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GIBBS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

MALYSSA OLLAR

Class of 2024
Gibbs High
Valedictorian
GPA: 4.5172



Motto or Message:

Congratulations to all of my fellow classmates on the incredible accomplishment of graduation! These last four years have allowed us all to create the best out of the worst, grow, and forge unforgettable bonds, in and outside of the classroom. Stay curious, share your passions, and be kind to one another as everyone's journey continues.



Future Plans
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MARCUS RIDEOUT

Class of 2024
Gibbs High
Salutatorian
GPA: 4.4839



Motto or Message:

While it may seem easy to give up, by persevering you prove beyond anything that you were there. Don't let fear of failure cause you to sideline yourself from life.



Future Plans
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<https://bit.ly/3Tjk9QY>

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Staff dressed like our students and celebrated throughout the week with food and games.



GIBBS COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



BETA NEWS

Business leaders at St. Petersburg College are establishing new entrepreneurial programs and a startup incubator at our school to help youth and professionals find success in an evolving economy.

The college is partnering with our BETA program (Business, Entrepreneurial and Technology Academy) to establish a startup incubator at the South St. Petersburg institution. The Florida Department of Education provided a \$100,000 Entrepreneurship Education and Training Grant to fund the ambitious initiative.

Three businesses founded by some of our students are now "up and running" and recently competed in a pitch competition for seed funding. Those include Jeanette's Place, founder Malayah Williams, which offers homemade body scrubs and sanitizers. NaturallieAmerie, founder Amerie Akuffo, creates hand-crafted crocheted hats and other unique items, and 3ternal, founder Brandon Perkins, sells adjustable urban clothing for young adults.



CHECK OUT PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

Parents requesting early check out of their student should call the school at 727-893-5452 ext. 2000 for the student to get a permit to leave slip. If you come in, please understand that we do need time to get your student for you. It is important that we check driver's license of anyone picking up your student early from school. Anyone picking up a student should be on the students Focus record. This is done to ensure the safety of the student. After 1:25 pm there will be no student dismissals from school.

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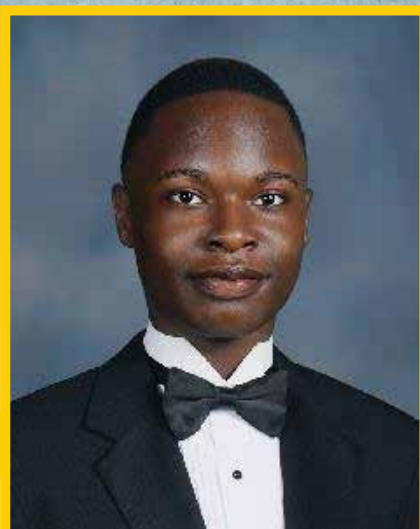
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Offices in Seminole & St. Pete

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Travis Pittman –Gibbs High School ----
Turn Around Student Winner 2024

Jacob Daniels ---Florida Class 4A
Nomination for State
Basketball Player of the Year
(not pictured)



RESOURCE GUIDE

HOUSING ASSISTANCE:

- Salvation Army – Emergency Shelter 727-230-1578
- St. Vincent de Paul – Family Shelter Program 727-896-3300
- H.E.P. (Homeless Empowerment Program) 727-442-9041

FOOD PANTRY:

- Salvation Army – St. Petersburg & South Pinellas County 727-822-4954

CLOTHING:

- Gibbs Grab n Go Boutique 727-893-5452
- Clothes To Kids – St. Petersburg / Clearwater 727-441-5050

COMMON RESOURCES:

- Health Department 727-824-6900
- Pinellas County Urban League 727-327-2081



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BRIGHT FUTURES VOLUNTEER SERVICE/ PAID WORK

- To be eligible to receive one of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Awards, students must complete either volunteer service hours or paid work hours.
- Beginning with the class of 2023, students may now use work hours in lieu of service hours.
- Service and work hours can now be combined.
- Both work and service hours must be completed with an agency, company, organization or business where they can be verified.
- Students must be in high school (summer before 9th grade is acceptable).
- Additional information can be found: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3554>

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

<https://www.pcsb.org/financialaid>

CREDIT RECOVERY

- APEX
- During school/After school
- Tests and quizzes are done on campus
- Lessons can be completed from anywhere

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

December/January

- MOST Applications should be complete
- Complete and submit your community service hours by January of your graduating year.
- Florida Virtual School Grades due for graduation requirements
- Make any necessary schedule changes for graduation requirements ONLY
- Request Mid-year transcript/report in Naviance by January 31st

