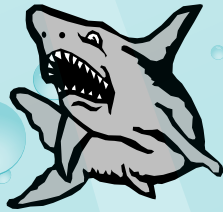
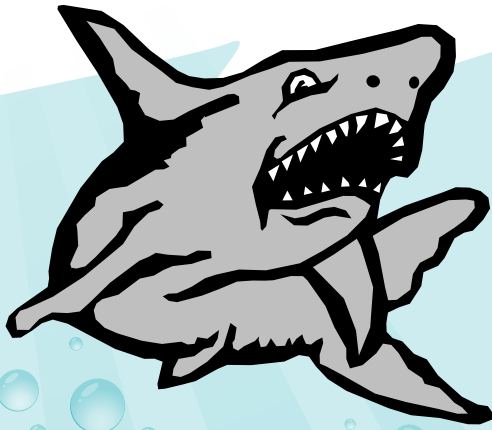


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FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY OF GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL



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 Students and Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the second quarter of the school year. This year has been anything but ordinary, but our Gulf Coast Sharks are truly showing what it means to be a resilient and hardworking student. If your family has any needs resulting from Hurricane Ian, please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance. As we move forward, it is extremely important for your child to come to school every day ready to learn. Please continue to check your child's grades weekly on Focus. If you find your child is struggling or not living up to their potential, please contact your student's teacher or guidance counselor. Gulf Coast has several opportunities for tutoring, during lunch or after school. It is a great way to get that extra help needed to be successful! Thank you for all you do to make GCHS an awesome school. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Kimberly Lonergan
Proud Principal



Administrative Team

Ms. Kimberly Lonergan, **Principal**

Mr. Stanley Bryant, **Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction**

Mrs. Nichole Spencer, **Assistant Principal**

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Curriculum Corner

Hello Gulf Coast High Community,

Well wishes for the holiday season is sent to all from the Gulf Coast High School Office of Curriculum & Instruction. We hope that everyone is fortunate enough to share time with loved ones and create new fond memories. As we near the conclusion of the first semester it is a good practice for students to be reflective regarding their first quarter performance as well as their projected performance for the second quarter and midterm exams. For most courses, the compilation of these three grades will be used to calculate the semester 1 grade which is worth .5 credits and has an impact on the overall grade point average (GPA). We want to provide as much support as possible to ensure student success. Please don't hesitate to reach out for support.

Some useful resources and strategies for struggling students include:

- Communicating with the teacher- Don't be afraid or ashamed to let the teacher know that you are having a difficult time grasping the content being taught in the course.
- Getting organized- Utilizing a system that helps prevent missing due dates or submitting assignments and keeps you on track for dedicated study time can reduce stress and improve focus and productivity.
- Asking for a tutor- Most teachers offer tutoring during lunch or before school or after school and we also have peer tutoring available. Your school counselor can assist with arranging a peer tutor.

Sincerely,
Stanley Bryant
Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction



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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. You can locate the video on the students' Canvas page under Counselor Corner. There is a lot of great information for everyone.

Counselors' Corner



Welcome!

Please click on a button below to access additional resources.



Academic Booster Club Fall Fundraiser

This year complete your holiday shopping and support our club by purchasing an Evergreen gift through GiftItForward.com.

For every Evergreen gift you purchase \$8.00 will go to our school. There is something for everyone on your list – Friends – Family – Business Associates. Gifts are shipped directly to the gift recipient. Go to GiftItForward.com and enter fundraising code – GULFCOFL004. The fundraiser will last through December 9th.

To continue our mission to promote, support and facilitate the academic success and achievements of all students at GCHS, aim to enhance the academic experience at GCHS by expressing our appreciation of our teachers and staff and financially support academic clubs that our teachers sponsor for our students we must fundraise. This year complete your holiday shopping and support our club by purchasing an evergreen gift through GiftItForward.com.

If you would like to donate instead, please drop off your check made out to GCHS ABC at the front office. Thank you for your support!!!!

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Check the Date: Important Testing Deadlines

Juniors and seniors: please sign up for an Act or SAT this fall so you are ready for the college application process.

2022- 2023 ACT TEST DATES

THE ACT'S WEBSITE (ONLINE REGISTRATION, SCORE REPORTS, COLLEGE CONNECTOR AND MUCH MORE)
WWW.ACT.ORG

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 24, 2023

2022 – 2023 SAT TEST DATE

COLLEGE BOARD ONLINE (ONLINE REGISTRATION, SCORE SENDER, COLLEGE SEARCH, FINANCIAL AID PROFILE, AND MUCH MORE)
WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

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Try a Practice Math Question from the PSAT-10

1. A soda company is filling bottles of soda from a tank that contains 500 gallons of soda. At most, how many 20-ounce bottles can be filled from the tank? (1 gallon = 128 ounces)
A) 25
B) 78
C) 2,560
D) 3,200

PSAT Answer below.

Dual Enrollment Opportunities for the School Year 23-24

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 their Accelerated Collegiate Experience program. Please schedule an appointment with your counselor for FGCU by February 1, 2023. It is mandatory that potential ACE students attend an ACE Public Information Meeting. Please check for dates on the <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaide/ace/ace-admissions.aspx>

Visit <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaide/ace/ace-admissions.aspx>.

The last SAT test date for FSW is in March of 2023.

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

The answer to the PSAT Question is D

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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 Florida Bright Futures program. If you are a senior and are not in a government or economics 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 23-24 school year you can submit a 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning Oct. 1, 2022. Find more details <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

*It is important to fill out the FAFSA for university scholarships also.

