



# FALCON FORUM

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*Our Falcons Soar!*

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## From the Desk of APC Mrs. Burton

Hello Falcon Families!

Quarter 2 is a great time for students to reflect on quarter 1 grades and study habits and set goals for the remainder of the year. Two of the tips in Sean Covey's book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, are "Be Proactive" and "Begin With the End in Mind". Being proactive means that you think ahead to determine the best way to get ahead and one way to become more proactive is to begin with the end in mind. Set goals for what you want your grades to be for each quarter through the end of the year and then follow through with a plan. Set priorities for completing classwork, homework, and studying and create a schedule that also allows for participation in extra-curricular activities and family time. To support our students in the process of setting goals and creating a plan, Golden Gate Middle School will provide time for students to check their "Academic Vital Statistics" (grades, missing assignments, attendance) on a weekly basis. We always appreciate the support of our parents and we encourage you to monitor grades and attendance throughout the year and contact teachers, counselors, or administrators with questions and/or concerns that arise.

We are looking forward to another successful year at Golden Gate Middle School!

Mrs. Burton, *Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction*

## Upcoming Dates To Remember!

Check out our website for more updates and the GGM Sports Schedules:  
[www.collierschools.com/ggm](http://www.collierschools.com/ggm)

November 19th.....Interim ends

Nov. 25th to 29th.....Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 20th .....Early Release Day/End of Q2

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 6th ....Winter break

January 7th.....Students return

January 23rd .....**The PSAT will be given to all students**



## Students of the Month

### Congratulations to our September Students of the Month:

Brian Olvera-Santiago	Lendjinia Durand
Uriel Sanchez	Eva Fields
Jayden Janeiro	Cailyn Andrews
Vladimir Raphael	Thu Minh Ma
Angelique Sanchez-Alberto	Miguel Cabrera
Jissel Escobedo-Maldonado	Drew Hoover

### Congratulations to our Staff of the Month

Congratulations to our September winners, **Taylor Wilson** and **Ingrid Rodriguez**! And a round of applause for all of this month's nominees! Along with Wilson and Rodriguez, four nominees were chosen for reserved parking spots for the month of October (Norma Iglesias, Andrea Palmatier, Johanne Narcisse, and Margaret Rodriguez).

Congratulations to our October winners, **Nicole Paller** and **Michelle Jaramillo**! And a round of applause for all of this month's nominees! Along with Paller and Jaramillo, four nominees were chosen for reserved parking spots for the month of November: Jeff Costa, Carol Hernandez, Nate Fernandez, and Ana Bonilla.



## Volunteers Needed

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

**239-377-6197**

**Rodriglr@collierschools.com**

**www.collierschools.com/volunteer**

## Counseling Corner

Our counseling department specializes in many different areas, making us a great team to assist with our student needs and growth. We are excited to be here at GGM for our 3rd year together. We welcome our new 6th grade Falcons and wish everyone a happy and successful school year.

### Take Stock

The GGMS counseling office is super proud of the 18 eighth graders who applied for the Take Stock in Children Scholarship. Annually, CCPS 8th graders are selected by Champions for Learning to receive two years of college tuition and a mentor to support them through high school! Last year GGMS had 9 students who won the scholarship!! Good grades, attendance, and behavior are the criteria to apply! We also challenge 6th and 7th graders to work hard so they can apply for the scholarship when they enter 8th grade. We wish this year's applicants the best of luck. Awards are announced in March.



*Gilberto Rondon and Ronald Mendez turning in Take Stock Scholarship Applications.*



*Romeo Dominguez, Maria Acosta, Eder Romero, Beyann Joseph turning in Take Stock Scholarship Application materials.*

### Counseling Assignments by Student Last Name:

Ms. Irigoyen:.....A-Garb .....	irigoe@collierschools.com .....	377-3818
Dr. Meyer:.....Garcia-O .....	meyermi@collierschools.com .....	377-3806
Ms. Gray:.....P-Z.....	grayd1@collierschools.com .....	377-3817
Ms. Guadalupe (Guidance Secretary)	guadalcr@collierschools.com .....	377-3816

## Attendance and Discipline

Quarter 1 was a great start to the 2019-20 school year. So far this year our teachers have awarded over 560 positive referrals. Last week, many students were awarded certificates for A Honor roll, A-B Honor roll, and Perfect Attendance. Fifty students won the drawing for the "No Tardy Ice Cream Party". Students with no classroom and no administrative referrals received the first quarterly incentive, which was a free jeans day. Every quarter is a fresh start so we hope next quarter more students can be included in the incentive!

Just a reminder, attendance is important to student's academic success. Be In School On Time, All Day, Every Day. Missing 2 days a month is equivalent to missing 10% of the school year. Please do your best to be here each and every day.

Be Kind to One Another,  
Ashley Coloma, Assistant Principal

## A Message From Our School Psychologist

My name is Vanessa Nank and I am the new School Psychologist at Golden Gate Middle School. I am thrilled to be a part of this passionate and hardworking team!

In addition to individual counseling, I started a few groups as well. These groups focus on trauma, mindfulness techniques, and empowering youth. They allow a safe space for students to have an open discussion about various topics and connect with their peers.

After practicing mindfulness for many years, I decided to write a children's book, *Mindful Me*, to introduce our younger students to the concept and practices of mindfulness. This concept is reaching the education system with the intention of reducing stress and anxiety, prompting compassion and kindness, fostering empathy and connection, strengthening cognitive health and balance, and bring awareness and resilience.