College Application Steps

- Register with and Create a Common App Account at CommonApp.org
- On Common App:
 - » Add High School Information
 - » Add at least one college
 - » Review and Accept FERPA Release Authorization
- Match your Common App account to Naviance
- Add any non-Common App colleges to Naviance "Colleges I'm Applying To" list
- Select application method and deadline for all non-Common App colleges
- Request materials for ALL college applications in Naviance
 - » Transcripts
 - » Letters of Recommendation



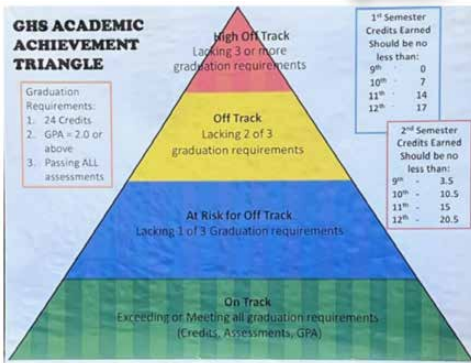
SCHOOL RESOURCES

The College and Career Centers are the hub of information and support for students and families. Working in collaboration with school counselors, the College and Career Center teams provide individualized and targeted assistance to navigate the college-going process.

College and Career Readiness School Coordinator – Ms. Romeka Oglesby located in 1-138

- [ACT/SAT](#)
- [Admissions and Application Support](#)
- [College Exploration and Match](#)
- [Essay Support](#)
- [FAFSA Support and Completion](#)
- [Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- Naviance support
- Common App support

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELORS

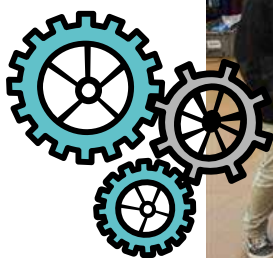
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METAL HEAD ROBOTICS (MHR) CLUB

Mentors Evan Johnson, Mr. Louis Lizima, Mr. Jacob Thompson, Mr. Stephen Kowski, and Mr. Deonte Thompson of the Dreamfaith Foundation assisted the students from the STEM club, Metal Head Robotics (MHR), build and program robots capable of driving, ring in-taking, launching, and making an autonomous start. The STEM club met three times a week, and occasionally on Saturdays to complete assembly of robots.

We arrived at the First Robotics Competition (FRC) at the Tallahassee Regional with 14 of our students and despite competing against 38 experienced teams, some of which have existed for over 25 years, we won 3 of 10 matches and placed 38th out of the 44 teams. Our students did such a fantastic job that they were awarded the Judge's Choice Award!

On behalf of the club, we are so thankful for the opportunity to participate in the FRC. We are extremely proud of the work that we're doing, and we look forward to building upon these successes.



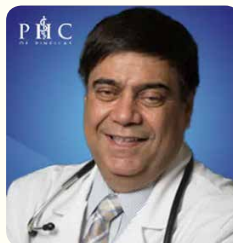
Fresh Food Pantry

- Pantry is available to ALL students and staff
- Food Security survey is optional but important! The data documents food needs in our student population and helps secure continued funding
- Items in the pantry include a variety of frozen meats, canned goods, bakery items, fresh fruits and vegetables
- Items in the pantry are provided by St Pete Free Clinic in partnership with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- Distributions of prepacked bags and choice items are every Friday at dismissal
- The pantry is in room 2-155 in hub three next to the bus circle
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Contact Mrs. Scott or Mr. McKillop with any questions



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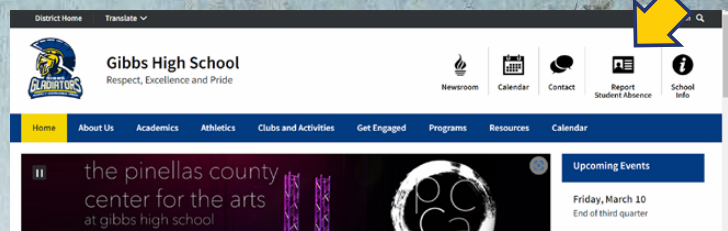
REPORTING ABSENCES ONLINE

DID YOU KNOW???

Families can log on to our school's website at www.pcsb.org/gibbs-hs and report your child's absence that day.

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Along with calling the school, or your child's teacher, sending in a note from home or from the doctor; you can also go online at our website above and report your child's absence. Our families can also attach a doctor's note when reporting a medically excused absence online, or any other documentation. Use the link above and in the top right corner, you will see an icon that says Report Student Absence. The top of the website looks like this with the icon on the right.



Click on the icon and it will direct you on how to report your student's absence. The page will look like this one below. Click on the blue circle and it will create an email to the school directly.



