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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 Eagle Family,

**What an OUTSTANDING START to another school year!** In spite of the challenges we are facing with COVID, the students and staff are on the right track to make this another successful year. The teachers, students and you (the parents) have been very patient while, Mrs. Emmerling, Mr. Hiers and the Guidance Counselors have worked through the scheduling process as it applies to the Class Size Amendment Law. Class sizes are up in our electives and most core classes are closed. When you have a great tradition, students and parents want to be part of the success.

The campus cleanup with staff and students was a tremendous success with over 70 people here working together. My Administrative team members work hand in hand with testing, safety and security of the campus, and making sure students are engaged in class and learning the skills necessary to make them successful upon graduation.

As I walk the hallways and visit classrooms, the staff and students are reaching the highest academic expectations. All different styles of learning modalities are being exhibited in the classrooms and rigorous questioning and student led discussions to solve problems should be in every class, not an exception. It is a joy to walk in the classroom and see the students actively involved in the learning process. The academic expectations are high.

The continued improvement and accomplishment of higher academic expectations takes a great deal of planning, time, and effort. I am confident that in our working together, we will do "**whatever it takes**" to ensure that every student will reach the highest academic level possible. Our mission is to make sure our students are prompt polite and prepared to meet the challenges they will face upon graduation. Our Vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career is always a part of everyone's discussion with our students.

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

The Student Services office is excited about serving the needs of our students and parents. Our Professional School Counselors follow state and county guidelines to assist students in meeting graduation requirements, planning for college or careers, and achieving personal/social growth and wellness. Our team works together to ensure all students graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career. Use our GJHS website at [georgejenkinshs.com](http://georgejenkinshs.com) to stay current with news and information.

Emily Higgins ([emily.higgins@polk-fl.net](mailto:emily.higgins@polk-fl.net)) is our Student Services Secretary. She will gladly assist with transcripts, student records, and community service.

Mrs. Robinson ([janet.robinson@polk-fl.net](mailto:janet.robinson@polk-fl.net)) is our Registrar and Terminal Operator. She will assist with registration, demographics, and student transfer information.

Students are assigned a counselor based on their last name. Counselor alpha assignments are as follows:

### Students in grades 9-11:

- A - Cl: Brenda Jackson: email - [brenda.jackson01@polk-fl.net](mailto:brenda.jackson01@polk-fl.net)
- Co - F: Laura Chancey: email - [laura.chancey@polk-fl.net](mailto:laura.chancey@polk-fl.net)
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- Si - Z: Lizzett Martinez: email - [lizzett.martinez@polk-fl.net](mailto:lizzett.martinez@polk-fl.net)

### Senior counselor assignments:

- A - Be: Deborah Wilk
- Bi - F: Laura Chancey
- G - J: Deborah Wilk
- K - M: Megan Figarella
- N - U: Darius Jones
- V - Z: Megan Figarella

## SAT Test Dates

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Nov 6, 2021 . . . . .	Oct. 8, 2021 . . . . .	Oct. 26, 2022
Dec. 4, 2021 . . . . .	Nov. 4, 2021 . . . . .	Nov 23, 2021
March 12, 2022 . . . . .	Feb 11, 2022 . . . . .	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022 . . . . .	April 8, 2022 . . . . .	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022 . . . . .	May 5, 2022 . . . . .	May 25, 2022

## ACT Test Dates

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline
Oct. 23, 2021 . . . . .	Sept. 17, 2021 . . . . .	Oct. 1, 2021
Dec. 11, 2021 . . . . .	Nov. 5, 2021 . . . . .	Nov. 19, 2021
Feb 12, 2022 . . . . .	Jan. 7, 2022 . . . . .	Jan. 21, 2022
April 2, 2022 . . . . .	Feb 25, 2022 . . . . .	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022 . . . . .	May 6, 2022 . . . . .	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022 . . . . .	June 17, 2022 . . . . .	June 24, 2022

# Class of 2022

## Senior Information

Attention All Seniors and 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.


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*Student Services continued...*

## Upcoming Parent Nights, Classroom Presentations and Student Conferences

**GJHS Financial Aid Night/FAFSA & Bright Futures lab – Tuesday, October 19th** in the GJHS Food Court from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Seniors and their parents should come ready to complete the free federal financial aid application and a financial aid advisor will be available to help. Over \$24 billion of financial aid goes unclaimed each year. Seniors, don't miss this opportunity to get your financial aid process started!

**GJHS Senior Night:** On **September 22nd**, we held our first annual Senior Night. Links to the information presented at this meeting will be on our website. Students and parents received information on graduation, senior activities, yearbooks, college application process, post-secondary planning and financial aid. For the most up to date information, refer to the 'Class of 2022 Senior Information' link under Announcements on the main page of our website.

