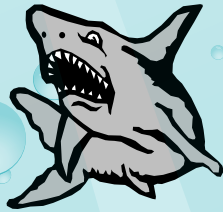
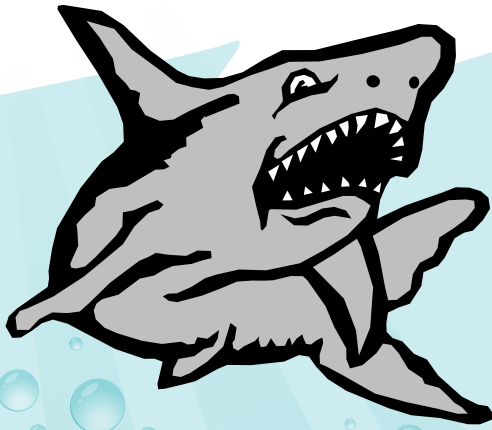


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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Gulf Coast Family,

As amazing as it sounds, the end of the 2021/2022 school year is fast approaching! While this has already been a very busy and exciting year to date, there are still more great things to come. Please make sure you mark your calendars with all of the important dates outlined in this newsletter.

In preparing for the end of the year it is a good time to re-energize yourself and your child to finish the academic year strong. Continue to monitor focus for all assignments, tests, and grades. Encourage your child to do their best and seek help when needed. Your child's guidance counselor is a great resource!

Thank you for a great year and I wish you all a relaxing and wonderful summer!

Kimberly Lonergan
Principal

Administrative Team

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Student Services Corner



Attendance and Discipline

It is the final stretch! There are already some students with excessive tardies and excessive absences for the 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 lanyards around their necks every day.

With warmer weather, please be sure that the **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!**

Important Dates at GCHS Auditorium

May 16th Senior Awards Night 6:30pm

Please send any scholarship award letters to Mrs. Giles by May 13th to announce that evening.

Course Registration for the 2022-23 School Year

Students registered for next year's courses during March.

Recommendations are based on:

- Student's performance in previous courses
- Grades
- Standardized Test Scores
- Fulfillment of course prerequisites
- Other relevant information

Dual Enrollment

Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in dual enrollment for the next school year need to meet with their counselor for specific details and requirements. Information regarding dual enrollment is posted on the Canvas Counseling Corner.

Students who meet all the requirements for FGCU's program (GPA and SAT/ACT scores) please email your counselors. The deadline for FGCU dual enrollment is March 31, 2022. Students should email their counselor to discuss FSW dual enrollment before March 31st, 2022. Registering for FSW courses will begin in late March.

Volunteer/Community Service

All hours for volunteer/community service must be pre-approved by the student service staff at lunch. This policy will be strictly enforced. Each student must obtain prior approval to ensure that the community service site meets the criteria and that the student will receive community service for volunteering. The forms can be found on the website or in the guidance office.

Bright Futures Scholarships

Seniors must complete a Florida Financial Aid Scholarship Application to be considered for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Counselors assisted seniors with this application process through open labs scheduled through the Government classes in October. Dual Enrollment students can use the website and complete it at home or come into the guidance office.

- Application Website: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

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- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>



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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 Requests must be started early. The request process may take up to seven (7) weeks and the decision determination does not begin until all required documentation is received.

For guidelines and documentation requirements see the following testing links:

- **College Board Accommodation information link:** <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/>

2021 – 2022 College Board Exam Dates and Deadlines

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College Board Exams	Test Date	SSD Accommodation Request Deadline	General Registration Deadline	Late Registration Fee Required
SAT	May 7, 2022	April 1, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
SAT	June 4, 2022	April 29, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

- **ACT Accommodation information link:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/the-act-test/accommodations.html>

2021- 2022 ACT TEST DATES

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ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022

- **Certiport, Certification Accommodation Information:** <http://www.certiport.com/PORTAL/desktopdefault.aspx?page=common/pagelibrary/Disabilities.htm#Process>
- **ServSafe Exam Accommodation Information:** https://www.servsafe.com/ServSafe/media/ServSafe/Documents/SSFS_Exam_Accommodation-1-3-2018.pdf