Don't forget to include your student's name, date of birth, grade, date absent and the reason when reporting.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12) STUDENTS

Mid Period Report (for those students needing a mid-term report, see note below)	End of Report Period	# of Days	Final Grades	Report Cards
Tuesday September 12, 2023	Friday October 13, 2023	45	Friday - 4:00 p.m. October 20, 2023	Thursday October 26, 2023
Tuesday November 14, 2023	Thursday December 21, 2023	43	Friday - 4:00 p.m. January 12, 2024	Thursday January 18, 2024
Tuesday February 6, 2024	Friday March 8, 2024	42	Friday - 4:00 p.m. March 22, 2024	Thursday March 28, 2024
Monday April 22, 2024	Wednesday May 29, 2024	50	Thursday - 4:00 p.m. May 30, 2024	Tuesday June 4, 2024

Note: Mid-Term Progress reports are distributed to high school and middle school student who have a current grade of D or F. Some schools choose to send Mid-Term Progress Reports to all students. Midterm grades are not entered into Focus.



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- ▶ Telehealth Options





GIBBS HIGH BASKETBALL COACH RECEIVES 'COACH OF THE YEAR' TITLE

Gibbs High School's boys' basketball coach Larry Murphy was named the 2024 Florida Dairy Farmers Boys Basketball Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

Murphy led Gibbs to a 27-5 record and the Class 4A state championship this season, the program's first state title since 1969.

"It's quite an accomplishment to be recognized by your coaching peers in the whole state of Florida," said Murphy, who has been the head coach at Gibbs for 20 years. "It took all of us - great assistant coaches and a winning team. It's been amazing to be honored for all the hard work."

Murphy credits his team and the group of assistant coaches for allowing him to be so successful and says his relationship with his players doesn't end on the court.

"I have a great relationship with the players," Murphy said. "They know for me, it's not just about basketball. It's about teaching them life skills and about becoming great young men."



PCCA THESPIANS

PCCA Thespian troupe 3756 participated in dance, vocal and acting workshops by Broadway artists and competed in various performance events and critiqued Main Stage shows.

Superiors were awarded for representing District 4 in the opening Ceremonies Critics Showcase in "Sweeney Todd" Large Group Musical at the Straz' Morsani Hall, Superiors in Solo Musical for Sophia Bryant & Za'Naisha McGuire, Superior in Duet Musical for Helena Casey & Madison Plummer, Superior in Ensemble Acting for Alana Hogan, Lily Robic and Noemi Tilky.

Excellents were awarded for Student Choreo to Gabby Madera, and Ensemble Acting for Cory Diaz, Aiden Kaiser, Madison Plummer, Eli Gilchrist.


The four-day festival was capped off with the news that Za'Naisha McGuire was selected as Judges Choice (Best in Show) for Solo Musical and performed at the Straz's Ferguson Theatre in the closing Showcase and Alana Hogan was awarded the esteemed Debra Barnum Scholarship! Lily Robic stage managed opening and closing showcases with professionalism and grace.








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ABOUT

Jonathan C. Gibbs High School has 1140 students in grades 9-12, five administrators, 80 teachers, and 48 staff members. The mission of Jonathan C. Gibbs High School is to create a collaborative environment where our scholars will display Respect, Excellence, and Pride. Jonathan C. Gibbs High School is named after Jonathan Clarkson Gibbs; he was the first African American Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction in Florida during reconstruction. Gibbs High School is one of the oldest schools in Pinellas County; it has over nine decades of dedicated service to the St. Petersburg Community and Pinellas County Schools.

POINTS OF PRIDE

The Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs is a nationally recognized magnet program for the performing and visual arts. PCCA trains students interested in pursuing an arts profession and instills an appreciation for the arts in those who choose other careers. Designed as a four-year course of study, each arts area has its own course offerings designed to hone their skills and train them for their careers. As a college preparatory program, a plan is implemented to secure scholarships and is an integral part of the experience. Colleges, universities, and conservatories visit to audition and recruit students. The PCCA Class of 2022 earned over 3.3 million dollars in scholarships.

Gibbs High School's Business Entrepreneurial Technology Academy (BETA) is a magnet program specializing in the areas of Business and Technology. Our scholars graduate with one or more Industry Certifications in their respective pathways. BETA scholars participate in FBLA competitions and always place in district, state, and national rallies. Many BETA scholars graduate as members of the National Technical Honor Society, among other accomplishments in academics, business, and technology.

SPECIAL SERVICES & PROGRAMS

- Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program at Gibbs High School earned "Honor Unit with Distinction."
- Gladiator Battalion has 154 student-cadets and is one of seven Army Programs in the county.
- Gibbs High School 3DE Program focuses on 6 competencies: Effective Collaboration, Engaging Communication, Critical & Analytical Thinking, Self-Direction, Cultural Agility, and Creativity & Innovation.
- Gibbs High School AVID Program works to close the achievement and access gap by inspiring, challenging, and supporting all scholars.

