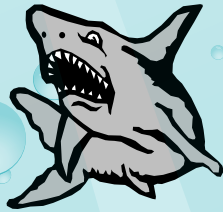
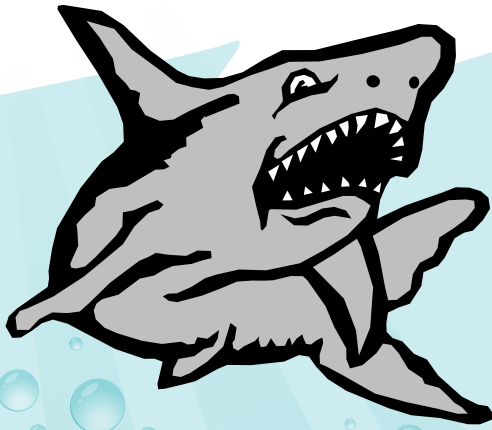


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FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY OF GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL



## 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 Gulf Coast Parents and Students,

Congratulations! We have made it to the fourth quarter and the end of the 2023/2024 academic school year. I commend each of you for the perseverance and resilience you have shown. You truly embody what it means to be a Shark: Responsible, Respectful, and Kind.

To all students in grades 9th, 10th, and 11th, end the year strong! Your schedule for next year will be determined by how well you do this year in your state testing, finals, and grades. We are here to help you be successful; there is no excuse! We have after-school tutoring and tutoring at lunch to ensure that you complete all of your work and study for all of your finals. You got this.

To our senior class, keep looking forward and bring your creative spirit and energy to all you do. I have no doubt you will succeed. Remember once a shark, always a shark! Make GCHS proud and remember to come back to see us as our awesome GCHS alumni!

Kimberly Lonergan  
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## Administrative Team

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## Curriculum Corner

Here we are at the final stretch of the 2023-2024 school year. This time of year can be non-stop with scheduling for next school year, preparing for our seniors to walk across the stage, testing (and more testing), and planning for next school year. Underclassmen awards will be on April 29th at 6:00 PM. Senior awards will be on May 13th at 6:00 PM.

AICE exams start on April 25th and AP exams start on May 6th. EOC courses (Algebra 1, Geometry, and US History) will have their end-of-course exams scattered throughout May. Then we have senior finals May 15-20 and underclassmen finals the last week of school. Students need to check Canvas and put testing information on their calendars! It is important that students prepare for these important assessments, get plenty of rest, and arrive to school on time.

One final reminder for parents to ensure their contact information is up-to-date in Focus. Please log into the Parent Portal to review that information – and check student's grades at least weekly.



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# Student Services Corner

## Important Dates at GCHS Auditorium

**April 29th** Underclassmen Awards Night 6:00pm

- Invitations will be sent out by April 18th.

**May 13th** Senior Awards Night 6:00pm

- Please send any scholarship and/or university award letters to Mrs. Giles by May 10th to be announced on May 13th.

## Bright Futures Scholarships

All seniors must complete a Florida Financial Aid Scholarship Application in order to be eligible for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Counselors assisted seniors with this application process through open labs scheduled through the Government classes in October. Application Website:

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPPRFILE/SAPPRFILE>

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Seniors and Parents should complete a FAFSA application. FAFSA is the largest source of financial aid in the United States, including scholarship, grants, and loans.

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

## School Year 2024-25

The GCHS Counseling Department has been working hard to get the entire GCHS student body ready for the next year.

Recommendations are based on:

- Student's performance in previous courses
- Grades
- Standardized Test Scores
- Fulfillment of course prerequisites
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We would also like to thank all the GC Families who donated to our third annual cookie exchange for the teachers and staff in December. We appreciate your support!

Thank you to our 2023-2024 Academic Booster Club Sponsors:

- D1 Training Naples
- Two Guys Kitchen & Catering
- Regis Construction
- Dr. Michael Wang of the Millennium Physician Group
- Valencia Homes Group

The Academic Booster Club is looking for local business sponsors and family donations to help support staff and student programs at our school.

We promote, support, and facilitate academic success and achievement of all students at GCHS throughout the year. Secondly, we aim to enhance the academic experience at GCHS by expressing our appreciation for our teachers and staff. One of our future goals, in addition to academia, is to financially

support many of the academic clubs that our teachers facilitate for our students.

Our Business Sponsor package gives your company's brand expanded reach to the families in and around our community. Best of all, 100% of your partnership stays in the immediate business area.