Please click on this link to the Spring testing calendars for April, May, and June. <https://www.collierschools.com/Page/55#calendar65/20220328/month>

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Tuesday, April 5th: 9th grade FSA ELA Writing
- Tuesday, April 5th: GCHS Family Night (details below)
- Wednesday, April 6th: 10th grade FSA ELA Writing
- Wednesday, April 13th: Junior Class Meeting @ 8 am, Auditorium
- Wednesday, April 13th: Senior Class Meeting and Senior Class Picture @ 10 am, GYM
- Thursday, April 14th: Early-Release Day
- Friday, April 15th: No School
- Saturday, April 16th: PROM
- Monday, April 18th: No School
- Friday, May 27th: Early-Release Day
- Saturday, May 28th: Graduation Class 2022
- Thursday, June 2nd: Early-Release Day/Last Day for Students

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Senior Parents: Parents, please check your email as we have been sending home information regarding graduation and will continue to do so throughout this last quarter. The school website is also updated regularly. collierschools.com/gch

The following form was sent to seniors this past weekend so that we can start to get an idea of what their "Next Steps" are. If you can please encourage your senior to complete the form that would be great!

- https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?fragment=FormId%3DSjyUWVNiDU2KmP71AwPTSx_F4BPjsAhlh4prghc9FrNUQUEwSkUzR1NUTUVRVFEUzFQMjNWSUtMOS4u%26Token%3D5cec9fd1ae4748bb96ce2292de4c2322

FINISHING STRONG

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2021-2022 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 provide an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday. Reach out to Counseling Department or Attendance & Discipline for questions and or support!



Congratulations to the Model UN team for placing first at the Southwest Florida MUN Conference at FGCU. They competed against 14 other schools and were able to take home \$27,400 in scholarships! Pictured are the 8 scholarship winners.



I would like to share the amazing news that our Science Olympiad team defended their title and WON the Southwest Florida Regional competition yesterday (Saturday, 2/12). Eight teams were competing this year. Would you be kind enough to share this news with the entire staff?



This is the second year in a row that our SciOly Sharks have won this competition (two years ago - in our inaugural year - we placed second). As a result of our win, we are invited to the Florida Science Olympiad State competition at the end of March (which will be held virtually).



A special shoutout to Niles (a GCHS student) for standing out in the community for helping other people while at his job at Publix. Way to go Niles!

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However, they can have much more sinister undertones, putting children at risk of physical harm.

Go to National Online Safety website to click on safety guides for parents. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

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Surya Dodia
Val Orozco
Zayn dalao
Devansh Barve
Liam Casco
Noah Thorne
Josh Albanos

Outstanding Delegate

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GSA Recognizes No Name-Calling Week

During the week of January 17-21, our GSA club celebrated GLSEN's National No Name-Calling Week. This is a student-led effort to encourage students to be kind and actively uplift one another. To bring attention to a group of students often harassed and marginalized, GSA hosted a "pronoun campaign." According to recent data, as much as 3-5% of our youth in Florida identify as transgender, gender nonbinary, or gender fluid. This group of students is also the ones that often face the greatest amount of harassment and bullying in our schools. Throughout the week, members of GSA were able to distribute pronoun pins during lunch and were able to engage many students and staff members about the importance of one's affirmed name and preferred pronouns. It is always exciting to be a part of Gulf Coast High School where there is such a supportive administration team that allows students to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus for all students to feel safe.



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Model UN

We would like to congratulate the Model UN team for placing first at the Southwest Florida Model United Nations conference at FGCU. The students competed against 14 other schools and won many awards in their committees. They also took home \$27,400 in scholarships!