Senior conferences will take place during the month of October. Students should refer to their school email for a link to sign up for their preferred date and time. When the time/date is selected, the student will receive a confirmation email that can be used as a pass to attend the conference. Please review the Senior Conference Packet on the Student Services section of the GJHS website to see what will be discussed and have your questions ready to ask your counselor.

**Parent Night for Freshmen & Sophomores – Tues, Oct 5th 6:00 – 7:00 pm:** Our School Counselors are hosting a Zoom parent night for 9th and 10th grade students & parents. Mark the calendar for Tuesday, October 5th and join this Zoom meeting for information on graduation requirements, post-secondary planning, grade point averages, high school courses, and making the most of the high school experience. Look for links to this Zoom meeting on our website, social media, and emails to parents and students.

**Freshmen & Sophomore Classroom Presentations:** Similar to the Parent Night for Freshmen & Sophomores, on Monday & Tuesday, **September 27th and 28th** School Counselors will meet with all 9th and 10th grade students in their English classes. Students will get a basic GJHS 101 lesson and gain valuable information about graduation requirements. We are excited to welcome and get to know our Class of 2024 and Class of 2025!!! Please check our website to view the presentations for each class.

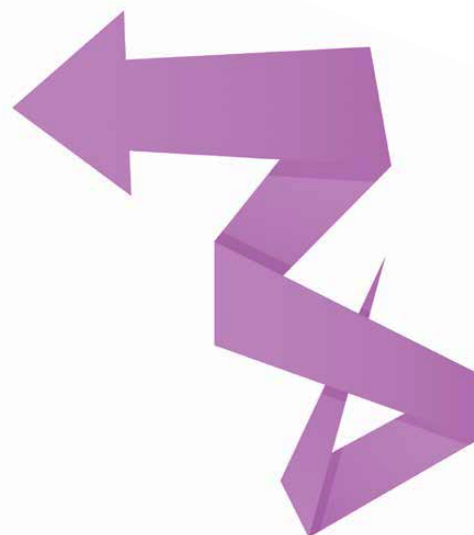
**Juniors:** Individual junior conferences will take place in the spring. For now, sign up for the PSAT!!! It will provide the best test preparation to start taking the SAT & ACT in the spring. For college & career planning, preview the Senior Night information to be familiar with post-secondary options.

**Juniors & Sophomores: PSAT is coming, October 13th!!** The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test) will be administered on Wednesday, October 13th at GJHS during 1st and 3rd periods. The PSAT, from the College Board, the same company that creates the SAT and AP, is a comprehensive program that helps put students on the path to college. It measures critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills and is the best indicator of how a student will perform on the SAT. This test is important to juniors as it is the only qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship Programs. Taking the PSAT gives students access to SAT practice with College Board and Khan Academy. This test preparation is free and personalized based on the PSAT results. All sophomores will be tested without fees. Juniors (who have met the Algebra EOC requirement) are required to register and pay for this test with Ms. Sengsouvana in Room 1151. Payment of \$18.00, check, cash or money order, must be received upon registration. Please bring exact change or make checks payable to GJHS. Emails will be sent to students from College Board when their test scores are available to access online. For more information, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

Use these resources:

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- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
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## Testing Information

### Information for Upcoming Tests

By the time you read this we will be wrapping up Fall FSA ELA and EOC testing. Test results should come in before Winter break. When scores are released they will be uploaded and available in the Parent and Student Portals within two weeks of receipt. Instructions to access your scores can be found on the GJ website under "Important Links".

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered once this year on October 13th. All sophomores will be scheduled for this test. In addition, the District will be paying for all juniors and seniors who have not met their Algebra EOC graduation requirement. A score of 430 on the Math section will satisfy this requirement. Any Freshman who has taken but not passed the Algebra EOC may request to take the PSAT/NMSQT and pay the \$18 test fee. In addition, any junior who would like to take the PSAT/NMSQT to compete for a National Merit Scholarship may also pay the \$18 fee and request to test. You may send your request to sarah.sengsouvananna@polk-fl.net to register.

The ACT School Day NCR (non-college reportable) test will be administered to all seniors who have not yet met their ELA or Algebra EOC graduation requirements. There is no fee and no registration required. No other students may take this test. All students will be provided triple time. No College Board approved accommodations will be allowed. Tests must be taken in order. English - October 19; Math - October 20; Reading - October 21.

## George's Closet

Welcome to the 2021-22 George's Closet information. We are a full closet of clothes, school supplies, shoes, shampoo, soap, deodorant and other necessities. If you want to donate clean clothes or anything else, please bring to the front office. Everything is for FREE in our closet. WE HELP OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY ON A DAILY BASIS. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Canning or Erin Crosby at 863 648-3566.



