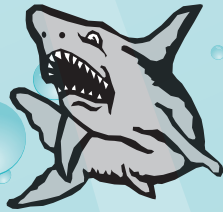
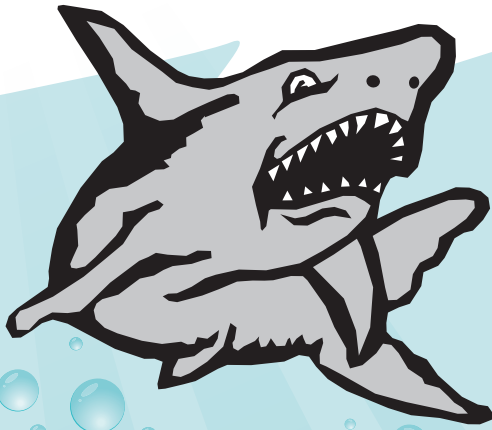


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From The Principal's Desk

Hello Shark families! It is hard to believe that the first semester has ended. It truly has been an outstanding first few months at Gulf Coast.

I hope everyone has been receiving the 5 Things Happening at Gulf Coast email each week. The hope is to continue to highlight upcoming events and important dates so everyone can be informed. If for some reason, you are not receiving the weekly email; usually sent out on Monday mornings; please make sure that your email address is correct in the Parent Portal through the District webpage at www.collierschools.com.

As we enter the second semester, it is a time for all of us to step up our expectations for organization, behavior, academic achievement, and study skills. This 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.

I hope each of you enjoyed your holiday season and were able to spend quality time with your loved ones. I wish all of you an awesome 2020.

"Shark Pride"

Joe Mikulski, *Principal*

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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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Curriculum Corner: December 2019

Important Dates

January 6, 2020	No School – Teacher Planning Day
January 20, 2020	No School – MLK Day
February 17, 2020	No School – President's Day
February 26, 2020	Early Dismissal Day

Grade Reporting Periods

January 7, 2020	Third Quarter grading period begins
January 13, 2020	Second Quarter grades posted online in portal
February 5, 2020	Interim Period Ends
February 12, 2020	Interim Reports posted online in portal
March 6, 2020	Third Quarter grading period ends
March 23, 2019	Third Quarter posted online in portal

Holidays

December 21, 2019 - January 6, 2020	Winter Break
January 7, 2020	Students return to school
March 7 - March 16, 2020	Spring Break

Testing Dates

FSA Reading Retake	February 24th – March 6th
FSA Writing Retake (Juniors & Seniors)	February 24th – March 6th
FSA Writing Window (Freshman & Sophomores)	April 1st – April 14th
Algebra 1 Re-take	February 24th – March 6th
AP/AICE Exam Window	April 28th – May 21st
Algebra 1, Geometry, U.S. History, & Biology EOC Window	May 1st – 29th
FSA Reading Window (Freshman & Sophomores)	May 1st – 29th
Final Exam Window – Seniors	May 19th – 22nd
Final Exam Window – Underclassmen	May 29th – May 3rd

We Dine Together Club

Caps and Conversations

We Dine Together is starting a recycling project to collect caps and start conversations. We are collecting plastic caps and lids this semester to transform them into a recycled conversation table that will last a lifetime. We NEED you to help make this dream a reality. We need 550 pounds of caps and lids by the end of May to create our conversation table. The homeroom (4th period) with the most pounds of caps will win a cookie cake and the teacher will win a gift certificate to Sophia's Restaurant.

–Diana Childs/ Francine Marinari



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CCPS ESE Exceptional Student Education Expo

Learn about community resources available for students with disabilities. As part of Sharing the Commitment, this free event is an opportunity for parents to connect with professionals and to discover the many local resources available for preschool through high school transition-aged students with disabilities. Local providers and community agencies will be available to speak with parents and students about recreational and vocational activities, educational supports, respite, advocacy, disability awareness, and much more.

LEARN CONNECT EXPLORE PLUS, learn about Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) programs that may support your child's future. • Pre-Kindergarten • Unified Champion Schools • Transition Work Study (Project Search, The Life Program, and Community-Based Vocational Instruction)

Stop by any time during the ESE Expo to visit with community partners

TIME: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

DATE: January 22, 2020

LOCATION: Gulf Coast High School (7878 Shark Way, Naples)



Model United Nations

The GCHS Model United Nations team recently took part in the 33rd annual WMHSMUN competition hosted by the College of William and Mary. The competition offered a number of unique problems for the team to tackle like the conflicts in the South China Sea, the problem of human trafficking, and the elimination of diseases around the world. As a delegation, we placed third over-all and individuals placed in 13 of the 16 rooms we competed in. Please congratulate these students when you see them for their hard work and accomplishments.



