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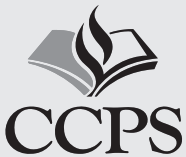
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### A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DR. WALCOTT

Dear Titan Families and Community Members,

My name is Dr. Tobin R. Walcott and I am the very proud Principal of Golden Gate High School, a Florida Public School, recognized B school for the 2nd year in a row. At Golden Gate High School our mission is to establish academic excellence in all our students by growing positive and responsible citizens through challenging curricula within a safe, welcoming environment. Golden Gate High School has a very dedicated staff that comprehends our school mission and works tirelessly to educate our students to their highest potential. Respect, self-leadership, hard work, dedication, and teamwork are some of the characteristics of doing things the Titan Way.



**Principal**  
*Dr. Tobin Walcott*

Students can pursue higher level course work in a rigorous academic environment and that is what GGHS strives to provide. Our curricula are designed to prepare our students for college, career, and life success. Parents, teachers, and students work together to build and manage a strong network of support so that our students are prepared to gain acceptance and have success at the college or career of their choice.

At GGHS, our parents are welcomed as partners in their child's education. We offer many opportunities for parent involvement throughout the school year. Parents are strongly encouraged to play a supportive role in their child's academic education. When parents are active in their child's education, the entire school, and its' community benefits as evidenced in our upward movement and maintaining a B school grade! With your help and support GGHS will continue our upward trend to obtain the A school status. If you are interested in supporting GGHS please investigate in joining our School Advisory Committee (SAC), attend the STEAM conference, join one of several booster clubs and attend athletic events. I am looking forward to another great year here at The Gate. #TitanUp and GO TITANS!!!!

Dr. Tobin Wilcott, Principal



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### UPCOMING TESTING

- 9/12 & 9/13 - EOC Retakes
- 9/14 & 9/17 - FSA Writing Retakes
- 9/21-9/26 - FSA Reading Retakes
- 11/25-11/26 - Hurricane Make-Up Day



### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- 9/11-9/15 - Homecoming week
- 9/21 - Fall Portraits
- 10/17 - Portrait retakes
- 10/19 - Senior Portraits  
(Last day on campus)



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### REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

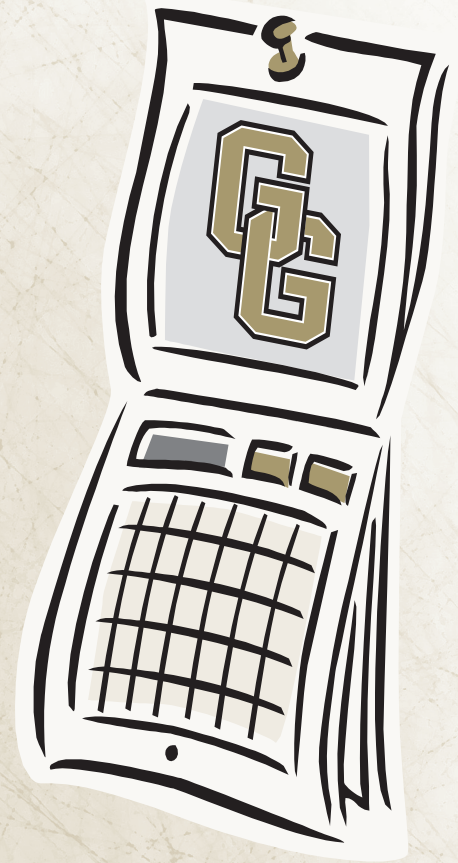
Teacher Planning	7:05 AM	7:10 AM	5 minutes
<b>1st Period</b> <small>Announcements (5 mins)</small>	7:10 AM	8:04 AM	54 minutes
Passing	8:04 AM	8:09 AM	5 minutes
<b>2nd Period</b>	8:09 AM	8:58 AM	49 minutes
Passing	8:58 AM	9:03 AM	5 minutes
<b>3rd Period</b>	9:03 AM	9:52 AM	49 minutes
Passing	9:52 AM	9:57 AM	5 minutes
<b>4th Period</b>	9:57 AM	10:46 AM	49 minutes
Passing	10:46 AM	10:51 AM	5 minutes
<b>5th Period</b>	10:51 AM	11:40 AM	49 minutes
Lunch	11:40 AM	12:17 PM	37 minutes
Passing	12:17 PM	12:22 PM	5 minutes
<b>6th Period</b>	12:22 PM	1:11 PM	49 minutes
Passing	1:11 PM	1:16 PM	5 minutes
<b>7th Period</b>	1:16 PM	2:05 PM	49 minutes
Teacher Planning	2:05 PM	2:35 PM	30 minutes

