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

Hello Shark Families,

I want to give thanks and kudos to all of the students at Gulf Coast High School for continuing to make Gulf Coast the best school in SW Florida. Our students are taking on a new role of being a student during a pandemic, yet they have continued to persevere. Our students continue to follow the protocols set forth by the county with grace and as an administrative team, we could not be more proud.

Covid-19 has had an impact on our school, but our students continue to follow all safety precautions that are asked of them. Our students have been wearing their masks in class and while on campus, washing their hands or using hand sanitizer frequently, and trying to social distance to the best of their ability in the classroom and at lunch. As a parent of a high school student and as a principal, I do understand that there is always a risk that my child or your child could be exposed to a student or adult who tests positive for Covid-19. If that is the case, we may have to quarantine a student for up to 14 days depending if the child could have been exposed to the virus by being within 6 feet of the individual who tested positive for a timeframe of 15 minutes or longer. Our administrators then have to follow the schedule of the student who tested positive, look at seating charts in each of those classes, talk to the teacher in each room to verify the seating chart and students in the seats, and measure whether or not a student is sitting within 6 feet of the positive student. If any students are sitting within the 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer, we then call parents and let them know.

We understand that it can be very frustrating and disheartening to be quarantined, but we are following the guidelines asked of us by the Health Department of Collier County. Students that are quarantined become asynchronous learners during their time away from school and we encourage them to continue to do all of their classwork through Canvas. If you ever have any questions about the quarantine process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the local Health Department at 239-252-8226 or visit the website at www.ded.gov/covid19.

Thank you and I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season and bring on 2021!

Joe Mikulski
Principal

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**
Mrs. Catherine Crawford-Brown, **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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Virtual Club Rush

Attention Sharks!

Welcome to the '20-'21 Virtual Club Rush. We are very excited that Clubs and Organizations can begin to conduct meetings and begin service projects. Attached is the **CLUB RUSH** (Links to an external site.) form that you will fill out for every club you are interested in. It is one form Links to an external site., per club, that way we can send you all of the information you need so that you may begin to meet with your clubs. If you do not see a club on the list, but know about it, please email Coach Scott at scotta1@collierschools.com. Enjoy this promo video from some of your **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS** (Links to an external site.) on campus!

Attendance

REMEMBER TO CALL

EARLY RELEASE

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you plan to attend college in the 20-21 school year you will be able to submit a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning Oct. 1, 2020. Find more details <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Please congratulate Adam Bracci, Aiden Cahill, Mai Dabees, Mia Ginsberg, Joshua Holloway, Mickey Kwa and Grace Muesing 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.

Bright Futures

Seniors had the opportunity to register for Florida Financial Aid (Bright Futures Scholarship) this fall. The GCH counseling department will have all senior students register in the GCH computer labs. Government and Economics classes will be scheduled in the computer lab to complete the application. 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

Dual Enrollment for the School Year 2021-2022

Students must meet deadlines for Florida Southwestern College and Florida Gulf Coast University regarding dual enrollment programs. The last testing date is in February of 2021. All dual enrollment criteria must be met which includes tests scores and grade point averages. Please schedule an appointment with your counselor for FGCU and FSW by February 26th, 2021.



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Counselor Corner

Grade Reporting Periods

August 31, 2020 Student Start Date
 September 29, 2020 First Quarter interim period ends
 October 5, 2020 First Quarter interim grades posted online
 October 29, 2020 First Quarter grading period ends
 November 9, 2020 First Quarter grades posted online

Holidays - NO SCHOOL

October 30, 2020 Teacher Planning Day/Student Virtual Learning Day
 November 23-24, 2020 Hurricane Make-up Days
 November 25-27, 2020 Fall Break
 December 19, 2020 thru January 3, 2021 Winter Break

Testing Dates

Week of January 11-15, 2021 Teachers' Mid Term Exams

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 26, 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

Need Tutoring?

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XUZO2subCHoNHQltVginhW0Ulv_rZMcCDfz40tKMJUQ/

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!

We are still offering our daily tutoring also.

Thank you!

Jennifer Price, *Drama/English*, 377-6138



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Activities Department

Winter Sports

Attention Sharks!

