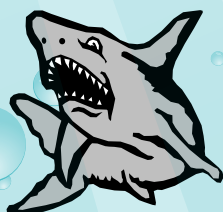
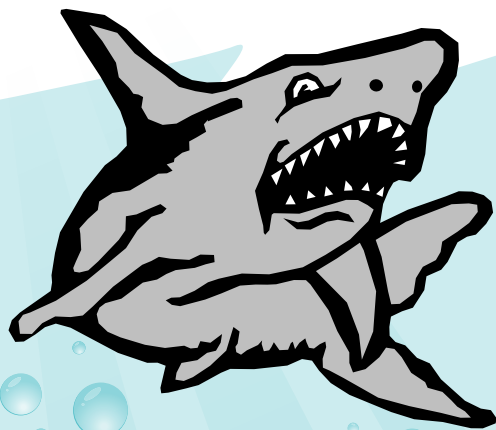


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Mission Statement

The Mission of Gulf Coast High School is to provide a safe learning environment in which students have the opportunity to receive the highest quality education to facilitate future academic and career success

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Shark Families,

As we come to the end of the 2018-19 academic year at Gulf Coast High School, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some important changes and look forward to another amazing school year in 2019-2020.

First, I am very proud that the school has achieved a school grade of an "A" for the 7th year in a row. We have and will continue to make improvements in our quality of instruction. Our students have endless opportunities to find their sense of belonging whether it be through our activities, clubs, or sports.

New Roof: As you are aware, Gulf Coast is going through a bit of a remodel. Currently, a new roof is being installed on all of our buildings in the front of the school, with the hope that all of the back of the school buildings will begin construction this summer. The entire project is expected to be completed next school year.

Interior Paint: The entire interior of the school will be painted this summer. No longer will we have some hallways and classrooms that do not represent Gulf Coast High School colors. This includes the gymnasium and auditorium.

5 Things Happening at Gulf Coast: I hope all parents are receiving the school's weekly newsletter that informs our community of upcoming events at Gulf Coast. We will continue this method of communication next school year. If you are not receiving the email, please log into the Parent Portal through the District website. www.collierschools.com

Safety and Security: We are in the process of replacing all exterior locks to all doors on our campus and installing card readers that automatically open doors for all school personnel with their ID Badge. We have been replacing school cameras with higher quality cameras. We will continue the practice of at least one Code Red drill a month for our staff and students.

Time Capsule: We are going to start collecting items to put in a time capsule that will be displayed in the Media Center to be opened in 10 years. We will be working with student groups and faculty to put items in the capsule. We will send out more information about our display in upcoming newsletters.

May Testing: With the new testing calendar released by the state, the month of May is a very busy month on our campus. Almost every AICE and AP exam, as well as all state testing will occur in the month of May. With over 2,370 students, attendance is critical as we finish the home stretch of the school year.

Again, I want to thank all parents and community members that help make Gulf Coast the great school that it has become. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be the principal for the last six years. I hope that everyone has a summer break filled with new adventures and opportunities to spend with family and friends and I look forward to another amazing school year in 2019 – 2020.

Thank you,
Joe Mikulski, Principal
"Shark Pride"

Administrative Team

Mr. Joe Mikulski, **Principal**
Mr. Eric Nelson, **Assistant Principal, Curriculum**
Mrs. Caroline Hylemon, **Assistant Principal**
Mr. John Lambcke, **Assistant Principal, Discipline**
Mrs. Catherine Crawford-Brown, **Assistant Principal**
Mrs. Jocelyn Jones, **Assistant Principal**
Mr. Greg Maniscalco, **Instructional Support Specialist**
Mr. Matt Kuk, **Activities/Athletic Director**
Mrs. Cindy Giles, **Guidance Department Chair**
Mr. Mike Shaw, **Plant Operator**

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Curriculum Corner

Important Dates

April 19, 2019 – No School
 April 22, 2019 – No School
 May 24, 2019 – Early Dismissal Day /
 Graduation-Hertz Arena @
 12:00pm
 May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day – No School
 May 30, 2019 – Early Dismissal Day / Last
 Day for Students
 May 31, 2019 – No School – Teacher
 Planning Day

Grade Reporting Periods

March 18, 2019 – Start of Quarter 4
 March 22, 2019 – Distribution of Report
 Cards
 April 24, 2019 – Interim Period Ends
 May 1, 2019 – Interims Available
 May 30, 2019 – End of Quarter 4 – Report
 cards will be mailed home