### PEP RALLY SCHEDULE

Teacher Planning	7:05 AM	7:10 AM	5 minutes
<b>1st Period</b> <small>Announcements (5 mins)</small>	7:10 AM	7:59 AM	49 minutes
Passing	7:59 AM	8:04 AM	5 minutes
<b>2nd Period</b>	8:04 AM	8:48 AM	44 minutes
Passing	8:48 AM	8:53 AM	5 minutes
<b>3rd Period</b>	8:53 AM	9:37 AM	44 minutes
Passing	9:37 AM	9:42 AM	5 minutes
<b>4th Period</b>	9:42 AM	10:25 AM	44 minutes
Passing	10:25 AM	10:30 AM	5 minutes
<b>5th Period</b>	10:30 AM	11:14 AM	44 minutes
Lunch	11:14 AM	11:51 AM	37 minutes
Passing	11:51 AM	11:56 AM	5 minutes
<b>6th Period</b>	11:56 AM	12:40 PM	44 minutes
Passing	12:40 PM	12:45 PM	5 minutes
<b>7th Period</b>	12:45 PM	1:30 PM	45 minutes
PEP RALLY	1:30 PM	2:05 PM	35 minutes
Teacher Planning	2:05 PM	2:35 PM	30 minutes

### EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Teacher Planning	7:05 AM	7:10 AM	5 minutes
<b>1st Period</b> <small>Announcements (5 mins)</small>	7:10 AM	7:37 AM	27 minutes
Passing	7:37 AM	7:42 AM	5 minutes
<b>2nd Period</b>	7:42 AM	8:09 AM	27 minutes
Passing	8:09 AM	8:14 AM	5 minutes
<b>3rd Period</b>	8:14 AM	8:41 AM	27 minutes
Passing	8:41 AM	8:46 AM	5 minutes
<b>4th Period</b>	8:46 AM	9:13 AM	27 minutes
Passing	9:13 AM	9:18 AM	5 minutes
<b>5th Period</b>	9:18 AM	9:45 AM	27 minutes
Passing	9:45 AM	9:50 AM	5 minutes
<b>6th Period</b>	9:50 AM	10:19 AM	27 minutes
Passing	10:19 AM	10:24 AM	5 minutes
<b>7th Period</b>	10:24 AM	10:51 AM	27 minutes
Lunch-Grab & Go	10:51 AM	11:05 AM	14 minutes
Teacher Planning	11:05 AM	2:35 AM	210 minutes





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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## SEL PARENT RESOURCE

# GRIT

Help your child build GRIT.

Over the last few months teachers and students have been talking about how we can always ensure we give our best. Life can be challenging and sometimes we have to face moments which require us not to give up. We face challenges daily, from solving mathematical problems to having to write a creative story. To ensure we pick ourselves up and face these challenges head on we have to have Grit. Grit is defined as passion, perseverance, and stick-to-it-ness. Making a plan, taking action, and keeping a sense of confidence helps develop grit.

**PARENTS!** Here are 13 ways to help children build GRIT.

1

### GOALS AND PURPOSE

Discuss with your child their goals and purpose in life. Then talk about the steps that would be required in order for your child to reach their goal. Encourage them to create a dream board to help visualize the purpose and goals.



2

### FIND A PASSION

Help your child find a passion (or at least an engaging activity). Pursuing an interest of their own choosing can help them identify a passion and understand that practice, hard work, and perseverance are surest way to achievement.



3

### "HARD THING RULE"

Follow the "Hard Thing Rule" by doing the following:

- Each member of the family has to do something hard
- You must finish what you start
- No one gets to pick the "hard thing" for anyone else, so your child gets to choose his own challenge



Talk about setbacks as they arise. Help your child build a plan B or C when necessary. Share your feelings about your challenge and celebrate when family members persevere through difficult tasks.

4

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Below are some examples of movies that reinforce grit.

**Lion King** (1994 - Rated G) A young lion gets tricked into believing that he causes his own father's death. He learns to go back and face the truth and claim what was rightfully his all along – the Kingdom.

**The Secret of Nimh** (1982 - Rated G) This movie is the heartwarming story of Mrs. Briggsby, a mild-mannered mother mouse, who will move heaven and earth to save her family from the Farmer Fitzgibbon's plow. She faces many obstacles including a ferocious cat and a mysterious rat, and through her sheer grit, conquers them all.

**The Blind Side** (2009 - Rated PG-13) Since this is a biography, it opens the doors for real-life discussions, especially if you have older kids. A homeless and traumatized boy becomes an All American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family.

**The Pursuit of Happyness** (2006 - Rated PG-13) Based on a true story. This movie would appeal to older kids. It is the story of a single dad who becomes homeless and his struggle to make life normal again for his son. It gives an opportunity to discuss what it would really feel like to not have the comforts of everyday life and find oneself suddenly homeless.



SEE BACK FOR MORE



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SEL PARENT RESOURCE: **GRIT**

**5 TEACH GRIT THROUGH LITERATURE**

Read classic stories about perseverance like *"The Little Engine That Could"* or Dr. Seuss' *"Oh, The Places You'll Go!"*. Help your child find connections to their own life. Talk about the challenges, response to failures, and how to live with grit.



**6 TEACH GRITTIENESS**

One example of teaching grittiness could be if you signed up for a half-marathon. First, you could create a training schedule to show your kids how you broke the big hurdle into smaller, more accomplishable goals. Then, have your kids come to the race so they can see that, even with all of your hard work, finishing was not easy. Showing your children that even you struggle at new things, shows them first-hand that, while difficult, achieving goals can be rewarding.