By supporting the ABC financially, the sponsorship of \$500 will give you:

- A Banner with your business's logo and/or information will be prominently displayed to parents and families when on campus.
- Recognition at all ABC events, your business logo on flyer in front office and in teachers/staff mailroom.
- Acknowledgment in the Shark Tooth Newsletter four times a year
- Recognition in the Graduation program.

Our Family Sponsorship for \$100 will give you:

- A 3x3 banner with your family's support displayed at the stadium.
- Recognition in the Graduation program.

Thank you for your consideration and support.  
Please contact MJ Kramer at [mjkramer287@gmail.com](mailto:mjkramer287@gmail.com) if you are interested or if you have any questions.



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You can purchase a personalized engravable brick that will be placed near the GCHS flagpole for your athlete, family, or business. The purchase of an engraved brick can open the door to new opportunities to students and staff at GCHS.

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GC Parents!

Spring Playoffs are on the horizon! Ensure you stay updated with the playoff schedule via [www.GCHSharks.com](http://www.GCHSharks.com) and [GoFan.co](http://GoFan.co)! Interested in Spring Football? Don't hesitate to get in touch with Coach Evans at [evansm1@collierschools.com](mailto:evansm1@collierschools.com) for more information. Season starts April 29th. Please make sure your student-athlete is registered on [aktivate.com](http://aktivate.com) for any spring sport that they are interested in participating. Continue to follow [GCHSharks.com](http://GCHSharks.com) and [Maxpreps.com](http://Maxpreps.com) for all our sports. If you want to learn more about our 2024-2025 Fall Sports, check out our website at [www.gchsharks.com](http://www.gchsharks.com).

We would love for you to be a part of our Athletic Booster Club! Please contact Karin Herrmann at [dgkarin@gmail.com](mailto:dgkarin@gmail.com) for more details on how to join or support this club. The Athletic Booster Club is here to support all GCH sports and to help revitalize the GCH campus. We're always seeking new members and ideas on providing the best opportunity for all our student-athletes. Shark Pride!

## Attendance and Discipline

We are in the final stretch... hard to believe! Students need to do everything they can to finish strong! That includes coming to school – on time and every day (including seniors!). There will be a LOT of testing going on throughout the 4th quarter, so making sure students are well-rested and on time is even more critical on days they will be participating in these assessments. Modified bell schedules are shared out on Canvas for students, posted on the school website, and sent out to parents on the weekly 5 Things email.

Our GCHS students are known for being some of the top students in the district and state! Whether students are recognized for their achievements in academics, art, music, sports, leadership, or community involvement, we are always PROUD of what these fine young people do every single day. We want to remind parents to be involved and talk to their children about making good choices. Also, our faculty and staff are here to help support our students and families. Please reach out with questions and concerns.

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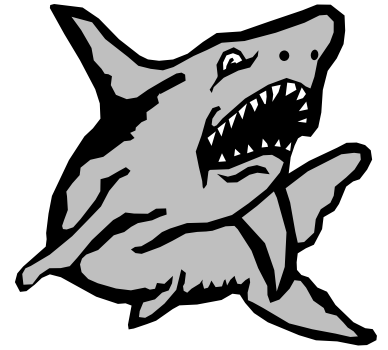
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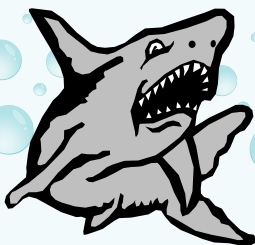
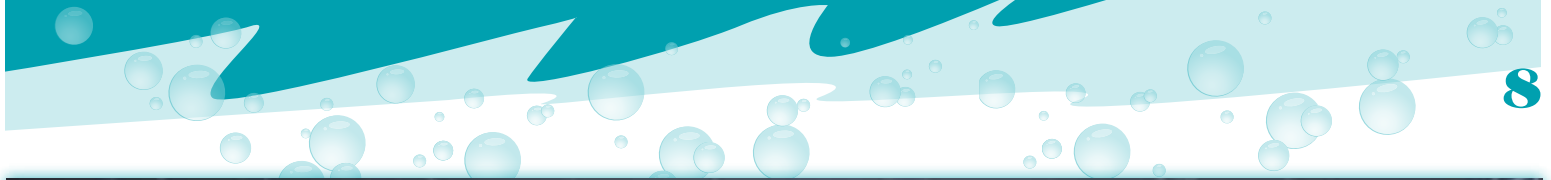


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