## Community Service

### Need Community Service Hours?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Polk County Needs YOU!  
Fore the Kids Golf Tournament  
Lone Palm Golf Course  
Monday, 10/18/2021 (Student Holiday)  
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## GJQ

GJQ is looking for sponsors to help the students practice their cooking and BBQ skills. With upcoming caterings and competitions, the students are becoming certified in safe food handling and how to cook various types of meats on various types of fuels. The students will also be holding a pulled pork and YETI fundraiser on Saturday, December 4th at The Old South Country Market on South Florida. If you would like to contribute to the growing successes of these students with any financial or product donations, please contact Matt Townley (matt.townley@polk-fl.net) or Carl Griffith (carl.griffith@polk-fl.net).

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## Key Club

**Key Club** is a service organization opened to all students at George Jenkins High School. Key Club International is the world's largest high school service organization with a membership of nearly 245,000 members in 24 nations and geographic areas. Almost 5,000 high schools make Key Club part of their school. Although primarily a service organization, Key Club strives to produce well-rounded students. Service to school and community, and the enrichment of personal ideals are the basic goals of this organization.

- Annual GJHS Key Club dues: \$25.00. Submit a completed application to Mrs. Chancey in student services no later than Friday, October 1st.
- Text: 810-10@GJKeyClub
- Next Meeting: October 12th at 2:05 in the Media Center

## FFA

George Jenkins FFA Nursery and Landscape team won the state FFA career development event last spring and qualified in the top 50% of all state winning teams across the U.S. The team will compete in the National FFA Nursery and Landscape finals next month in Indianapolis Indiana. Some of the practicums they are preparing for include plant, insect and tool ID, team activity, written response to customers, knowledge test, equipment operation and troubleshooting, landscape drawing interpretations, plant installation, plant propagation, irrigation installation and repair among a host of others. The team members include Ally Keim, Aiden Comisky, Taija Santos and Benjamin Williams. The advisor is Kyle Carlton.

## Academic Booster Club

Thank you to everyone who has joined ABC so far this year. ABC is open to all students, staff and parents, similar to a PTO. With the help of your membership, we are able to provide many student and teacher incentives and awards throughout the year. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Media Center at 6:00 pm with our next meeting on October 11th.

### Current projects include:

- Hosting the Teacher of the Year Banquet and Breakfast
- Selling PDQ fundraiser cards (purchase for \$7, worth \$10)
- Watch for an announcement about our online store opening soon for GJ shirts
- October 27th (early release day) – Spirit Day at Panda Express – just mention GJHS ABC

Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and feel free to email us with any questions you may have about how to join and get involved!

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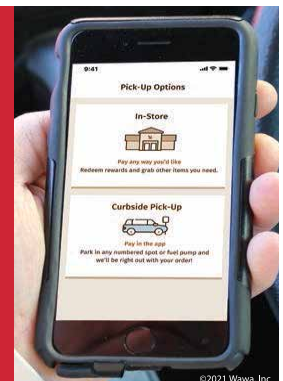
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## Yearbook News

### Picture Day

Underclassmen students (9th- 11th) took their school pictures on September 16th. If your student missed this opportunity or wants to retake their picture, retake day is scheduled for October 21st. Retakes are for students that previously purchased their pictures and are unsatisfied with them or were absent on September 16th. Original picture packets must be returned if the student would like to retake their picture.

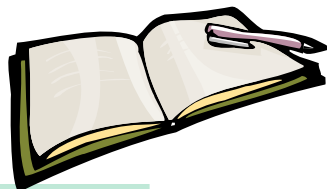
### Did You Forget to Purchase Your Student's Pictures?

Pictures are available for purchase online at [www.leonards.com/order? No=C54841](http://www.leonards.com/order?No=C54841) and just search by school name: **George W. Jenkins High School**

### Senior or Business Ads

The last day to purchase a senior or business ad in the GJHS yearbook is November 19th. 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](mailto:Jessica.salas@polk-fl.net).

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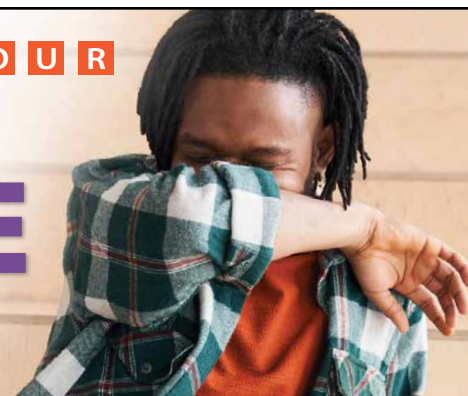


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