

# GIBBS

OCTOBER 2023 ISSUE 1

# GLADIATOR GAZETTE

Respect, Excellence and Pride

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Gladiator Community,

Welcome to the Jonathan C. Gibbs High School 2023-2024 school term and the second year of the critically acclaimed newsletter The Gibbs Gladiator Gazette. The Gladiator Gazette will continue to serve as our added means for communicating celebrations, important updates, current, and future events.

So far, our year has started remarkably well, our scholars are extraordinary, quality instruction and learning are taking place daily. This year we are also working extremely hard to enhance the scholars experience on our campus. Our clubs are planning events around campus to heighten the scholar engagement and participation throughout the classroom. Our mantra of Respect, Excellence and Pride is gleaming throughout our campus.

My wish is that you thoroughly enjoy our Gibbs Gladiator Gazette and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. **Have a wonderful day and Gooooo Gladiators!**

Respectfully,

*Barry Brown*

Principal



### Principal

Mr. Barry Brown

### Principal Secretary

Ms. Santana Bauford

### Assistant Principals

Mr. Derek Weston

Ms. Nicole Johnson

Mr. DeJuan Patrick

Mr. Michael Machado

### School website

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## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



**Teacher of the Year**  
**Ms. Georgia-Stein**



**Emerging Teacher of the Year**  
**Ms. Olivardia**



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**Ms. Bauford**



## HOCO 2023

The Jonathan C. Gibbs High School  
2023 Homecoming King & Queen,  
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- 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
  - Emergency situations can be addressed anytime, contact Mrs. Scott

*Contact Mrs. Scott or Mr. McKillop  
with any questions.*



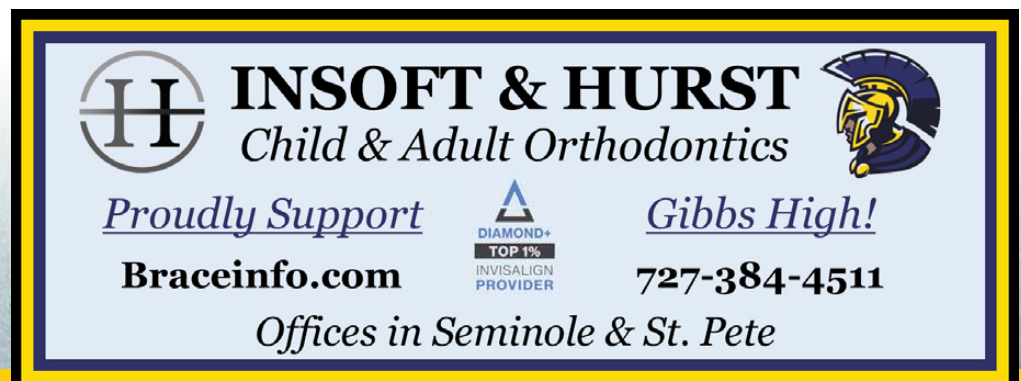
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## BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to all business partners for your support. If you like to become a business partner with Gibbs HS, please contact Romeka Oglesby, School Coordinator – College and Career Readiness at 727-893-5452 ext. 2313 or oglesbyr@pcs.org.

Partnerships can include businesses or community members such as retirees, college students, service organizations donating time, talent or financial resources to our school.





# 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.

## PCCA EVENTS

October 10 . . . . . Fall Instrumental Music Concert, 7 PM in the Grande Theater  
 October 17 . . . . . Fall Gibbs High Band Concert, 7 PM in the Grande Theater  
 October 19 . . . . . Fall Choral Concert, 7 PM in the Grande Theater  
 October 25-27 . . . . . Fall Musical- "Parade" at 7 PM in the Experimental Theater  
 October 30 . . . . . Guest artists, "U.S. Navy Commodores" in concert- 7 PM  
 November 3 . . . . . Freshman Cabaret, 7 PM in the Experimental Theater  
 November 14 . . . . . Chamber and Piano Concert, 7 PM in the Grande Theater  
 November 16-17 . . . . Fall Dance Concert, 7 PM in the Experimental Theater