Winter sports are underway here at Gulf Coast High School. Boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling will take to action here in the winter season for the Sharks. Please remember, to catch all the live-action, visit www.collierschools.com/sportslive. For updated pre-season schedules regarding spring sports, please visit the GCH website for more information.

Regards,
Alan Scott, *Activities Coordinator*
Phone: 239-377-1427, Fax: 239-377-1594



2nd place Regional finish

Jack Hoffman both shot 76. The boys head to Mission Inn Resort next week to make their run at a boys golf state championship. Congratulations and good luck to our Shark golfers!

Golf

Congratulations to the boys' golf team who finished second at the Regional yesterday at Misty Creek Country Club to secure their spot in the State Championship. Sophomore Noah Kent led the Sharks with a 3 over par 75 and freshmen Ryan Miller and

Cross Country

These Sharks made a real team effort. If you look at the places you can see how tightly grouped they were. The fact that we needed the 6th and 7th girls to finish ahead of the fifth Venice runners was essential to the win. If they had not finished where they did, we would have lost by one.



GCHS Boys Cross Country made 2nd place in Districts @ North Port. Go SHARKS!
GCHS Girls Cross Country made 1st place in Districts @ North Port!

Swimming & Diving: Courtesy of Coach Benedict

The shark swimming and diving team just completed a successful short season. Even with the lack of pool time, the sharks have been kicking butt in the pool. They were able to win back the Log trophy at the CCAC championships this year after two years of runner-up finishes. The final score was Gulf Coast 1081 – Barron Collier 1068. It was a total team effort as everyone contributed points. We even had 2 divers learn new dives the day of the meet to be able to compete and score us valuable points. Then it was on to districts where lots of personal best times and dive scores were had. Both teams finished 3rd in the district. 16 athletes moved on to regionals in both individual and relay events. Connor French had an outstanding meet dropping 15 seconds in his 500 free and 8 seconds in his 200 IM to qualify him for the state meet for the first time. Elliot Fox dropped 7 seconds in her 500 free to also qualify for the state meet for the first time. Excellent swims were also had by Carinn Bethea, Rachel Moran, Olivia Owens, Jack Stokvis, and Jason Ang. Sofia Licausi had a great day on the diving board and advanced to her second state meet.

This past weekend, we brought 10 athletes to the state meet in Stuart, FL. Neither Tropical Storm Eta and her rain bands nor the Stuart Air Show deterred our kids. Olivia Owens moved up from seeded 24th to finishing 12th in the 100 fly with a new best time. Rachel Moran placed 7th in her 100 breast and set a new school record to finish off her high school career. Sofia Licausi had an amazing day on the diving board, finishing in 8th place. She had to battle the elements the most and came out with an outstanding finish, plus she's only a sophomore. And last but not least, the Sharks have a new State Champion. Sophomore Jack Stokvis won the boys 100 fly with a new personal best, school record, and All-American time of 48.36. He won by over a second. It was an incredible day at the pool. Congrats to all of our state athletes on a great season.



Pictured left:
Jack Stokvis



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Drama



GCHS drama was hit hard when the pandemic struck, with our spring show and annual banquet canceled, but it got straight back up again with a new officer squad and fun events for everyone that was affected by the virus. The drama club right now is working on a show called Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and is in the process of putting on their Annual Red Carpet Cabaret and One-Act. When GCHS drama is not working on those productions, they are creating fundraising events at Il Primos and other various places. They are also having virtual club meetings with fun games and discussions. This club is working hard to make up for what was lost during the pandemic and is providing fun ways to entertain, include, and provide for their members!



Ceramics

Coil Pots are popping up everywhere in Mrs. Blair's Ceramics 1 Class. Students have been busy learning different methods of clay construction!



Bullies Get the Message in Collier County Public Schools

WHAT IS BULLYING / HARASSMENT BY DEFINITION?

Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN BULLIED?

The best way to stop bullying is to tell someone it is happening.

The Collier County Public Schools, Collier County Sheriff's Office, and Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers have collaborated to provide the community with a text-messaging line to report bullying anonymously.