Best Delegate

(1st place gavel)

Jenia Browne
Sydney Shaw
MaryKate Arbuckly
Walezka Abdala
Ethan Upson
Alex Hunter
Thomas Beatty

Outstanding Delegates

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Osei Allen
Kayla Mathai
Surya Dodia
Sonny Tran
Win Hlaing
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Honorable Delegates

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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 are 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: <https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-policies/Accommodations>

ServSafe Exam: https://www.servsafe.com/ServSafe/media/ServSafe/Documents/SSFS_Exam_Accommodation-1-3-2018.pdf

Test Dates	Accommodations Request and Documentation (Where Required) Must Be Received by:
College Board - Accommodations Request Deadlines	
PSAT 10 Testing Window February 24–March 27, 2020	December 13, 2019
SAT March 14, 2020	January 24, 2020
PSAT 10 Testing Window April 13–April 30, 2020	February 21, 2020
Advanced Placement Program (AP) May 4-8, 11-15, 2020	January 17, 2020
SAT and SAT Subject Tests May 2, 2020	March 13, 2020
SAT and SAT Subject Tests June 6, 2020	April 17, 2020

Sports Update

Hey Sharks,

Winter Sports are in full swing; Boys and girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling are all competing at high levels. Make sure to visit the Gulf Coast High School website for schedules of all Winter Sports and come check out the action. If you are interested in trying out for any Spring Sport, please make sure that your athletic clearance page is updated with all the necessary information. Please check out <https://athleticclearance.com/login.php> for more info.

—Alan Scott, *Activities Coordinator*

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Congratulations to our GCHS 2019 Football Team!

Gulf Coast Football team earned the title of Academic State Champs! We have not earned this title since 2011! Thank you to all staff for making this possible. This is proof it takes a village to make this work. What an honor for the boys to receive!

Class 7A Schools Cumulative Team GPA

Gulf Coast	3.278
St. Thomas Aquinas	3.241
Viera	3.176
Navarre.....	3.132
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Spanish Academic Team

"Spanish Academic team had their annual tryouts in August. Please congratulate our new team members for the 2019-2020 school year. Alejandro Hernandez, (President), Agilia Rementeria (Treasurer), Isabelle Dome (Vice President), Erin Garry (secretary), Gabe Velez (publicist), Walezca Abdala (2nd year delegate), Daniela Diaz, Christa Guelce, Shekaina Jimenez, Nathalie Schery, Kennedy Moes, and Cristina Crisanti. Please congratulate them on all their hard work and team spirit. We will be competing in March in Orlando at the Wyndham Resort in Orlando Florida. To become a member or financial sponsor, please contact Ms. Rosas at 239-377-1568. We still need a few more members to complete our team. Some of our upcoming fundraisers are the dance off and Valentine rose messages in February. We will compete against dozens of other public and private schools in the area of poetry, drama, essays, speeches, and much more! **Go Tiburones! Go Sharks!"**



We are excited to show off the MC3 Career Experience group. These students volunteer during 6th and 7th period each day in the community. Most sites are for one semester and then we switch for the new semester. Job sites include: McDonalds, Walgreens, Il Primo, Publix, Culver's, Goodwill, All Pets Grooming, Greenway Nursery, Subway and New York Bagel. Several students have been hired outside of school as well. We are so pleased that these venues give the opportunity for job skills much needed after graduation. Our goal is that every student will have volunteered at each site at least once in his or her 4-year high school career.

Shark Swimming and Diving Team

The Shark Swimming and Diving Team finished their season with a great showing at the State 4A meet. The road was hard as the post season progressed with lots of new, faster competition in the higher class. The girls finished runner-up in the district, 4th in the region and 10th in the state. The boys finished 3rd in the district, 7th in the region and 31st with one swimmer at states. The girls' state team consisted of 2 relays, 6 individual swims and 1 diver. Team members included Carinn Bethea, Danielle Boland, Brooke Boling, Sophia Licausi, Rachel Moran, and Olivia Owens. Both relays medaled (4th and 6th) and Rachel Moran took home an individual 6th place in the 100 breaststroke breaking her own school record. On the boys' side, freshman Jack Stokvis represented the sharks well placing 6th in the 100 fly in new school record time and 14th in the 50 free. Now that we have seen our new competition, it only makes us want to work harder in the pool. Congrats to all on a great season.



