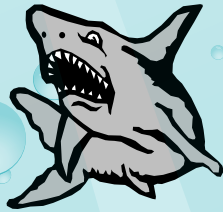
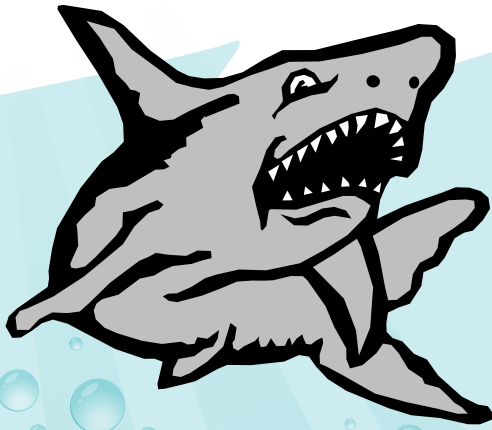


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FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY OF GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL



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 Gulf Coast Parents and Students,

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. 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

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Administrative Team

Ms. Kimberly Lonergan, *Principal*
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Mrs. Caroline Hylemon, *Assistant Principal, Attendance & Discipline*
Ms. Jocelyn Jones, *Assistant Principal*
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SHARKS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



To assist our student athletes in being as successful as possible, the Sharks Athletic Booster Club is looking for the help and support of our Shark Community. The purchase of an engraved brick can go a long way in supporting each student at GCH and can open the door to new opportunities for our teams and clubs on campus.

You can purchase a personalized engravable brick that will be placed near the GCHS flagpole for your athlete, family, or business.

Website: <https://polarengraving.com/sabclub>

We are looking for parents to be on our committee and represent your athlete's team. If you are interested, please email us at sharksathleticgchs@gmail.com.

Activities Office

GC Parents!

I cannot believe we are a third of the way done with our school year. Fall Sports are gearing up for State Championship runs, and Winter Sports begin preseason classics. Continue to follow GCHSharks.com and Maxpreps.com for all our Sports. If you want to learn more about our winter or spring sports, check out our website at www.gchsharks.com.

If you want to join the Athletic Booster Club, don't hesitate to contact Karin Herrmann at dgkarin@gmail.com. We're always seeking new members and ideas on providing the best opportunity for all our student-athletes.

Academic Booster Club



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 of 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.

Our Business Sponsor package gives your company's brand expanded reach to the families in and around our community. Best of all, 100% of your partnership stays in the immediate business area.

By supporting the ABC financially, the sponsorship of \$500 will give you:

- A Banner with your business's logo and/or information will be prominently displayed to parents and families when on campus.
- Recognition at all ABC events, your business logo on flyer in front office and in teachers/staff mailroom.
- Website recognition to your business (with logo) in our Academic Booster Club page.
- Acknowledgment in the Shark Tooth Newsletter four times a year
- Recognition in the Graduation program.

Our Family Sponsorship for \$100 will give you:

- A 3x3 banner with your family's support displayed at the stadium.
- Recognition in the Graduation program.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Please contact MJ Kramer at mjkramer287@gmail.com if you are interested or if you have any questions.



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It's hard to believe that we are already into November! Our daily attendance has been averaging 95%, but we have been seeing an increase in absenteeism. Please be sure to call our absence line at 239-377-1500 when your child is absent from school. We are also seeing an increase in tardies, which result in consequences after the 5th tardy a student receives. Traffic will get worse as season is upon us – remind your child to get up a little earlier and plan for extra time in traveling to school.

A few other reminders... Students are expected to be in dress code, including wearing an ID badge. Replacement ID badges are \$3. Hats/hoods are prohibited on campus. Cell phones are to be off and away during class time from bell to bell.

We have an amazing and talented group of SHARKS here at Gulf Coast High School. Encourage your child to be involved in all that we have to offer – join a club or sport, participate in class, show kindness to a peer, perform in stage, ... the list goes on and on!