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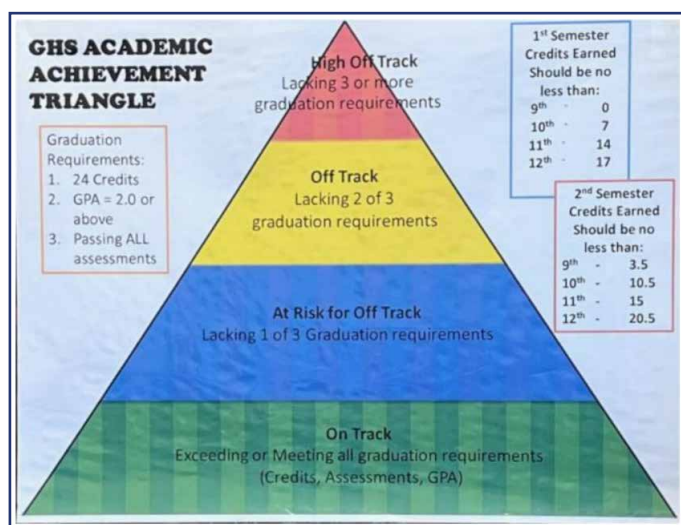
## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

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

## 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>

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



## 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

## ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELORS

TRADITIONAL PROGRAM A-J	TRADITIONAL PROGRAM K-Mc	TRADITIONAL PROGRAM Md-Z	BETA PROGRAM A-Z	PCCA PROGRAM A-Z
<b>Assistant Principal:</b> Mr. Machado	<b>Assistant Principal:</b> Ms. Johnson	<b>Assistant Principal:</b> Mr. Patrick	<b>Assistant Principal:</b> Ms. Johnson	<b>Assistant Principal:</b> Mr. Weston
<b>Clerk:</b> Ms. Knight ext. 2038	<b>Clerk:</b> Ms. Miller ext. 2338	<b>Clerk:</b> Ms. Cannon ext. 2039	<b>Clerk:</b> Ms. Miller ext. 2338	<b>Clerk:</b> Ms. Gilbert ext. 2337
<b>Counselor:</b> Ms. Beard	<b>Counselor:</b> Ms. Brown	<b>Counselor:</b> Ms. Lindhardt	<b>Counselor:</b> Ms. Brown	<b>Counselor:</b> Ms. Manzella



## 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

## REPORTING ABSENCES ONLINE

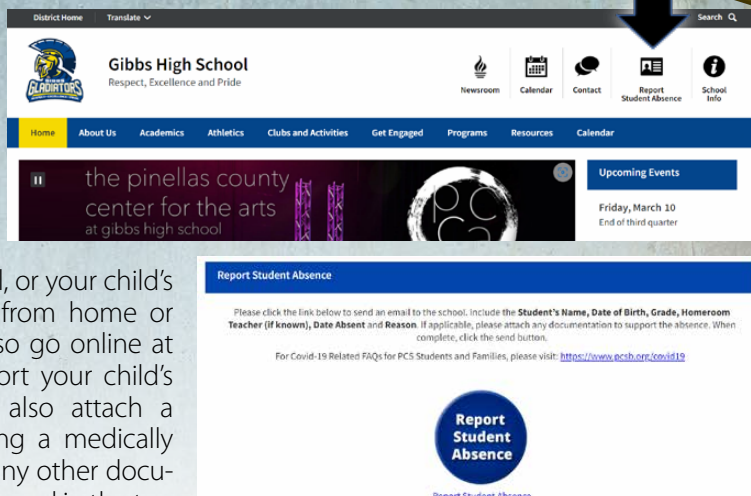
### DID YOU KNOW???

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

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.*



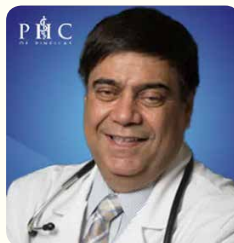
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## GOOOOOOO GLADIATORS!

# STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

### ACADEMIC TEAM NEWS

Congrats to the Gibbs Academic Team (Emani Baines, Anna Kirkland, Leah Kirkland) with a solid 2nd place finish last night in our 1st match of the season! Tarpon overtook us in the end by 1 question, but we maintained our lead over Seminole and Clearwater.