Anyone wishing to report bullying **anonymously** can **TEXT** a tip to: **274637 (c-r-i-m-e-s)** by using the keyword **DNTH8 (don't hate)**.

Acts of bullying in progress can be reported by calling 911 or the Collier County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line, **239-252-9300**, depending on the seriousness of the act. Additionally, students can report crime anonymously by calling the Student Crime Stoppers phone number, **1-800-780-8477**.

Parents, go to this website to get more information: **www.collierschools.com/bullying**

Call the Assistant Principals of Attendance and Discipline for questions or concerns: Mrs. Crawford-Brown 239-377-1414 or Mrs. Hylemon 239-377-1421



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Office of Attendance & Discipline

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

While chronic absence presents academic challenges for students not in class, when it reaches high levels in a classroom or school, all students may suffer because the resulting classroom churn hampers teachers' ability to engage all students and meet their learning needs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority.

Truancy Vs. Chronic Absence

TRUANCY

- Counts only unexcused absences
- Emphasizes compliance with school rules
- Relies on legal & administrative solutions

Vs.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

- Counts all absences: excused, unexcused & suspensions
- Emphasizes academic impact of missed days
- Uses community-based, positive strategies



- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day; make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomachaches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

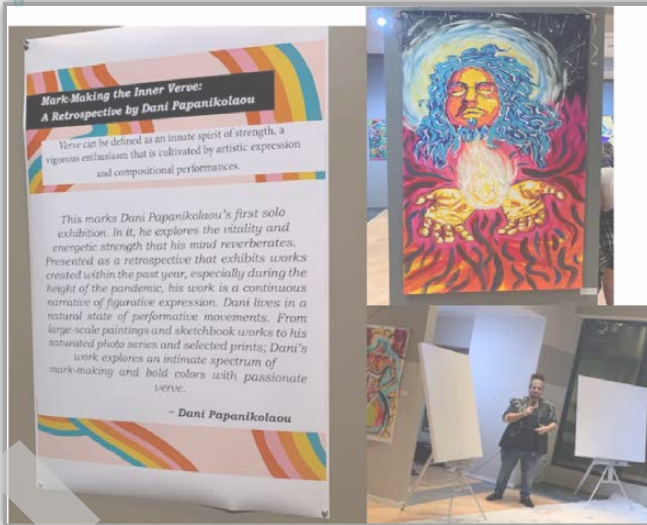
Communicate with the school.

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior; these could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents, or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.



From the Nurses Corner

Meet Mrs. Patty Cashdollar our new NCH nurse at GCHS. Nurse Cashdollar has spent the last 2 years working at Golden Gate HS. Her background is in Emergency room/Trauma, Cardiology, and Electrophysiology. All Sharks returning to school with medical concerns and or any medication needs, please email or call our nurse: 239-377-1409 cashdp@collierschools.com.



Teacher Shout Out

A special shout out to our very own, GCHS Art Teacher, Mr. Papanilolaou, who had his first exhibition at an art studio in the Mercato!

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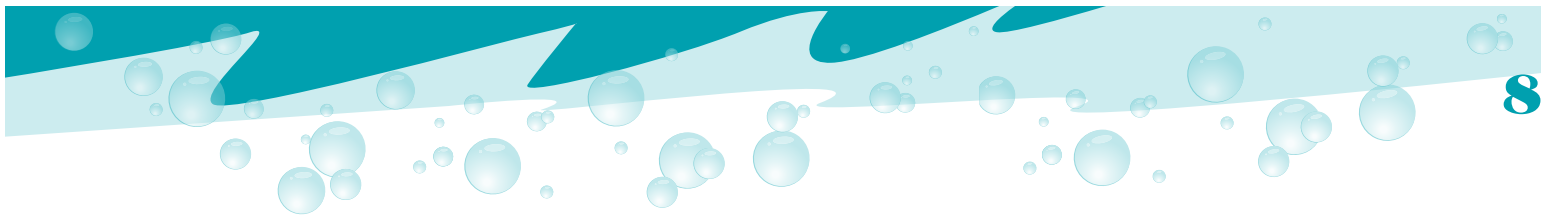


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