



# FALCON FORUM

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*Our Falcons Soar!*

## **Principal's Corner**

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Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Members of the Community,

At the time of this writing, we have completed the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) writing test. Our teachers and students did a great job! I am very proud of how seriously our students took this task. They read, they thought, they planned, and they wrote!

This year, we have pushed back our scheduling of the other tested subjects. This provides our teachers and students more time to review and reteach important information before "Game Day." Starting April 23rd, our kids will take the FSA reading and math tests. Our 7th graders will take the Civics end-of-course assessment (EOC). Our 8th graders will take the State Science Assessment, and some 7th and 8th graders will take the Algebra I EOC. Whew!

Students are currently entering their 2018-2019 course requests, and we are beginning to build the master schedule for next year. As we plan for next year, we reflected upon our students' excellent work this year—we may award up to 520 high school credits, and we are looking forward to adding Orchestra III, Advanced Chorus, and Entrepreneurship to our elective choices next year. Finally, we welcome our incoming Cambridge Secondary sixth graders. They are the first class to have experienced Cambridge Primary. We know that they'll do great!

Our Falcons have also been active outside of academics: Sports were successful this year, our bands earned ratings of superior, and our orchestra earned a rating of excellent in its very first music performance assessment

Parents, as always, thank you very much for the opportunity to teach your students and also for the support that you provide as we all learn and grow together. I wish you all a fun, relaxing Summer. Students: Don't forget to READ this Summer!

SOARingly yours,

Dr. Mason Clark, Principal

# Volunteers

## NEEDED

To volunteer at our school, please contact our parent involvement coordinator, Saylys Carrillo. We have several exciting events throughout the year and we would appreciate the help!

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## GGM Athletics

As our school year winds to a close, so too does our 2017-2018 athletic season here at Golden Gate Middle. The boys and girls track & field season runs through the end of April. This year, we've greatly increased our number of participating athletes on those squads, which has led to some great individual and team successes. Several runners earned medals in the April 4 meet at Manatee Middle School – those medals can be seen in the Media Center display case! To all 8th graders, we wish you the best in your athletic endeavors in high school next year. To our returning 6th and 7th graders, keep working over the summer to improve in your sport(s) of choice so that you'll be ready when the 2018-2019 athletic seasons kick off!

S.O.A.R.!

Greg Parks, GGM Athletic Director

## Upcoming Dates To Remember!

Check our website for more updates and GGM sports schedules:  
<http://www.collierschools.com/ggm>

### FSA Testing Dates

April 30 - May 1  
 May 2 – May 3  
 May 7 – May 8  
 May 9  
 May 9 – May 10  
 May 15  
 May 16 – May 17

6th Grade Language Arts  
 8th Grade Math  
 7th Grade Math  
 8th Grade Science  
 6th Grade Math  
 7th Grade Civics  
 Algebra 1 EOC

**SEE IT? • SAY IT!**



# KEEPCOLLIERSAFE



**DON'T SPREAD IT • REPORT IT**

Be kind and S.O.A.R.!

James K. Saunders, Assistant Principal

## Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is about involving our parents within our school. Here at Golden Gate Middle School our focus is on helping our students SOAR and succeed at their highest potential. A huge factor in our student's success, is parent involvement. Our goal is to have our parents become involved in our school and feel like they are part of the Falcon family. Here are some ways you as a parent/guardian can get involved: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Student Advisory Council (SAC), and volunteering.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact Mrs. Carrillo at (239)377-2073.



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### Honor Roll Students



8th Grade



7th Grade



6th Grade

### Counseling Corner

We are in 4th quarter and we are also wrapping up the end of the year. The summer time countdown has officially begun. However, there is still a lot to do! FSA testing is here. It's important to get plenty of rest before testing, and incorporate a healthy breakfast. This insures that students are well rested and energized for their test. These FSA scores are important because this is how counselors place students in core courses for the upcoming year. Good Luck testing!

While it's sad to see our 8th grade Falcons move on to bigger things, we are always excited to welcome our new 6th grade Falcons in August. Rising 6th grade Parent Night is May 17th here on the Golden Gate Middle School campus. The following morning, on May 18th, 5th grade students come here with their schools for an introduction to Falcon Family. Remember Golden Gate Falcons always SOAR:

Successful  
 Organized  
 Attendance  
 Respect

# SOAR





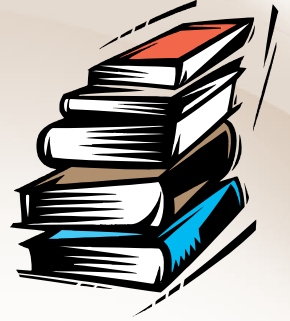
## Scholar Bowl Team

Congratulations to our GGM Scholar Bowl team for receiving 3rd place at competition.



## Language

### Arts



What is the "Summer Slide"?

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Is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they have made throughout the school year. Reading over the summer helps children stem the summer slide. Collier County Public Library is open all summer and it's free to check out books. When children read for enjoyment, they receive the most reading gains. Children and teens tend to read more when adults in their lives encourage them to read, and also when they see those adults reading often themselves. So help your child this summer, pick up a good book and read!

*Have a great summer!*

## PBS at Home

Our GGMS Falcons are asked to S.O.A.R. (Be Successful, Organized, Attend school and be Respectful) while in school and this carries over outside of school as well. PBS stands for Positive Behavior Support and is a way to have people behave in a positive manner. After all there are no bad people, just bad behaviors and choices. Below is an example of how to promote PBS at home. You can use this rubric or create your own specific to your family. Share with us your family success stories, we would love to hear from you.

	Getting up in the morning	Getting to school	Clean-up time	Time to relax	Homework time	Mealtime	Getting ready for bed
<b>H</b> HELP OUT	Make Your bed Clothes in hamper	Have your back pack, lunch, notes, keys	Do your chores	Clean up after yourself Play quietly	Put your things in your backpack when finished	Set the table Put dishes away	Brush your teeth Dirty clothes away
<b>O</b> OWN YOUR BEHAVIOR	Get up on time Get cleaned up and dressed on time	Be ready to leave on time	Clean up after yourself	Ask before you borrow Ask to change stations	Complete your homework on time Do your best!	Use kind words and "I statements" Recognize mistakes and apologize	Get to bed on time!
<b>M</b> MANNERS COUNT	Try a morning SMILE! Thank your parents for helping.	"Thanks for the ride" "Have a nice day"	Ask politely for help	Respect others things Offer to share	Ask for help respectfully "Thanks for the help"	Please and thank you Use your napkin	End the day with nice words and thoughts
<b>E</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Y</b>