If you have any students who might be good candidates for the Academic Team, we are still recruiting! Tell them to visit me in 5-101.

We are hosting 2 meets here on November 2nd and December 7th. We are required to have judges for each subject area: science, literature, languages (French/Spanish), fine arts, history, math. The time commitment is 1.5-2 hours for the meet itself, and about 15 minutes to read over your subject area questions before the meet in case there are issues with any of them.

It's a really great opportunity to see our students flexing their intellects! Witness the fruits of your labor in live competition! Spectators are welcome!

# SENIOR CORNER

1. Senior Portrait Retakes  
November 17th on campus-  
Grand Theatre lobby.  
Scan QR code to schedule  
an appointment.
2. New Link to Gladiator News,  
Airing "Live" Tuesday - Friday @  
7:10am <https://bit.ly/46v1GHj>



Link to the show is also posted on  
the school website home page.



3. Yearbooks on sale  
for \$85. Pre-Order at  
**YearbookOrderCenter.com**  
School code is **547**
4. BETA Industry Certification Bootcamp coming soon...  
boot camp geared towards ensuring scholars gain the  
knowledge to pass your exams
5. Attention BETA Scholars, National Technical Honor  
Society tapping coming mid-October.

### CLASS SPONSOR

Mrs. Wanda Wilson-Corbett  
Email: [wilsoncorbettw@pcsb.org](mailto:wilsoncorbettw@pcsb.org)  
Phone Number: 727-893-5452 ext. 1364

**Remind 101:** This app is used to provide students with  
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upcoming events.

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- ▶ Telehealth Options





## SENIOR FEES

- Senior fees cover the cost of the following: cap, gown, tassel, medallion, diploma cover, programs, venue, security, flowers, and trophies presented at graduation.
- Senior fees are now \$140. Senior fees need to be paid in full by Friday, March 1, 2024 to ensure your Cap & Gown will be delivered on time
- Senior fees will go up on January 1st to \$150
- Students can set up a payment plan with Mrs. Corbett (\$25 min down payment)
- Senior Dues will be paid online at <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/gibbs-high/#/list>
- Senior fees must be **paid in full** in order to participate in any senior activities
- **SENIOR FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE BETA OR PCCA DUES**
- Cap & Gowns will not be distributed if students are not on track for Graduation

## SENIOR PICTURES

Mrs. Dyan Hill-Dennard, *Yearbook Adviser*  
Email: [hilldennardd@pcsb.org](mailto:hilldennardd@pcsb.org)  
Phone: 727-893-5452 ext. 1370

**Remind 101:** Text @2024ghspic to (870) 738-9196 or 81010 for Yearbook & Portrait News/Updates

Capture your unique personality and style by scheduling your senior portrait session. It's simple! Just visit [Leonards.com/schedule](https://leonards.com/schedule) to make an appointment with Leonard's, our trusted photography partner. These senior portraits are not only about preserving memories but also ensuring your inclusion in the much-awaited senior yearbook. So don't miss out on this opportunity to create lasting memories and leave your mark. Senior Portrait Retakes will take place on **Nov. 17th, 2023** on campus. Portraits will be taken in the Grand Theatre Lobby starting at 7:00am and ending at 3:00pm. There is a \$15 sitting fee. Cash or Check only. **Book your appointment now!**

## YEARBOOKS

- Go to [YearbookOrderCenter.com](https://YearbookOrderCenter.com) to purchase your Gladiator Senior Yearbook. Find your school or Enter Your School's Order Number: **547** Pre-Sale cost is \$85 until delivery in late May 2023.