Committee Placements	Scholarship Award Winners
	
<u>Best (1st)</u> Sara Hooper Sydney Shaw Osei Allen Noelle Morey Ava Weidner Abby Shaw Emma Upson Win Hlaing Leah Verwohlt Zayn Dalao	<u>Position Paper Awards</u> Marco Albertorio Sophia Cadavid <u>Best in Committee: Best Single Year Performance by grade level</u> 12th: Osei Allen 11th: Emma Upson 10th: Maya Doonan 9th: Izzy Lala <u>Multi-Year Performance Awards</u> Jerry Paul Leah Verwohlt Osei Allen Noelle Morey Win Hlaing Sara Hooper Sydney Shaw Surya Dodia—Surya won the Ralph J. Bunche award which is given to the student who earned the most points over the 4 years of competing. She won a \$6,000 scholarship!
<u>Outstanding (2nd)</u> Surya Dodia Gal Shem-Tov Maya Doonan Jeremiah Paul Aaron Pryear Noah Thorne Sasha Zuercher Devansh Barve	
<u>Honorable (3rd)</u> Peter Weidner Andrew Hermann Colin Briggs Aarnav Sheth	

The Model UN Varsity team traveled to Chapel Hill, NC to compete at the University of North Carolina this past weekend. We are very proud to announce that in addition to many individual awards, the team won the 1st place Best Delegation Award. This is the first time we have attended this large conference and we could not be prouder of the team! If you see the following students, please congratulate them!

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Congratulations are for the GCHS SPANISH Academic team! The group competed in Orlando earlier this month during spring break and brought home an outstanding play, 10 outstanding speeches, three outstanding declamations, and two superior declamations. In addition, senior Victoria Vallee was a scholarship essay winner. Go, Sharks! ¡Vivan Los Tiburones!

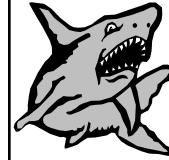


Congratulations to our Sharks VEX Robotics team that won the state competition over the break! Our team didn't just win one, they won TWO golden tickets to the Worlds Competition in

Dallas this May. Our Sharks earned the overall skills competition making them the number one seed for the afternoon brackets. Then they won the last of an exciting best of three to win the overall Championship.



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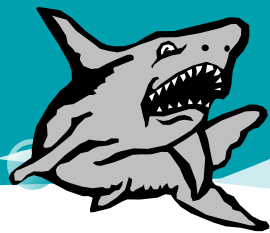
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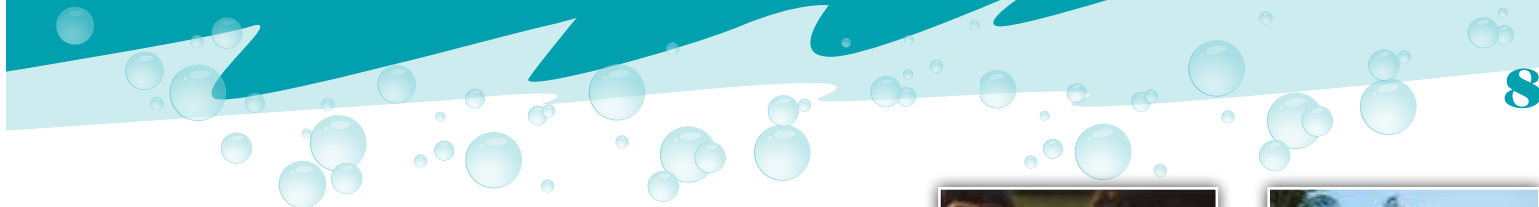


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Athletics & Activities

Spring Season is underway at Gulf Coast High School. Baseball and Softball are geared up for a homerun season! While our Lacrosse teams are full speed ahead! Tennis is serving up some stiff competition and Track & Field is wondering why everyone is chasing them? The 2022-23 Cheer season will be hosting tryouts for upcoming 10, 11, & 12th grade students on March 29 & 30 from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the GCHS Cafeteria. Incoming Freshmen tryouts will be on April 6 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm with a Training Camp on April 5 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All potential cheerleaders must be registered on Athletic Clearance for the 2022-23 school year www.athleticclearance.com. Contact the Activities Office at 239-377-1428 with questions.

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2/22/22 The AP Art Student field trip to the Ringling Museum in Sarasota was a blast. Students had fun sketching from Old Masters paintings, exploring the estate grounds, and interacting with the circus memorabilia. Consider taking a trip up there on a Monday (it's free to the public on Mondays as a part of John Ringling's legacy for education).



AICE Marine students participating in a Field Estuary Endeavor at Estero Bay with Vester Marine Field Station/ FGCU. Investigations included plankton tow and analysis, water quality comparisons, and mangrove flora and fauna discoveries!

