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

Hello Shark families!

It is hard to believe that the first semester has come to an end and we are now in the 2nd half of the year. The 2020-2021 school year has had challenges, but I am very proud of how the students have persevered. With the expectation of about 85 to 90% of our students returning to on-campus instruction, we must continue to follow all Covid-19 safety protocols for the remainder of the year.

If your child is running a fever, has a steady cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste and/or smell, is awaiting a Covid-19 test result, or has been in contact with someone who has Covid-19, please keep your child home from school. Please continue to have your child bring and wear a mask/face covering on-campus during the day and students should be bringing their laptop computer (fully-charged) with them as well daily.

As we enter the second semester it is a time for all of us to continue to celebrate the successes our students are having in the classroom and on the athletic fields. Please continue to follow Gulf Coast High School activities through our school website www.collierschools.com/gch.

This second semester brings with it scheduling, testing, more testing, projects, term papers, End of Course exams, and graduation. We need your help in assisting us in this partnership. The greatest gift you can give your child or any child is to stay actively involved in that child's life. Together... we can guide every child to academic success.

Again, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful 2021 and it is my pleasure to be your child's principal.

Joe Mikulski, *Principal*
"Shark Pride"

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

Administrative Team

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

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<http://www.collierschools.com/gch>

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Abigail Pitts - GCHS Licensed Mental Health Provider

Abigail Pitts is Gulf Coast High School's Licensed Mental Health Provider. Abigail grew up in Naples, attending Poinciana Elementary, Pine Ridge Middle School and Naples High School, and was a four-year varsity athlete in both Soccer and Softball. After graduation, Abigail went on to major in Psychology at Bowling Green State University, in Bowling Green, Ohio. After four years in the cold, she returned to Naples and completed her Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling at Florida Gulf Coast University. Abigail worked/interned with Youth Haven, Catholic Charities, and The Shelter for Abused Women and Children while earning her Licensure. She has worked for the David Lawrence Centers since 2013 as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Abigail became a contract worker for Collier County Public Schools in 2018 and has provided Mental Health Counseling and Crisis Support for students in the Gulf Coast High School Feeder Pattern. Abigail was awarded the 2020 Employee of the Year Award from David Lawrence Centers for her work in the schools. **Very exciting honor! We are fortunate to have her here at GCHS!**

Need Tutoring?

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Hello, GCH! The link above is for any GCHS student to apply for a specific tutoring need. NHS gets these requests, and then members will reach out to connect with people. Please let your students know this form is available- even a post on canvas would be helpful so they can find it!

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Counselor Corner

SAT and ACT Testing

- All juniors who are college-bound or who hope to qualify for Bright Futures should take an ACT or SAT or both during the second semester.
- All juniors who have not yet passed FSA ELA should take either the ACT or SAT during the second semester. Students who achieve the designated concordant score can use it to satisfy their FSA graduation requirement.
- For testing information and registration please go to the following sites:
SAT – www.collegeboard.com
ACT – www.actstudent.org
- Students with diagnosed learning disabilities (currently have an IEP or a 504 Plan) could be eligible for extra time on SAT or ACT. Parents should contact Mr. Maniscalco (maniscgr@collierschools.com) if they would like to start the application process with College Board and/or ACT.
- Fee waivers** are available for SAT and/or ACT for students who are approved for free or reduced lunch. Students can obtain a waiver from Ms. Lopez (lopezan@collierschools.com) or in the guidance office.

Community Service

Community service is a requirement for all levels of Bright Futures and pre-approval forms are available in the guidance office and on our school website. Students can visit our Community Service module in Counselor Corner on Canvas for a list of possible sites.

Seniors

\$\$\$\$\$ It is scholarship season! All seniors have access to the Counselor's Corner course in Canvas which has a module devoted to scholarships and financial aid. Students should pay particular attention to the Scholarship Connector, Community Foundation of Collier County, and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation lists of scholarships offered by local organizations. Deadlines are approaching soon so please encourage your child to check it out!

Bright Futures Applications – Counselors visited all Government and Economics classes to assist students in completing the Bright Futures application (FFAA). If your son/daughter was absent they can still complete the application by going to www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. Students must complete this application to be considered for this scholarship so this is important! If you need more information please contact your child's school counselor.

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 is 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

Testing Dates

Test Dates 2020-2021	Accommodations Request and Documentation (Where Required) Must Be Received by:
PSAT 10 Testing Window February 22 - March 6, 2021	December 11, 2020
SAT March 13, 2021*	January 22, 2021
PSAT 10 Testing Window April 13 - April 30, 2021	February 22, 2021
Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) May 3 - 7, 10 - 14, 2021	January 15, 2021
SAT and SAT Subject Tests May 8, 2021*+	March 19, 2021
SAT and SAT Subject Tests June 5, 2021+	April 16, 2021

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Attendance and Discipline

SECOND SEMESTER

January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year during the second semester, all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and **you the parents** can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. **Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time.** Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.