**ATTENTION PARENTS: Recognize Your Student in the GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL 2024 Yearbook!** Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your student's accomplishments and memories. Go online today to purchase and design your ad to take part in this special tradition. Visit Herff Jones at [YearbookOrderCenter.com](https://YearbookOrderCenter.com) Find your school or Enter Your School's Order Number: **547**

- Full Page \$150
- 1/2 Page \$75
- 1/4 Page \$40
- 1/8 Page \$25

Ad Submission Deadline  
**February 14, 2024**

## GRAD BASH

- Friday, April 19, 2024, at Universal Studios, Orlando, FL
- We will depart for Universal Studios on April 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm and return to school approximately 4:40 am on Saturday, April 20, 2024.
- Tickets for Grad Bash will be on sale Monday, January 15, 2024
- **IN ORDER TO ATTEND GRADBASH, YOU MUST HAVE NO LEVER II DISCIPLINE REFERRALS AND HAVE AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF 80% OR HIGHER**
- **Senior Dues must be paid in full, BETA/PCCA dues must be paid in full, have no outstanding textbook/library/device obligations, and you must be on-track before a ticket can be purchased**
- Cost of tickets approximately \$155, in Mrs. Corbett's room 2-232
- Tickets will be on sale until Friday, March 8th
- Once tickets are purchased from Universal, the money is non-refundable
- Cash (exact amount), checks and money orders accepted
- Permission slips will be required, and all students must have parent/guardian signatures, even those who are 18 years of age.
- Dress code information will be provided upon the purchase of a ticket and requires a student and parent signature indicating you all have reviewed Universal's dress code and will adhere to the rules. **(Students will not board the bus if they do not adhere to Universal and Pinellas County's dress code policy.)**
- We have reserved three buses and **once the buses are filled, no more tickets will be sold.**

## SENIOR WEEK

- Mon., April 22 through April 26, 2024
- Thu., April 25, 2024, during periods 1,3 Senior Breakfast and during periods 5 & 7 Activity Senior v Teachers Basketball Game and Cap & Gown Distribution (if you are on track for graduation)

## SENIOR BREAKFAST & SENIOR T-SHIRTS

- Thu., April 25, 2024, in the GHS Cafeteria (7:30 – 9:30 am)

## SENIOR PROM

- Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 7 – 11 pm
- Location: USF Ballroom – St. Pete
- Ticket Cost: \$75
- **Senior Dues must be paid in full, BETA/PCCA dues must be paid in full, have no outstanding textbook/library/device obligations, and you must be on-track before a ticket can be purchased**
- **IN ORDER TO ATTEND PROM, YOU MUST HAVE NO LEVEL II DISCIPLINE REFERRALS AND HAVE AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF 80% OR HIGHER**

## SENIOR EXAMS

- TBD once the Graduation Date is established

## GRADUATION

- Date: May 17th, 2024 at 1:00 PM
- Location: Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Drive, St. Petersburg, FL



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## MENTOR PROGRAMS

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### LUNCH PALS

Lunch Pals is a lunch time mentoring program where individuals, businesses, community organizations are paired with a school to provide students with the additional presence of caring adults.



### TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN



A scholarship and mentoring program in which student in grades 6 - 9 may be nominated to receive a scholarship. If awarded, the student will receive a four-year scholarship at graduation by fulfilling a contractual agreement to attend school regularly, maintain a C or above in all classes and remain crime and drug free.

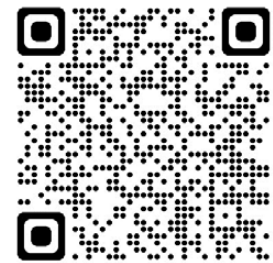
### GIRLFRIENDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Is designed to empower young ladies through academic support and mentorship. Students are provided with the resources, tools, and guidance necessary to encourage self-discipline, positive behaviorism, and to cultivate high self-esteem and self-reliance. Please contact the Club Sponsor: Nykisha Davis – davisny@pcsb.org if you are interested in donating to Girlfriends.



## 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.



## GIBBS COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

**2023-2024**

### STUDENT PARKING

Students must complete this form and pay the \$10 fee prior to parking on campus.

All students who drive on campus must have a hanging parking permit in their vehicle. Student parking permits can be purchased for \$10 from Ms. Gilbert in the magnet office.

All students are required to park in the 31st Street lot. Students who are enrolled in a dual enrollment classes at St. Petersburg College or Pinellas Technical College are permitted to park in the 34th Street lot in the spaces closest to the football field with a special permit. Parking in the 31st Street is on a first come first serve basis.