

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 Family,

Winter break and the end of the first semester are already upon us! It's hard to believe how fast time flies!

The fall was busy with lots of exciting news to report on, with everything from stellar musical and dramatic performances, championship clubs, and sports teams winning districts, regionals, and states.

With one national holiday past and the remainder of the holiday season before us, it's time to reflect on and be thankful for all that we have. I feel especially privileged to be the Principal of Gulf Coast High School. I am convinced that GCHS students, staff, and family members are some of the best in Collier County! Please join me in welcoming our new Assistant Principal of Attendance and Discipline, Ms. Amy Lovett, and wishing Mr. John Lambcke good luck in his new position as the Director of Transportation.

As we approach winter break, please continue to work with your student to help them reach their full potential. Remind your student to check Canvas and Focus nightly to ensure that they are completing all assignments fully!

I hope each of you enjoys the holiday season! I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2022.

Go Sharks!

Sincerely,
Kimberly Lonergan
GCHS Principal

Administrative Team

Ms. Kimberly Lonergan, **Principal**
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Mrs. Caroline Hylemon, **Assistant Principal**
Mrs. Amy Lovett, **Assistant Principal, Attendance & Discipline**
Ms. Catherine Crawford, **Assistant Principal**
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School Calendar

January

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
3	4	5	6	7	43	99
10	11	12	13*	14	47	104
17**	18	19	20	21	4	109
24=	25	26	27	28	9	114
31					10	115

3- No School for Teachers or Students
 13* - End of Quarter 2 (47 days)
 14 - Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students
 17** - MLK Day [paid holiday] No School for Teachers or Students
 24= Report Cards Published

February

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
	1	2	3	4	14	119
7	8	9	10	11	19	124
14	15+	16	17	18	24	129
21*	22=	23	24	25	28	134
28					29	135

3 - Professional Learning Early Dismissal Day
 7-11 FTE Week
 15+ Interim Period Ends
 22= Interims Published
 21** - President's Day [paid holiday] No School for Teachers or Students

March

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
	1	2	3	4	33	139
7	8	9	10	11	37	143
14	15	16	17	18	37	143
21	22	23	24	25*	42	148
28	29	30	31		3	152

11-18 Spring Break
 25* - End of Quarter 3 (42 days)
 28 - Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students



Curriculum and Instruction

Hello Gulf Coast High Shark Community,

The Gulf Coast High School Office of Curriculum and Instruction sends well wishes to everyone for the holiday season. Along with the holidays comes nearing the end of the first semester of the school year. It seems like just last week we were celebrating our first quarter "straight A" students. The GCHS Academic Booster Club has planned a new student recognition event for the end of the upcoming grading period. In January, we will recognize students who earn a quarter 2-grade point average of 3.5 or higher, 3.0-3.49, or improve their grade point average by .5 or more. We want to recognize as many students as possible so let us all do our part to ensure that students perform to their academic potential. An effective tip or tactic that can be used is to complete large or seemingly monumental tasks by accomplishing smaller tasks one at a time. By doing this, it's much less likely that we will feel overwhelmed or feel like the overall task is too difficult to complete. Let us all remain focused and finish the remainder of the semester out on a high note.



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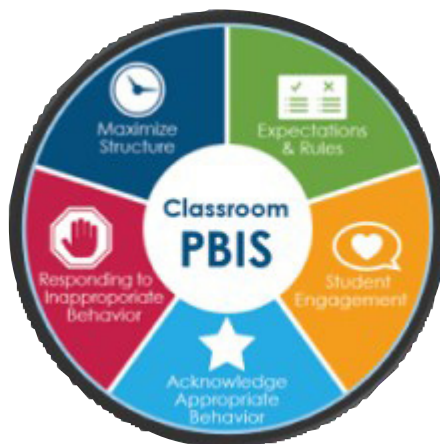
Attendance and Discipline

New APD!

I have been in education for 16 years, with six of those years as a teacher and coach in the Math Department at Gulf Coast High and four at the District Administration Building in the Teaching and Learning Department. I am very pleased to be returning to this amazing School in a different capacity, as Assistant Principal of Attendance and Discipline. I am looking forward to connecting with the shark community and continuing to support all shark staff, students, and families. GO SHARKS!

