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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.

As we near the holiday season and the end of the first semester of the school year 2021-2022 in December, our students must continue to work bell to bell and be on task. Teachers and students are busy preparing for exams and end of semester testing. Teachers are working continuously to make sure all students are prepared to do their very best at all times. This is the time for our students to buckle down on studies for the upcoming assessments in all areas. Teachers are being constantly reminded to provide students with meaningful assignments and to give additional instruction where needed. We have tutoring available after school, just ask our guidance counselors for details. Students are being reminded continuously of the importance of completing work and making wise choices in all areas of school activity both on and off campus. This is the time of year students let the holiday spirit take over a little too early. Help us in stressing the importance of being present, on time with assignments, completing assignments and making good choices. Please remind your child "it's not over, till it's over!" You see on our marquee and hear us say to students, **be prompt, polite and prepared** this is our Mission.

I would like for everyone to take a few minutes to reflect on what you have accomplished up to this point in the school year. What could you have done differently to make a greater impact on yourself, your friends, your school and your community? The choices you make now can and will affect not only yourself, but also those around you. Every choice you make does come with a consequence. Some consequences are more readily seen or heard by others, but never the less, all have an impact. The ability to reflect on your choices and how you could have changed the response, if needed, is a valuable learning tool. You are not always the main person affected by your choice, it may be someone younger or older that you have influenced in a positive or negative way. **Please, make good choices both on and off campus.**

Parents and families of George Jenkins' students, I would like for you to make a special effort this holiday season to talk with your children about the following areas of concern I have for all adolescents:

- Maintaining positive relationships with peers, adults, authority figures and you the parent
- Establishing good habits in diet and nutrition; personal hygiene and physical exercise
- Getting enough rest and sleep to properly function during the school day
- Finding a balance involving school life and personal life
- Becoming a knowledgeable, responsible, nonviolent, caring citizen-contributing to community service or environmental projects, understanding how the government works and participating in it
- Planning and preparing for career
- Earning and budgeting money
- Developing personal goals and interests, including hobbies, clubs and future education plans
- Meeting responsibilities and finding outlets for ideas and creativity
- Appreciating people of different races/cultures
- Encountering and nurturing one's spirituality

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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."

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I know the list is long, but I believe that every one of the topics is important. I want you, the parent, to make it a point to discuss the topics at some point over the long holiday break with your child. Involvement in any of our many clubs, sports, and arts programs improves academic performance, attendance, and discipline issues. We have something for everyone. Participation in these activities enhances school life and looks good on career and college applications. Also, help your child plan and execute community service, which is a requirement for earning *Bright Futures* scholarship money.

If we all stress the importance of these topics, I am sure at some point it will become the norm, our **Mission that each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared** to fulfill our **Vision that each student will graduate with the necessary skills to be successful in college or in a career.**

Just take a few minutes on each topic and see what your child's thoughts are concerning these areas. I believe a little discussion about these items can go a long way in developing a close relationship with your child. Spend your holiday time together. Show your children that you support them in all of their endeavors. Share your knowledge and expertise of your life experiences. We are all in this together, **REMEMBER... YOU ARE AN EDUCATOR TOO.**

**Thanks to all of you and our Business Partners for your continued support of GJHS!
Wishing you a healthy and happy Holiday Season!**

Tom Patton
Principal



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- www.floridashines.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentaid.gov

News from Student Services

We've already completed the 1st quarter of the 2021-2022 school year! The 2nd quarter will end on December 17th. Students should be working hard to earn the best semester grades possible. Only semester grades are posted to student's academic records and included in their cumulative GPA. End of Course Exam (EOC's) will be given in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History in May and will count as 30% of the course grade. Grades in these courses will be re-calculated with semester 1 grade (35%), semester 2 grade (35%), and the EOC grade (30%) for one final course grade at the end of the year.

Students should be taking advantage of assistance offered. All teachers are available in their classrooms after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays to help their students. Parents, be sure to take advantage of the information accessible through Parent Portal. Check student's grades, missing assignments, attendance, graduation progress and more. Parents can also email their student's teachers for the most efficient communication. When first setting up a Parent Portal account, parents must visit the front office or Student Services for the activation PIN. Students can obtain their student portal login ID and password from any of their teachers.

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Senior Class

Attention All Seniors & Parents

It is very important that each senior (and their parent/guardian) is aware of all activities and upcoming events as we move through the year; the sponsors cannot be held responsible if you miss a date or deadline. Please ensure you access the "Class of 2022 Senior Information" webpage on the school's website frequently as events, dates, and times could change. Events and dates are provided under each month and be sure to scroll down to the bottom for additional information concerning senior year prices and contact information. We are looking forward to an awesome year! See Mr. Townley or Mrs. Iatarola with any questions.



Money for College

Colleges have been researched, applications carefully completed, and the wait for acceptance notifications has begun. So while waiting...let's talk money! FloridaShines refers to "financial aid" as money provided by a third party to help students meet the costs of attending college. With most colleges and universities, the financial aid process begins with completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Four types of financial aid are scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study.

