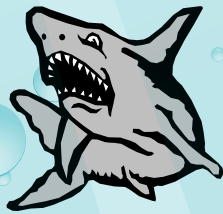
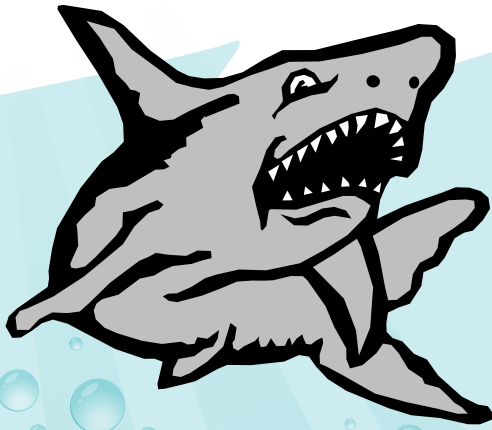


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Mission Statement

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.

Dear Students and Parents,

I am very proud to announce that Gulf Coast High School is an A+ rated Florida high school again with a 95% graduation rate. All of our hard work has paid off! Thank you to all the GCHS staff, students, and parents for making this possible. We are excited to enter the second semester to continue our strive for excellence in all we do. Go Sharks!

Currently, all students should be finishing up strong to move on to the next phase of their school career. Whether it is the next grade level, post-secondary, or the work world how you end this year matters. If you need assistance, we are here for you. The after-school program can assist with tutoring or homework help, your teachers can assist with extra explanations, and your counselor can assist with scheduling... all you need to do is advocate for yourself and ask. Parents, please check parent portal, focus, and the school website daily to stay informed. We are a TEAM and together we will ensure that all students succeed! I look forward to seeing you at our end-of-year concerts, performances, awards ceremonies and our final celebration, GRADUATION! It is always a great day to be a SHARK!

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It is scholarship season! 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 in order to be considered for this scholarship, so this is important! If you need more information, please contact your child's school counselor.

Curriculum Corner

Just like that – we are in Semester 2! We are seeing seniors getting accepted into post-secondary educational programs, getting scholarship award letters, and gearing up for graduation! Everyone else will be meeting with counselors soon for scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will need to review and select their top choices for electives – and they can expect to see a few new courses that will be offered.

Along with course selections, “testing season” will be happening soon! The BEST Writing assessment is in early April. Then the FAST PM3, Algebra 1 EOC, Biology EOC, and US History EOC all will occur in the month of May. Additionally, there will be AICE and AP exams, CTE certification tests, and the school-day SAT for juniors (on March 5th).

Finally, we always encourage families to review grades with their students. It is very important that students stay on top of their schoolwork and earn high-achieving grades. Student GPAs are tied to so many aspects of high school – including athletics, academic clubs, parking permits, and homecoming/prom participation. If a student is struggling and needs a little extra help, we offer an after-school program from 2:05-3:35 in the media center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



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Student Services Corner

PSAT Practice Question

The following text is adapted from Amy Lowell's 1912 poem "Summer." It is summer, glorious, deep-toned summer, The very crown of nature's changing year When all her surging life is at its full. To me alone it is a time of pause, A void and silent space between two worlds, When inspiration lags, and feeling sleeps, Gathering strength for efforts yet to come. As used in the text, what does the phrase "a void" most nearly mean?

- A) A useless B) An empty C) A forgotten D) An incomplete

Course Registration for the 2024-25 School Year

Students will begin registering for next year's courses during February and March. Course selection sheets will be given to students in February. Please ensure that your students select courses very carefully as changes cannot always happen.

Dual Enrollment for 24-25 School Year

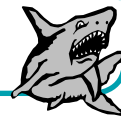
- Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in dual enrollment for next school year need to meet with their counselor for specific details and requirements. On February 12th there was an informational meeting regarding dual enrollment.
- Students should email their counselor to discuss FSW dual enrollment prior to March 10th, 2024.
- Students who meet all the requirements for FGCU's program (GPA and SAT/ACT scores) please email your GCH counselors. The deadline for FGCU dual enrollment is March 10, 2024.

SAT and ACT Testing

- All juniors are able to participate in the school-day SAT on **March 5th**. Students do NOT need to register, and the scores are reportable. Please encourage your junior to participate in this **FREE** SAT opportunity!
- 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
- 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.

PSAT Practice Question Answer: B

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We would love for you to be a part of our Athletic Booster Club! Please contact Karin Herrmann at 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!

Academic Booster Club



On Friday January 26th the Academic Booster Club celebrated academic achievement for students that raised their GPA! Students who had a .5 or higher increase and those who had a GPA of 3.0 or higher received GCHS Shark Bracelets. Keep up the good work Sharks!

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!

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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.

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- Recognition in the Graduation program.

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- Recognition in the Graduation program.

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High school is an exciting time with so much to offer. Remember... the more involved students are in school, the more likely they will be successful. We encourage students to make connections with their teachers, coaches, administrators, and (of course) their peers. Coming to sporting events, joining a club, and participating in class are just a few ways to make that happen.

Please pay close attention to days off and early dismissals – and plan accordingly! Spring break is March 11-15. After spring break, there is a long period of time until the next day off. Absences will accumulate and may result in credit being withheld. It is important to document absences with doctor notes and/or parent communication. The absence line is 239-377-1500.

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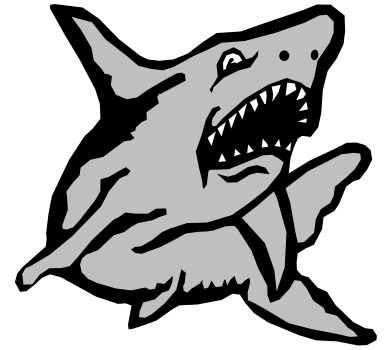
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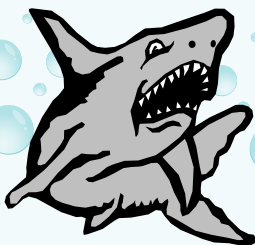
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