Testing Dates

FSA Writing Assessment – April 2 – April 5
 FSA ELA/EOC Window – May 7 – May 21
 AP Exam Window – May 6 – May 23
 AICE Exam Window – April 29 – June 7
 Final Exam Window – Seniors –
 May 14 – May 17
 Final Exam Window – Underclassmen –
 May 24 – May 30

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish **and you can help**. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. **Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.**

1. **Reinforce positive and successful school habits.** Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
2. **Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules** on *Parent Portal*.
3. **Help your student to create a plan** to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. **Be aware of tutoring and study assistance** classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. **Re-establish your student's home-study routine.**
6. **Help your student to stay focused.** 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday. Reach out to Counseling Department or Attendance & Discipline for questions and or support!

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Attendance and Discipline

It is the final stretch! There are already some students with excessive tardies and excessive absences for second semester. Students need to be in classes every day – preparing for state testing, finals, and AP/AICE exams. We want all of our students to finish the year strong.

As a friendly reminder, students need to wear their Gulf Coast High ID badge on their lanyard around their necks everyday. With warmer weather, please be sure that dress code will be followed – no cropped shirts showing midsections, tube tops or off-the-shoulder tops, or shorts that are shorter than fingertip length. Dress for success!



Testing Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

A student with a documented disability may be eligible for accommodations on national college exams including ACT, SAT, PSAT, AP, and/or Certification Exams including Adobe, Microsoft, Autodesk, QuickBooks and ServSafe Exam.

ACT and SAT Accommodation Request must be started early and the request process may take up to seven (7) weeks and does not begin until all required documentation are received.

For guidelines and documentation requirements see the following testing links:

- **College Board:** SAT, PSAT, AP : <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities>
- **ACT:** <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/accommodations.html>
- **Certiport, Certification Exams:** <http://www.certiport.com/PORTAL/desktopdefault.aspx?page=common/pagelibrary/Disabilities.htm#Process>
- **ServSafe Exam:** https://www.servsafe.com/ServSafe/media/ServSafe/Documents/SSFS_Exam_Accommodation-1-3-2018.pdf

Accommodations Request Deadlines	
College Board / ACT 2019 Test Dates	Accommodations Request and Documentation (Where Required) Must Be Received by:
ACT : February 9, 2019	December 21, 2018
SAT: March 9, 2019	January 18, 2019
ACT : April 13, 2019	February 22, 2019
Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) May 7-18, 2019	February 23, 2019
SAT : May 4, 2019	March 15, 2019
SAT : June 1, 2019	April 12, 2019
ACT : June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019

Nurse's Corner

Summer break is fast approaching and with that, the class of 2019 will be going to college, work, or the armed services, etc... With change comes new responsibilities. In addition, new freedoms.

Here are a few things to remember:

1. If you are going to college and you have a chronic medical condition like asthma, diabetes or a life-threatening allergy that requires an Epi-pen tell your roommate and the RA. Show your roommate and the RA how to use a glucagon or Epi-pen. Also, check-in with the on-campus student health services. At work, let your supervisor know about your emergency medication and show them how to use it. If you have a medical condition that is chronic, create an emergency phone number list of your doctors, family and friends that should be contacted. If you need to use a nebulizer, keep in mind your roommate may never have seen one before. Show them how it works and keep in an easy to reach spot.
2. Make sure you are up-to-date on required vaccinations for college and that you have a current physical on file. Also, ask the doctor what boosters you may need, and make copies of your immunizations. The college will need a copy and your parents should keep a copy.
3. Have a medical supply box on hand with the following:
 - A digital thermometer, Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen, cold and flu medication, Band-Aid's in different sizes, antibiotic ointment, and if you wear glasses, an eyeglass repair kit.

Remember if you have a fever go to the on-campus student health services!

Have fun and be safe!
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United Nations

The Gulf Coast Model United Nations team had an extremely successful 2018-2019 competition season! We traveled to various conferences around the country such as NAIMUN (Washington D.C) and BUSUN (Providence) and competed against some of the top schools in the nation. At all of the conferences we attended, our varsity teams placed in the top 3 out of all delegations! This year we received 1st at Georgia Tech, 2nd at BUSUN, 1st at GatorMUN, 3rd at NAIMUN, and 2nd at SWFLMUN. We also had several delegates who had their very first gavel awards as well as new Hall of Fame members. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, you must receive a minimum of 3 gavels. We are so proud of all of our students who are so dedicated have spent hours researching and preparing for these conferences. We cannot wait to see what the next year holds!