Scholarships are free money that does not have to be paid back. They come from a variety of sources including federal, state, institution, companies, and individuals. This money can be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, athletics, programs of study, or other background factors. Each scholarship sets its own criteria and application process. Information on Florida scholarships, including the Bright Futures Scholarship, can be found at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

Grants are also free money that does not have to be paid back. They are usually awarded based on financial need, college cost of attendance, and/or enrollment status.

Loans are money that is borrowed and must be paid back. Student loan programs offer long term, low interest education loans which generally do not have to be paid back until they graduate. Loans should be used as a last resort but can be used as an affordable way to finance education. Federal loans require the completion of the FAFSA.

Work-study is when the student works to pay for their education. This employment can be for the school or community business. Some work study positions are obtained after completing the FAFSA and working with the financial aid office at their college.

Remember... Never pay for a scholarship!!! Beware of scams! Never pay for a scholarship search service and never give out your social security number. When you win a scholarship, the provider will ask for your social security number, as this is required by the IRS for tax reporting purposes. Educate yourself at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams.

Yearbook

Senior or Business Ads

The last day to purchase a senior or business ad in the GJHS yearbook is December 17th. 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
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Testing

Upcoming Testing Information

Contrary to popular belief, testing is still alive and well in Florida. The F.A.S.T. Proposal does not change current statute language regarding graduation requirements and accountability. Unless there is an executive order issued, the current graduation requirements (including the Algebra 1 EOC and ELA assessment requirements) are still in effect. There is more information regarding the F.A.S.T. Proposal at <https://www.fldoe.org/fast/index.shtml>.

We completed our Fall testing in October. Fall EOC and PSAT scores are expected in late November and Fall ELA and ACT Non-College Reportable scores right before Winter break. Scores will be available in the Parent and Student portals within two weeks of receipt, not counting holidays.

In addition, Florida Statute section 1003.4282 states, "Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, students taking the United States Government course or an equivalent course are required to take the assessment of civic literacy identified by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1007.25(4). **Students earning a passing score on the assessment are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment required by s. 1007.25(4).**" Students in the U.S. Government course will take the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE) on **Tuesday November 30th**. Letters will be sent to affected students' school email accounts prior to Thanksgiving break.

Students who still have not met the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement will be provided another opportunity to pass it in December. There are several ways a student can meet the Algebra 1 graduation requirement; Pass the Algebra 1 EOC or the Geometry EOC with a Level 3 or higher or achieve a comparative score on the Math section of an ACT [16], SAT [420], or PSAT [430]. Students can obtain information about upcoming ACT and SAT tests in the Student Services office.

George's Closet

George's Closet is a clothing and supply closet open to all students to 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 Dominick, our Vice Presidents, and Theodore Murray our Secretary. In October, we held a clothing drive in order to collect a large variety of clothing items with an emphasis on jeans, packaged underwear, and jackets. The drive was in large success, allowing us to receive generous donations of these items and more. 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.



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Reach Higher Polk! College and Career Week

The Reach Higher initiative is a nationwide effort to inspire students to pursue education beyond high school. Our Reach Higher Polk! Week inspires to do the same in Polk County and took place November 15th – 20th. Students are encouraged to explore careers and their education pathways. Our goal is to help students make more informed decisions about the post-secondary options. Graduates take one of five pathways after high school: 4 year college/university, 2+2 State College System, technical college, military, or full time employment.

State Universities: State Universities have a competitive selection process. To be eligible for admissions to a state university, a student must meet these requirements:

1. Earn a standard high school diploma with a minimum of 18 core academic courses which are:
 - 4 English
 - 4 math (Alg I & higher)
 - 3 natural science
 - 3 social studies
 - 2 in the same foreign language
 - 2 academic electives
2. Earn scores in reading, math and writing on one of two nationally-recognized college entrance exams: SAT or ACT. SAT - collegeboard.org
ACT - actstudent.org

Admissions is based on the university calculated weighted GPA (academic core courses only), admission test scores, and course selection. The more competitive universities, such as UF, FSU, UCF, and USF, are looking for students with 21 or more academic courses and a rigorous course selection. Students seeking university admissions are advised to take additional academic courses such as Psychology, Sociology, Advanced Placement, higher level sciences, and the 3rd and 4th years of foreign language.

Students are encouraged to use FloridaShines @ www.floridashines.org when exploring post-secondary education plans. The State University System of Florida and the Florida College System includes 12 public universities and 28 public state colleges with hundreds of campus locations. At floridashines.org, students can search these colleges for degrees, majors, locations, tuition, size, admission requirements, and more.

State Colleges & Florida's 2+2 System: State colleges have an "open door" admissions process. To be eligible for admission to a state college, a student must earn a standard high school diploma (or equivalent). Florida is nationally recognized for its highly effective articulation between these state colleges and universities. For instance, in Florida's 2+2 System, students:

- can complete the two year Associate in Arts (AA) degree at a Florida College System institution.
- are guaranteed admission with an AA to at least one of the SUS or baccalaureate granting Florida College System institutions.

