to our fellowship. Highlighted student scholars included: Madison Altwater's Presidential Address and Charge; Ryleigh Erickson's National Essay Response to the 2021-22 NEHS Reader, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*; district-advancing poetry from Colton McManus and Madalyn Turner; and recognition of all three NEHS Essayists who won the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. District Essay Challenge: Kelly Granger, Yaneilis Aponte and Ava Winkler. Community Service Awards were given to those scholars who gave *Socktoberfest Socks* (117 pairs were donated to *George's Closet*), food for Thanksgiving Baskets, gifts for our *Adopt-a-Christmas Child*, serving at our *Eagle Fest* tables, and donating books to the *Little Book Bus*. Culminating the evening were recognitions of our four Hall of Fame Inductees: Madison Altwater, Isabella Morris, Ryleigh Erickson and Kelly Granger for their valuable contributions to our NEHS Chapter.

2022-23 GJHS NEHS MEMBERSHIP

* Emma Abdoney	Hadyn Bush	* Kelly Granger	* Colton McManus
Kylie Anderson	Brooke Butler	Kamryn Holcomb	Mae Morris
Jelimar Aponte Nieves	Raynier Campos	Emma Houk	Analiese Moua
Yanelis Aponte	* Sarah Ceranic	Favour Isaac-Egbe	* Lydia Shi
Maachiah Askew	* Nalanie Davila	Riley Joyner	Sarah Strickland
Jacob Blankenship	Morgan Day	Kaylah Lanier	Cynthia Tortorelli
Grace Boatright	Hannah Fairley	Ashlyn Maslyn	Madalyn Turner
Alexa Brooks	* Nolan Fernandez	Hayden McDermott	Kyla Vern

NEHS Meetings

First & Third Thursdays

First Meeting ~ Thursday, September 1, 2022
6:20 AM & 2:05 PM ~ 19-127

Questions?

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Graduation Requirements

All students are required to earn 24 credits to earn a high school diploma including:

- 4 English (ELA)
- 4 Math (must include Algebra and Geometry)
- 3 Science (must include Biology)
- 3 Social Studies (1 World History, 1 US History, .5 Government, .5 Economics)
- 1 Physical Education (.5 Personal Fitness AND .5 any other PE OR 1 credit in HOPE)
- 1 Practical/Performing Art
- 8 electives
- 1 online learning course
- Maintain a 2.0 un-weighted cumulative GPA.

State Assessment Requirements:

Will Update with Legislation Changes

- Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)
 - Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or comparative score on SAT, ACT, PSAT, or Geometry EOC
- Students must participate in the EOC assessments and the results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade. These assessments are in the following subjects:

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| • Algebra I | • U.S. History |
| • Geometry | • Biology I |

Scholar Diploma Designation:

In addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, a student must:

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra II
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology I EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

A student is exempt from the Biology I or U.S. History assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP Biology or U.S. History course and the student

- Takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and
- Earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

Merit Diploma Designation:

- Meet the standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

State University Admissions Requirements

Florida universities have a competitive admissions process. The MINIMUM eligibility requirements for admissions are as follows:

Earn a standard diploma with a minimum 2.5 GPA in 18 academic courses, which include:

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Algebra 1 and higher level courses)
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)
- 2 Academic electives

Earn competitive scores on national college entrance exams:

- SAT or ACT

However, students only earning minimum requirements will not gain admissions to most Florida universities. These schools are also looking for a rigorous curriculum, strong GPA with an upward trend, competitive test scores, a well-written essay, a passionate commitment to extracurricular activities, and leadership experiences. Each school accepts their most competitive applicants. To view each universities average freshmen profile of GPA's and test scores, visit Florida Shines, then 'Go to College' at www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/average-university-freshmen-profile.

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Yearbook News

Class of 2023 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.

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.

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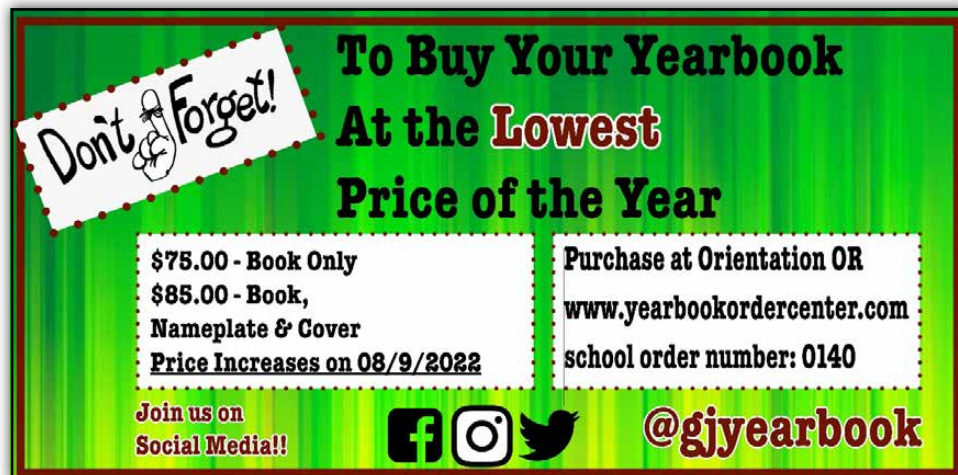


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