Hall of Fame Inductees include:

Emma Mastro
Alyssa Long

Alexandra Igoe
Christie Ryan

Stevie Gauta
Kendall Roy



First time "Gavelers" include:

Lexi Holt
Jose Chang
Julia Zuercher
Alec Liberman
Clarisse Fontes
Ethan Upson
Surya Dodia
Sydney Shaw
Sara Hooper
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Athletics



What a year! It is amazing how we flew through the sport seasons this year. The spring sports teams have been hard at work and are now ready for the postseason. The baseball and softball teams have put in the work on the diamond and are preparing for their district tournaments. The boys and girls lacrosse team both had successful years and each will look to make a strong push in the playoffs. The tennis teams once again are dominating the courts this spring, while the track teams continue to post impressive results at all their meets. Good luck to all our spring student-athletes and coaches as they close out their seasons!

As a reminder, if you are interested in participating in sports at Gulf Coast, you need to create your account on athleticclearance.com. If you already have an account, you will just need to update the school year to 2019-2020 and then add the sport(s) you desire to play on your profile. You will also need to insure your athletic physical is up-to-date. You must get all the needed paperwork uploaded to the website prior to participating in any sport. If you have questions, please contact the Activities Office at 239-377-1428.

Fall Sports

- Cheerleading
- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Football
- Boys & Girls Golf
- Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving
- Girls Volleyball

Stay in touch with everything happening at Gulf Coast by subscribing to our Facebook (@ccpsgch) and Twitter (@GCSharks) pages!

Boys Track & Field Team

Congratulations to the boys track & field team for winning the Freshman / Sophomore meet, 3/26 at Lely. This was the first Freshman / sophomore team title in school history. The boys dominated the meet scoring in 16 of the 17 events contested and was a total team effort.

- **Micah Evans** broke an 18 yr. old meet record in the pole vault by jumping 14 feet.
- **Widson Brice** won the High Jump
- **Hudson Jean** won the 300 hurdles and was 2nd in the 110 hurdles
- **Marvin Jean Denis** won the shot put



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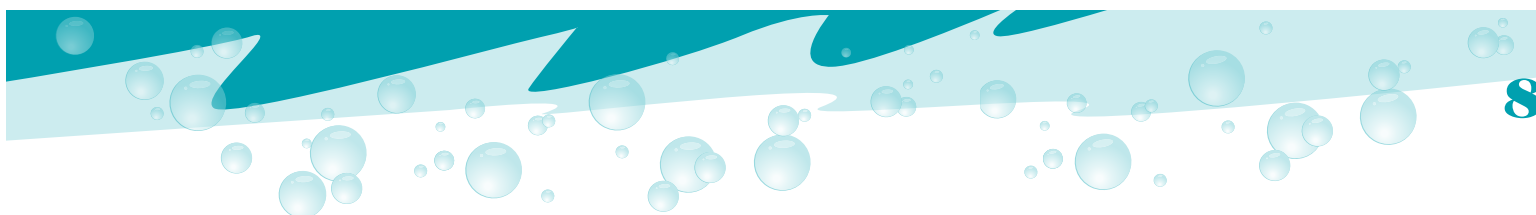
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Student Services Corner

Upcoming Awards Ceremonies

- May 13th 6:30pm - Monday Senior Awards Night

Seniors Receiving Scholarships

If any seniors received private scholarships or scholarships from a college/university that you plan to attend, please email or bring a copy of the award letter to Mrs. Giles in the Counseling Office so that you can be recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 13th at 6:30pm.

Scheduling

The counselors scheduled all students enrolled at Gulf Coast High for the 2019-20 school year during the month of March. Course verification sheets will be sent home with the students in April. This will be the last opportunity to make any changes in course selections for the upcoming school year.

Community Service

Students wanting to complete community service hours over the summer must have the volunteer request form pre-approved by their school counselor. Please review the policies for volunteer hours on the Student Services Web Page under Policies and Procedures.

Bright Futures Scholarship for Seniors

Most seniors have applied for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Seniors have until May 24th to meet the requirements for Bright Futures Scholarships (Requirements include Grade Point Average and community service hours). SAT/ACT requirements may be met by the June testing dates. Please see your counselor if you have any questions on meeting the Bright Futures requirements.