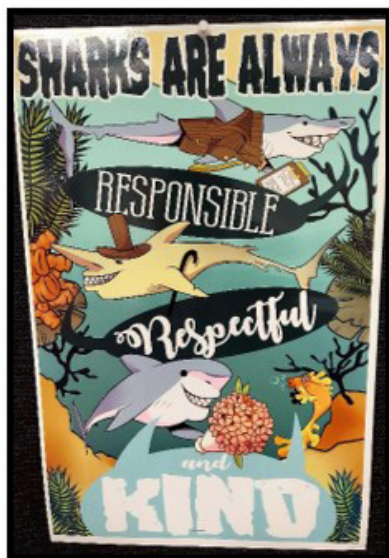


- We are already approaching winter break, then midterms, then semester change! Make sure your student is coming to school every day and on time. If your student is absent, please be sure to call our absence line at 239-377-1500 and/or send in a note with your student. Finish quarter 2 strong and stay healthy!
- Think before you post! Students need to be reminded about what they are posting online. TikTok "challenges" and other social media trends can have school consequences in addition to possible legal consequences.
- All students need their student IDs at school at all times during the school day.
- All students need to be in dress code daily.
- Come to school daily on time and get to each class on time!



Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

Core Values / Positive Behavioral Supports & Interventions (PBIS) Gulf Coast High School uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) to help serve the school community. PBIS is implemented school-wide to support student behavior, social competence, academic achievement, decision making, and staff. We honor our Sharks quarterly and plan to do a bigger celebration for Responsible, Respectable, and Kind SHARKS! The PBIS team is looking for input on ideas of how-to reward students for their good choices. If you have any ideas, please email Ms. Crawford at crawfc1@collierschools.com. We are looking for gift cards, discounts, etc.



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Counselor's Corner

The Gulf Coast High School Counselors produced a video for all grade levels called Let's Plan for the Future. It is on the student's canvas page under Counselor Corner. There is a lot of great information for everyone.

Testing Dates

2021 – 2022 College Board Exam Dates and Deadlines

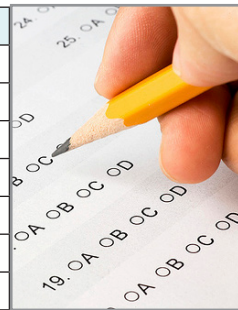
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College Board Exams	Test Date	SSD Accommodation Request Deadline	General Registration Deadline	Late Registration Fee Required
SAT	August 28, 2021	July 9, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 17, 2021
SAT	October 2, 2021	August 13, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021
PSAT/NMSQT	October 13, 2021	August 24, 2021	September 15, 2021	September 15, 2021
SAT	November 6, 2021	October 1, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021
SAT	December 4, 2021	October 29, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021
AP	Advanced Placement May 2 – 20, 2022	January 14, 2022	February 15, 2022	March 1, 2022
SAT	March 12, 2022	February 4, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022
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

2021- 2022 ACT TEST DATES

WWW.ACT.ORG – GCHS CEEB SCHOOL CODE 101540

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
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



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/>
- **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
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Bright Futures

Seniors had the opportunity to register for Florida Financial Aid (Bright Futures Scholarship) in October. The GCH counseling department met with Government and Economics classes to apply for the Florida Bright Futures program. If you are a senior and are not in a government or economic class at GCHS you can register on your own or stop by the counseling office and we can help you out.
www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you plan to attend college in the 22-23 school year you can submit a 2022-23 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** beginning Oct. 1, 2021. Find more details <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. **It is important to fill out the FAFSA for university scholarships also.**

Dual Enrollment Opportunities For the 2022-23 School Year

Gulf Coast High School students have two possible dual enrollment opportunities. There are opportunities at *Florida Southwestern University* or the *Accelerated Collegiate Experience program at Florida Gulf Coast University*. Students must meet requirements and deadlines before registering for classes at Florida Southwestern College or Florida Gulf Coast University. Florida Gulf Coast University has a selection process for its Accelerated Collegiate Experience program. Please schedule an appointment with your counselor for FGCU by February 1, 2022. Potential ACE students must attend an ACE Public Information Meeting. Please check for dates on the <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/ace/ace-admissions.aspx>. Visit <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/ace/ace-admissions.aspx>. **The last SAT date for FSW is in March of 2022.**

- All dual enrollment criteria must be met which includes tests scores and grade point averages before registration for courses.
- Visit fsw.edu/dualenrollment



National Merit Semi-Finalist

Please congratulate Andrew Eppich, Carson Hedrich, Win Hlaing, Sara Hooper, and Wesley Podos for their selection as *National Merit Semi-Finalists*. They were selected as semi-finalists based on their 11th-grade PSAT scores. Semi-finalists are the highest scorers in each of the fifty states and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. They will now compete for a National Merit Finalist Award.



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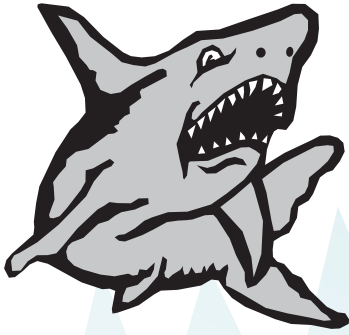
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Shark Battalion Cadets

Good afternoon GCHS family,

I am happy to report that after 40 hours with 24 high-performance Shark Battalion cadets, they have brought home not one but two first-place trophies both Male and Female Teams for Rope Bridge.