To assure continued academic success, **re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose.** Determine if any supplies or devices are needed. Also, **monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing Parent Portal.** <https://portal.collierschools.com/live/>

Learn what tutoring and support opportunities are available here at school to improve results. Again, your attention to your student's schoolwork will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

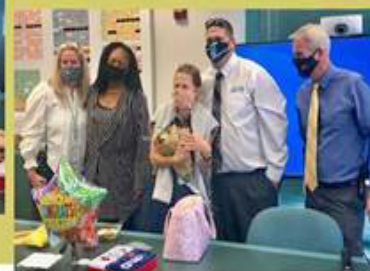
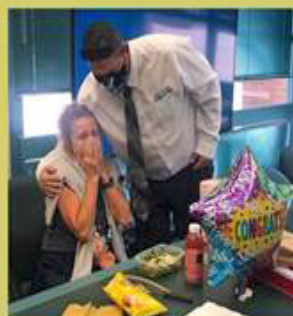
These efforts; staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide". Please be sure to call your child in when they are absent from school. We have a **24-hr message** only absence line (239) 377-1500 where you can leave a detailed message as to why they are out.

If you need to pick your student up early, please send them in with a note (all notes are verified with a call to the parent) or you can call (239) 377-1431 and leave a detailed message with your child's name, when & why they need to leave, if they are driving or being picked up and by who. If you send a note in with your child, you can call this line (239) 377-1431, and leave a message the night before as verification, be sure to leave a good call back number in case we have any questions.



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SSUNS - Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium

In November, our delegates traveled far and wide to their laptops and participated in SSUNS, Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium, hosted in Montreal, Quebec. After 3 long days of endless speeches and tedious competition, GCHSMUN emerged victorious once again. As well as earning the award for Outstanding Large Delegation, our delegates walked away with the most number of gavels in GCHSMUN history for one competition. First place positions were awarded to Sydney Shaw, Noelle Morey, Leah Verwolt, Osei Allen, Jerimiah Paul, Abby Parker, Sarah El-Hefnawy, Hadi Dalao, Sabian Saliassi, Devansh Barve, Kayn Cowan, and Zayn Dalao. Outstanding Delegate awards were given to Surya Dodia and Amir Ergashev. Honorable Delegate awards were given to Peter Weidner, Nick Gaudio, and Noah Thorne. We are super excited to participate in GatorMUN on January 22-24. We will also be attending NAIMUN in February and SWFLMUN, which is hosted by FGCU in March. Our home conference, SharkMUNC will be in April, which will allow our Gulf Coast delegates to show their skills amongst each other. Good luck delegates!!



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AP Environmental Science



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Students enjoyed connecting with professionals in the field and applying learned concepts from the classroom to real-world scenarios.

GCHS JROTC

Congratulations to the following cadets for receiving either an academy appointment or college ROTC scholarship.

Chief Ford
CW3 (retired) Timothy S. Ford,
Senior Army Instructor
Gulf Coast High School



Faith Ray - Stetson University, 3 year US Army ROTC

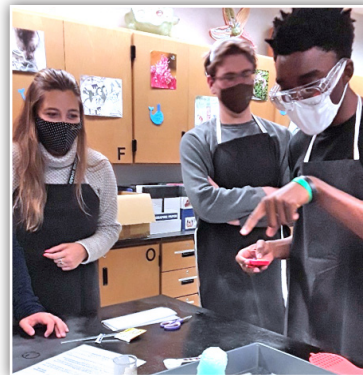
Sonny Tran - United States Naval Academy

Julia Zuercher - Applying to Brown University and University of Pennsylvania

accepted to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, 4 year US Air Force ROTC

Grace Muesing - United States Air Force Academy

Collin Roy - University of Colorado, 4 year US Army ROTC



Biology

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Mark Voorhees, GCHS Girls Soccer Coach



GCHS Athletic Department

Hello Sharks!

Winter is upon us, which means playoff time! NFHSnetwork.com will have all of your Shark events live as we aim for postseason hardware. Also, Spring season is around the corner. Make sure to stay up to date with all Spring schedule at the GCH website.

Regards,
Alan Scott, Activities Coordinator
Gulf Coast High School
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COVID-19

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When should students stay home?

STUDENT SICKNESS

If your child CURRENTLY HAS or has had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours

FEVER

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SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING

CHILLS OR REPEATED SHAKING WITH CHILLS

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NAUSEA, VOMITING, OR

NEW LOSS OF

REQUIRES 10-day isolation

STUDENT EXPOSURE

If your child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19

OR

IF YES

TO ANY OF THE CRITERIA ABOVE

Contact your child's school for guidance on when your child may return to school

HELP KEEP OUR CCPS FAMILY HEALTHY

STOP

STUDENT SHOULD STAY HOME

Curriculum Corner: February 2021

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 15, 2021 – No School – President's Day
February 25, 2021 – Early Dismissal Day
March 26, 2021– End of 3rd Quarter
March 29, 2021 – No School for Students –Teacher Planning Day
March 15-19, 2021 – No School – Spring Break
April 2, 2021 – No School

Grade Reporting Periods

February 16, 2021 – Interim Period Ends
February 22, 2021 – Interim Reports Published
March 26, 2021 –Third Quarter grading period ends
April 6, 2021 – Distribution of Report Cards

Holidays

March 15, 2021 – March 19, 2021 – Spring Break – No School

Testing Dates

FSA Writing Assessment:	April 5-16
FSA ELA / EOC's:	May 3 – May 28
AP/AICE Exam Window:	April 26 – May 21
Final Exam Window for Seniors:	May 17 - 21
Final Exam Window for Underclassmen:	June 8 – June 11

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- The SAT®/AP/PSAT website: <http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd/prof/eligible.html>
- The ACT/PLAN® website: <http://www.act.org/aap/disab/index.html>