- do not need to complete any additional general education requirements to complete the baccalaureate degree.

Florida is strengthening this 2+2 articulation agreement. Universities have partnered with their state colleges to provide direct pathways with specific course work that leads into their university programs. These programs include Direct Connect to UCF and FUSE at University of South Florida.

Technical College: With the high costs of college and the majority of jobs NOT requiring a 4 year degree, the smartest choice may be less college. However, some post-secondary education will push students into the higher paying jobs that are in high demand. The Florida College System which includes Polk State College offers Associate of Science (2 yr degrees), Certification Programs and Technical Diplomas in many of the fastest growing career fields. For more information, visit or polk.edu or www.floridacollegesystem.com/info. Other options are career & technical colleges which include our local Traviss Technical College and Ridge Technical College. These programs include career training in Fire Fighting, Automotive Repair & Service Technology, Construction, Dental Assisting, Electricity, and even some medical programs including Medical Coding, Practical Nursing, and Phlebotomy.

Military options: Through many different branches of the military, there are a huge variety of career options available to high school graduates. Each branch has different requirements for age, physical condition, and education. With five branches including Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, there are full time and part time options. The first step is meeting with a recruiter. This recruiter contact can often be made on our campus during lunches or through our ROTC program. Interested student will also need to take the ASVAB. This is a multiple-aptitude test that measures abilities across several subject areas. Minimum scores are required to be eligible for enlistment in different military branches or for certain jobs within the service. The ASVAB is administered at GJHS every November. For more information go to www.todaysmilitary.com.

Full time employment: While post-secondary education is recommended and needed for higher paying jobs, there are still many careers that offer dependable pay, job growth, and retirement options while only requiring a high school diploma. These jobs often require on the job training, apprenticeships, or state licensure. Some students pursue full time employment to gain life experience, explore career options, or start saving to pay for college. Mrs. VanCamp, our Success Coach, often works with these students to expose them opportunities like Traviss meetings & application assistance, Publix job fair, and Polk State College's Earn & Learn program.

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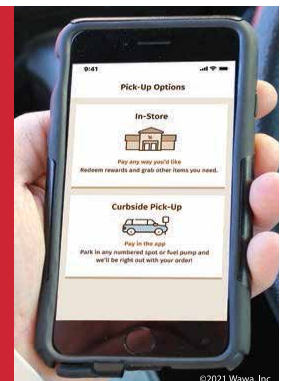
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GREEN (\$500)

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- Announced at every home game
- Social Media Spotlight shout out on all platforms
- Sponsor plaque from team

MAROON (\$400)

- 1.5' x 2' A-frame sign display at home games
- Announced at every home game
- Social Media Spotlight shout out on all platforms
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FRIEND (\$50)

- Donation to team/player

2021-2022 Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent(s)	Site	Times(s)
11/01/21	Bloodhound Classic: Mul/LW	Lake Myrtle	7:00/8:00
11/03/21	Bloodhound Classic: Aub/ASA	Lake Myrtle	7:00/8:00
11/08/21	Lake Wales: JVN	Lake Wales	6:30/8:00
11/10/21	All Saints: •Varsity Only	GJ	7:00
11/12/21	Haines City: JVN	GJ	6:30/8:00
11/16/21	CL - Lake Gibson: JVN	Lake Gibson	6:30/8:00
11/18/21	CL - Bartow JVN	GJ	6:30/8:00
11/30/21	Palmetto: JVN	Palmetto	6:00/7:30
12/03/21	CL Ridge JVN	Ridge	6:30/8:00
12/06/21	CL - Quarterfinal TBD	TBD	7:00
12/09/21	Kathleen: JVN	GJ**	6:30/8:00
12/14/21		GJ	6:30/8:00
12/16/21	CL Semifinal: TBD	TBD	7:00
01/05/22	McKee/ Academy: JVN	GJ	6:00/7:30
01/07/22	CLF1nel TBD	TBD	7:00
01/11/22	Lakeland: JVN	Bryant Stadium	6:30/8:00
01/12/22	Auburndale: JVN	GJ	6:30/8:00
01/14/22	Lakewood Ranch: JVN	Lakewood Ranch	5:00/7:00
01/18/22	JV Tournament: LCS	SW Complex	6:30
01/18/22	LCS: •Varsity Only'	LCS	7:00
01/19/22	JVTournament:TBD	SWComplex	TBD
01/20/22	JVTournament: TBD"	Bryant Stadium	TBD
01/20/22	Freedom: *Varsity Only	Freedom	7:00
01/21/22	JVTournament: TBD"	Bryant Stadium	TBD
	District Quarterfinal	TBD	TBD
	District Semifinal	TBD	TBD
	District Final	TBD	TBD
02/09/22	Regional Quarterfinal	TBD	7:00
02/12/22	Regional Semifinal	TBD	7:00
02/16/22	Regional Final	TBD	7:00
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