Please congratulate them on their achievements.

I hope you all have a great day!

Respectfully,
SSG Hunter

GCHS Athletics Department

As the Fall Season comes to an end and the Winter Season is now upon us, I thought I'd share some highlights from the Fall Season:

- **Boys Golf (Region, District, CCAC Champs)** made it to the State Finals in Howey in the Hills. Junior Noah Kent (Iowa Commit) finished tied for 2nd and is a State Runner-up.
- **Girls Golf (Region Runner-up, District, CCAC Champs)** finished their season in 3rd place at State Finals in Howey in the Hills. The girl's 3rd place finish is the best finish for a girls golf team in Collier County History!
- **Boys Cross Country (State Finals Appearance)** Sophomore Will Montanye finished 69th at the State Finals, and the boy's team finished 27th overall at the State Finals in Tallahassee.
- **Girls Cross Country (Regional Appearance)** our Lady Sharks placed 2nd at the CCAC and finished 4 points shy of a State Finals appearance in the toughest region in the state.
- **Swim/Dive (CCAC Champs, State Runner-up, State Medalist)** The Sharks had an amazing year in which they retained THE LOG and had 9 Sharks represent Collier County at the 4A State Meet in Stuart. Jack Stokvis placed 2nd in the 100 Butterfly with a tie of his school-record time of 48.63, which earned him Automatic All-American. Carinn Bethea placed 4th in the 200 Free and 7th in the 500 free. The Sharks 200 Free Relay team also placed 7th in 4A. Junior Sofia Licausi finished 12th in the 4A Dive Finals. Freshman Clayton Shephard finished 15th in the 4A dive Finals.
- **Volleyball (CCAC Champs, District Runner-Up)** finished with an overall record of 18-10 and finished as District Runner-up. The Sharks went 9-0 to sweep the CCAC conference. Junior Lily Lucas finished with 293 kills and Sophomore Aisha Keric with 264 kills.
- **Football (2nd in CCAC)** won the CatFish Bowl for the 2nd in 3 years. Junior Quarterback Konner Barrett, Junior Receiver Joseph Miller, Senior Linebacker Quinn Hepler finished as the leading SWFL statistics for this position.

Alan Scott

Activities Coordinator

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GC Alumnus - Class of '06



Ceramics

Cultural masks are what's happening in Mrs. Blair's Ceramic 1 classes! Students researched the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group that was of interest to them. They then drew designs, built an armature mold, and transformed their plans into a 3D replica from clay. There are so many different ideas and interpretations that are created in the Ceramic studio!



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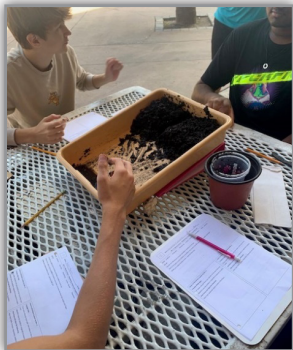
GCHS Clubs

Gulf Coast Garden Club, sponsored by Mrs. Chabot, visited Naples Botanical Garden for their first field trip! Tickets were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Stanford! Mr. Cartamil, the teacher accompanied them on the field trip.

- LGBTQ History Month display in Media Center
- Solidarity Week – recognize teachers nominated by students for Quarter 1
- Allyship In Action Training
- LGBTQ Spirit Day



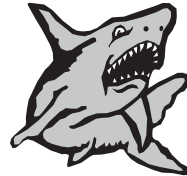
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Mrs. C's Marine Science classes did an awesome lab about erosion and weathering!



Spanish Academic Team is back this year! Practicing hard for competition in March in Orlando



A few spots are left!



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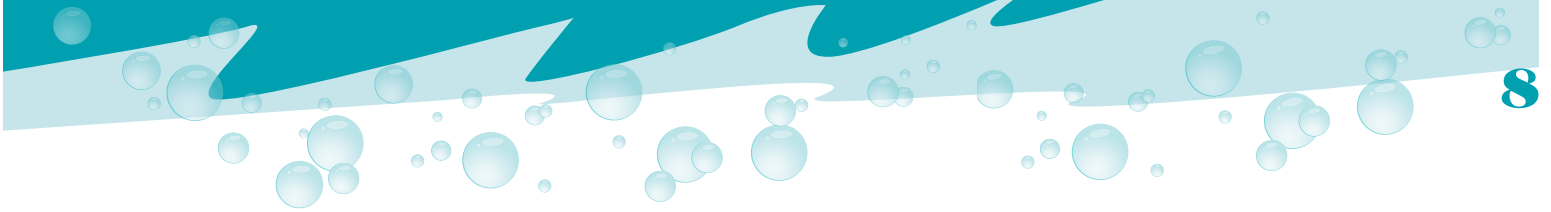


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