My door is always open! I have learned that as much as our work is challenging it is rewarding as well. You are all apart of very meaningful work with these students. Thank you for all the work you do...and remember to take care of yourselves in the process!

Thank you Golden Gate Middle for your very warm welcome.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Mrs. Boyd in the Media Center or the front office, with cash or check made out to Golden Gate Middle School.

Price after the presale will be \$25—\$30, determined by the number of books sold.

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## Students Speak Out

### Academic Activities | By Paulina Vega Cruz, 8th Grade

Student academic activities are very important in achieving a well-rounded education. There are many opportunities here at Golden Gate Middle School. My favorite is Band. I like band because I think instruments are great. In band I have learned and practiced the following skills: persistence, teamwork, leadership, time management, responsibility, self-discipline, being synchronistic, and teamwork/family building.

I play the trumpet and I love it! In order to play the trumpet, I need to persist with practicing. The rest of the band depends on each other. We are a team! Because, in addition to school, family, etc., I am in the band, I need to be very careful with my time. I need to make sure I have ample time to practice and play. This means less Fortnite time!

In band we always play fun music. We play our instruments together very well and we always sound awesome! We are able to accomplish this by practicing together and developing being synchronistic. This makes us a great team...a family!

Our club advisor Ashley Crosby. We work with her to ensure that together we achieve our club's goals both fairly and equitably. This makes sure we get Superiors on any solo we do or at MPA. Even at concerts, we still have to make sure we are performing at our best!

In my opinion, Academic activities, like band, is one of the most important things Golden Gate Middle School has to offer its students!

### Student Council – Advisor: Mrs. Hanba

The Student Council would like to welcome this year's officers:

- Treasurer- Daylenis Rodriguez 6th Grade
- Vice President- Joselyn Conreras 7th Grade
- President- Ronald Mendez 8th Grade

The Student Council members have been busy. They held their first Back to School Dance which was well attended. The proceeds will help to make ten, elderly seniors Christmas, a memorable one.

The Student Council held its annual Salvation Army can drive, bringing in over 1000 items. Their Halloween Boo Bag Sales will go towards buying more can goods. Thank you students and staff for participating.

The next Student Council endeavor will be, to start getting ready for our Winter dance., which will be held Friday December 13th. The ticket price will be \$5.00 and the proceeds will go towards the Toys for Tots program.

### Hispanic Heritage Month



### School ID

If you lost your school ID and/or lanyard you need to BUY a new one - \$5 in the media center!

### Scholar Bowl – Advisor: Ms. Steele

I am so proud of our kids—the match was very close the entire time against Immokalee Middle & Cypress Palm Middle. In the end, we scored 2nd place at 128 points with Immokalee Middle beating us by only one point (129)! We were able to beat Cypress Palm, who placed third with 121 points. It was such a close game! Our kids kept their wits and composure, worked very well together as a team, and were polite to all that attended the match. Even the judges mentioned how they were impressed with our GGM Falcons!



## Sports Scene

**Girls Volleyball** – Coach Pezza – Girls volleyball is currently 2-1. The girls have been playing amazing and are really coming together as a team! Captains Hailie Bruguera and Ariadna Perez have done an awesome job of taking charge and leading our girls both in the classroom and on the court!

**Boys Volleyball** – Boys will be participating in the playoffs on 11/9 - we will update you on how they did next issue!

**Girls & Boys Cross Country** – Coaches De La Vega and Steele – A HUGE congratulations go out to all of our long-distance runners who just finished their Cross-Country season here at GGM. We had many personal bests, but a special congratulations goes out to 8th grader Bartolome Mazariegos, who placed 5th out of 75 runners in October's District Championship Meet.



### Basketball and Soccer Season Begins!

Basketball conditioning began on the 4th Girls tryouts are on the 18th and 20th while boys are the 19th and 21st

Soccer conditioning and intramural competition began this month as well. Check out the school calendar online and keep an eye out at 4 corners for important updates!

## NJHS Serves Up Something Sweet – Fall Festival



## Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County serves over 3,000 children and teens, ages 6 to 18, in our clubs and afterschool programs, and through our partnership with the Naples Children and Education Foundation and Florida's 21st Century Grant Program.

We offer a safe place for young people to learn, grow and develop ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals who support the educational, emotional, physical and social development of our youth and provide them with the resources needed to become successful adults.

BGCCC is dedicated to promoting the education, vocational and health, leadership and character, of boys and girls in a safe environment. The Club offers award-winning programs to help youth build self-esteem and values.

Nearly 83% of members receive free or reduced lunch, 48% of members come from homes where English is not the main spoken language, 28% of members live in single parent households, and 63% of members live at, or below, poverty level.

**Our Mission** To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Vision Statement** To provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF COLLIER COUNTY

**Core Beliefs** A Boys & Girls Club Provides:

- A safe place to learn and grow
- Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals
- Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences
- Hope and opportunity

Jose L. Hernandez, Ed.S., Chief Operating Officer

Boys & Girls Club of Collier County

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## Our MC Class took a Trip to Dairy Queen



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### Instructional Materials Notification for Parents

Parents may review their children's instructional materials at the school site. Parents may also schedule an appointment to review currently adopted instructional materials at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center. Please contact Julia Lorenzo, Instructional Materials Manager at [LorenzJu@collierschools.com](mailto:LorenzJu@collierschools.com) or 377-0103.