**7 ALLOW FRUSTRATION**

Parents hate to see their kids struggle. But learning from challenges (as well as failure) is the key to making the connection for kids that true achievement does not come easily.



**8 OFFER PRAISE**

Teaching grit includes praising the effort behind those good performances. Do not forget to praise effort because, though every performance may not be perfect, consistent effort will lead to more good performances than bad. Instead of praising your child for his grades or for being "smart" praise him for being tenacious and determined.



**9 LET YOUR CHILD TRY TASKS ON THEIR OWN**

Constantly intervening in your child's activities prevents them from learning for themselves. This can undermine their confidence and create a fear of failure. They may even end up relying on you or waiting for you to help with future struggles. Instead, demonstrate how to do a new task, such as cooking, and allow your child to try. This allows them to try new things, but without feeling that they are all alone. Plus, if they need your help, you are right there to jump in.



**10 SET YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUCCESS**

Choosing when to jump in and help when you see your child's failure in advance is always a difficult decision. One of the best ways that you can teach your child grit is, whenever possible, ask them to do tasks that they are capable of and age-appropriate, but that will not come easily.



**11 TEACH SELF-ENCOURAGEMENT**

When you see your child struggling, offer encouragement that you are there to help, but you know that they can do it on their own. For example, if your child falls down when learning to ride a bike, praise his efforts at getting back up and trying again and again, rather than only praising when he learns to ride fast on his own.



**12 MODEL GRIT**

If you love what you do, let others know. Wear your passion on your sleeve. When you fail, openly share your frustration but go out of your way to point out what you learned from the experience. Emphasize playing the long game—life is a marathon, not a sprint.



**13 CELEBRATE GRIT**

When you see grit, draw attention to it: *"Your work this past quarter has demonstrated enormous dedication. I know it wasn't always easy!"* Praise passion: *"You are so into this! That is just awesome!"*



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## 2019 – 2020 Academic Calendar Board Approved on February 6, 2018

July							January						
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August							February						
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October							April							
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14	15	16	17	18	52	44	13	14	15	16	17	162	22	
21	22	23	24=	25	57	5	20	21	22	23	24=	167	27	
28	29	30	31		61	9	27	28	29	30=		171	31	

November							May						
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11	12	13	14	15	72	20	11	12	13	14	15	182	42
18	19=	20	21	22	77	25	18	19	20	21	22	187	47
25	26	27	28	29	82	30	25	26	27	28	29	192	51

December							June						
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## ACT / SAT Test Dates 2019-2020

### ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16	September 1
October 26, 2019	September 27	October 13
December 14, 2019	November 8	November 25
February 8, 2020	January 10	January 17
April 4, 2020	February 29	March 16
June 13, 2020	May 8	May 25
July 18, 2020	June 19	June 29

#### How to Sign Up for the ACT:

1. Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
2. Click on the "Register, View Scores, and More" icon
3. Click on the "The ACT Test: Sign in or Register" icon
4. Click on "Create Account"
5. Follow the registration prompts to create an account and register for a test
  - a. Include the CEEB# for Golden Gate: 101873
  - b. Also include the CEEB# of the college(s) you're interested in attending (you can send 4 for free!)
6. Once you complete the process, upload a photo and print your registration ticket  
\*\*\*\*Make sure you bring a photo ID on test day along with your registration ticket\*\*\*\*

### SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 24, 2019	July 24	August 11
October 5, 2019	September 5	September 23
November 2, 2019	October 2	October 20
December 7, 2019	November 7	November 25
March 14, 2020	February 13	February 24
May 2, 2020	April 2	April 20
June 6, 2020	May 6	May 23

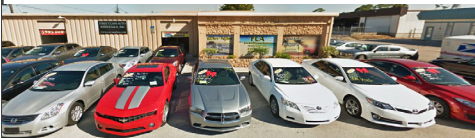
#### How to Sign-Up for the SAT:

1. Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
2. Click the "sign up" icon & select the "I am a student" option
3. Follow the registration prompts to create an account and register for a test
  - a. Include the CEEB# for Golden Gate High School: 101873
  - b. Also include the CEEB# of the college(s) you're interested in applying to
4. Once you complete the process, upload a photo and print your registration ticket  
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## SENIOR DATES

✓	TASK	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	Senior Portrait (Formal)	8/21 & 10/18	TBD	Titan Auditorium
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	Senior Portraits (Cap & Gown)	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Titan Auditorium
	Yearbook Price Increase <u>ONLY</u> \$60 per book	10/2 – 5/10 <i>*payment plans available</i>	online anytime or during lunch	<a href="http://ONLINE.bit.ly/ggtitans">ONLINE bit.ly/ggtitans</a> -or room 3-101
	DEADLINE - Senior Quote	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	end of day	<a href="http://bit.ly/ggtitans">bit.ly/ggtitans</a>
	DEADLINE - Baby Photo	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	end of day	<a href="http://bit.ly/ggtitans">bit.ly/ggtitans</a>