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JROTC Raider Competition

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The Gulf Coast High School JROTC Shark Battalion has had a busy year thus far. The Raider teams have competed in three Raider competitions. The first Raider competition was the Collier County Raider Competition. Both male and female Raider teams placed first at the county competition earning them a trip to the state competition. For the first time, the mixed Raider team placed second during the county competition. The second Raider competition was held at Lake Wales, Florida, where the Gulf Coast High School male and female Raiders competed against teams from across the entire state. Congratulations to the female team for placing second in the state and males for placing fourth. The last Raider competition was held at Myakka City, Florida, where four Gulf Coast High School male (two person teams) and three female (two person teams) competed against teams from Florida and Georgia. On 6 December, the Shark Battalion was evaluated during the JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA). This is the most strenuous event that the battalion will endure and only occurs once every five years. Once again, the Shark Battalion has achieved the highest rating of "Honor Unit of Distinction". Now that Raider season and JPA are over, the Shark Battalion will begin Drill Team practice. The cadets will participate in weekly training to hone their skills for the upcoming Collier County Drill Competition that is being held at Gulf Coast High School on February 22nd. The cadets will compete in 12 different categories of drill in hopes of earning a trip to the Florida State Drill Competition that will be held on April 18th. Simultaneously, the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) Teams will be competing in rounds one and two. Both JLAB Teams have advanced to round two that will be held between 1-15 February. Of the 1,700 JROTC programs in the nation, only 24 JLAB Academic and 40 JLAB Leadership Teams will advance to the National Championship in Washington, D.C. The JLAB Teams are working extremely hard to earn their fifth trip to the National JLAB Competition.

Cheerleading

Is your child interested in cheerleading? If your answer is yes, we have a wonderful opportunity for you!

Gulf Coast's Cheer Program is hosting its first ever **Winter Cheerettes!** Bring your child for some fun with our squads. Participation in the clinics will include performance with the Cheerleaders during a scheduled home basketball game this winter season (GCHS vs. BCHS, January 24th, 2019 at 7pm). Cheerettes will also perform with the cheerleaders during half-time. Clinics will be held January 22nd and 23rd from 6-8pm. Registration will begin on the 22nd at 5:30pm. Cost is \$50 per child and includes a new Winter Cheerettes shirt and the option to purchase teal ribbon for \$2 (cash only). Only cash or checks will be accepted for registration. For more information, please contact Head Coach Crystelle Douglas via e-mail at douglc2@collierschools.com. We hope to see you there!

—Priscila Zabala, English II / AICE General Paper

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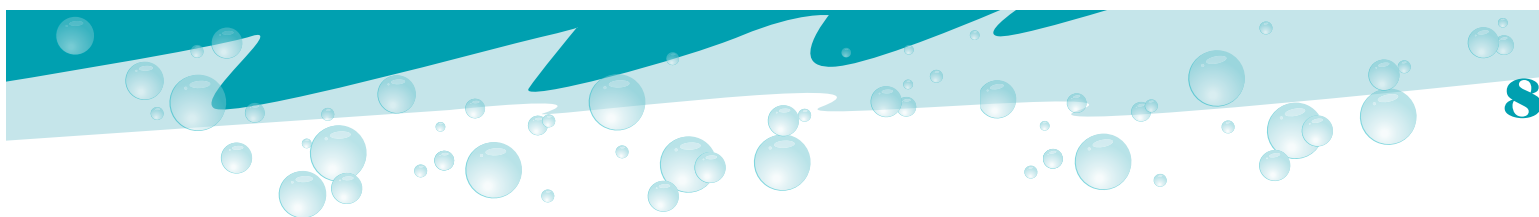


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Marine Science



Gulf Coast Marine Science students volunteered 40 hours in an effort to Be the Change they Wish to see in the World by working with children of the Naples community at Wiggins Beach during the Nature Fest. Our Sharks on the Beach helped children make Sand Art, Paint shells, enjoyed Face painting and Seek & Identify Shells in the Sand to support the community effort to help connect children to the Wonders of Nature! Go Sharks!



Gulf Coast Marine Science students volunteered 40 hours to help restore the Lot 5 Pavilion at Delnor-Wiggins State Park as part of their Mission to "Be the Change in the World" that they wish they could see.

—Mrs. C. Tammy Chabot, *Gulf Coast Club Sponsor*

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