*Bright Futures Minimum Test Scores

Class of 2014 & After	Recalculated Core GPA	SAT	ACT	Community Hours
GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS AWARD	3.0 (3 tech courses GPA 3.5)	Verbal: 440 Math: 440	Reading: 18 English: 17 Math: 19	30
FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS	3.0	1210 Combined (excludes Writing)	25 Composite	75
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS AWARD	3.5	1330 Combined (excludes Writing)	29 Composite	100

MINIMUM TEST SCORES REQUIRED, VOLUNTEER HOURS AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE CHANGE.



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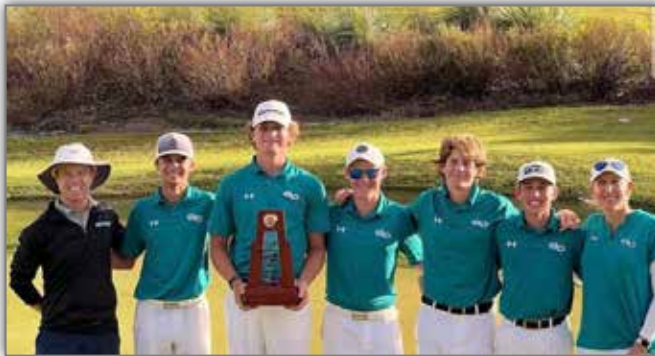
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Activities

What a Fall Postseason it has been Shark Nation! Football captured the 2nd District Championship in School History with an overtime thriller vs. Immokalee. We are sending 3 divers to the state finals, with Senior Sofia Licausi seeking to break the school record and capture gold. Seniors Jack Stokvis and Carinn Bethea lead the Swim team back to Stuart for another appearance in the State Finals, with Jack seeking his second State Championship in the 100 Fly and Carinn looking to capture Gold in the 200 and 500 Free. Senior Noah Kent, Iowa commit, and the boy's golf team look to take on Mission Inn for their State Finals Appearance. Noah placed 2nd individually last year, and the Sharks are ready to compete with the state's best for 1st Team Overall. Senior Payton Balliet and the girl's golf team look to capture 1st place at States after last year's 3rd place team finish. Boys Cross-country Junior star Will Montanye heads to Tallahassee to compete in the F.H.S.A.A. Finals. Already breaking the school record, Will is looking to place in the top 8 on his 2nd trip to the Finals. We wish them all the best of luck and stay tuned to see how they perform!



Attendance and Discipline Corner

Being Tardy to School or to Class:

We are seeing an increase in the number of times students are tardy to school as well as being tardy to class between the bells in the daily schedule. Students need to be on time to avoid detentions. Once a student has been counted tardy 13 times the consequences are a referral and an attendance agreement. Also, students who park on campus will risk losing their parking spot.

Please be sure to call the absence line if your child is missing a day of school. The absence line is 239-377-1500. Absences can only be excused with a doctor's note.

Positive Referrals: Great Job Sharks!

GCHS is off and running with positive referrals for the 2022-2023 school year. From August through October, over 50 staff members have written nearly 700 positive referrals! Students appreciate being recognized for being the amazing sharks they are – from improving their grades to holding the door for others. Our staff appreciates GCHS students being responsible, respectful, and kind! GO SHARKS!

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Testing Accommodations 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. 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:

- **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_Acomodation-1-3-2018.pdf
- **SAT:** <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/dates-deadlines> <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/request/through-the-school>
- **ACT:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/the-act-test/accommodations.html>

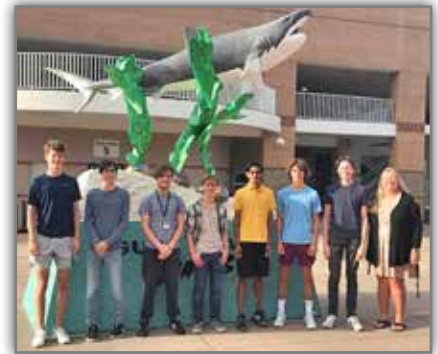
National Merit Semi-Finalist

Please congratulate Nicholas Beskow, Hudson Fry, Bharath Ram, Benjamin Simmons-Rosen, Noah Thorne and Case Zumbrum. These students qualified 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.

Fun Fact about the National Merit Scholarship program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955.

From left to right: Wiley Thornton, Benjamin Simmons-Rosen, Noah Thorne, Case Zumbrum, Bharath Ram, Hudson Fry, Nicholas Beskow, Ms. Lonergan, Proud Principal



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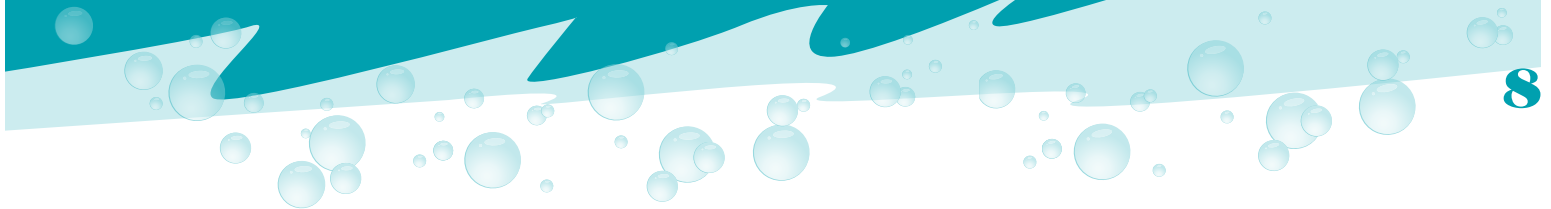


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