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attendance**MATTERS**

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Students Services Corner

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Please congratulate Jude Bracci, Joey Pope, Andrew Herrmann, Holam Cheng, Nicole Puchalla and Sophia Cadavid-Sanchez. 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 1% of each state's high school seniors. They will now compete for a National Merit Finalist Award.



From left to right: Mrs. Giles, Jude Bracci, Joey Pope, Andrew Herrmann, Holam Cheng, Nicole Puchalla, Sophia Cadavid-Sanchez, Ms. Loneragan, Proud Principal

National Merit Commended Students

Please congratulate the following seniors who are being recognized as Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program from the PSAT 2023.

National Merit Commended Students are in the top 3% of all junior test takers in the nation last year.

- Samuel Isenberg, Roman Muscarella, Lucas Obrecht, Shreya Rajaram, Aiden Stein

Try a practice math question from the PSAT-10.

- 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)
 - 25
 - 78
 - 2,560
 - 3,200

PSAT Answer to the right.

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 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

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you plan to attend college in the 24-25 school year you are able to submit a 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning December 1, 2023. Find more details <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

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

Dual Enrollment opportunities for the school year 24-25

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, 2024. It is mandatory that potential ACE students attend an ACE Public Information Meeting. Please check for dates on the <https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/ace/ace-admissions.aspx>

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

The last SAT test date for FSW is in March of 2024.

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

Answer to PSAT Question.

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Dec. 9, 2023	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 17, 2023
Feb. 10, 2024	Jan. 5, 2024	Jan. 19, 2024
Apr. 13, 2024	Mar. 8, 2024	Mar. 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Dec. 2, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	Nov. 21, 2023
Mar. 9, 2024	Feb. 23, 2024	Feb. 28, 2024
May 4, 2024	Apr. 19, 2024	Apr. 22, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 25, 2024

Students with a 504 Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), you need to apply for testing accommodations! It is best to apply early!

ACT-

- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-/registration/accommodations.html>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page for detailed directions from ACT!

SAT-

- <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/how-accommodations-work>

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FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARS	3.0	1210 Combined (Excludes Writing)	25 Composite	75	100
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Curriculum Corner

There have been many opportunities to "show what you know" so far this school year! We are proud of the students at Gulf Coast! We want to see all students achieve their best, feel confident, feel challenged, and be able to find support when needed.

What are some of the things we have accomplished so far this school year?

- Students in grades 9 and 10 completed the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) and the FAST PM2 will be on December 5.
- ALL Students are participating in monthly Resiliency Modules
- Students in grades 9 and 10 participated in the Preliminary SAT (PSAT)
- There were students in grade 11 invited to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)
- National Honor Society Induction
- Students have taken district benchmark assessments for quarter 1
- We have a **fantastic after school program** that meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:05-3:35 pm in the media center
- **Quarter 1 is completed, and students are *setting goals for quarter 2 and the semester 1**

***Set SMART goals- Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time Bound**

***Speak to the adults on campus that can help you to reach those goals: Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Coaches, Administrators, School Staff Member, basically any adult that you feel can support you.**

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Fundraiser Support

The Gulf Coast Academic Booster Club has started their fundraising work again this year and you can once again support their endeavors at www.GiftItForward.com using the Fundraising Code GULFCOFL004. *This online store is open for business now, and the members of would appreciate your support again this year!*

This Fall, we have added a whole line of wonderful Autumn Wreaths. There are **eight selections available in two sizes: 18" & 22"**. Many of us enjoy trimming our entryway doors to match each season, and these colorful wreaths are perfect for the Autumn Season! The wreaths will arrive in festively printed cartons, making these a wonderful gift for your friends and family – as well as for you! As is the case for all our wreaths, each wreath includes an EZ-Wreath Hanger for easy display. *We are shipping these lovely Autumn Wreaths daily*, so you will receive your Autumn Wreaths within days of ordering.



22" Autumn Sunrise Wreath



This year we have also added **three new Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags** which are already being met with much acclaim! Our Holiday Evergreen selection includes:

- 7 styles of Christmas Wreaths
- 7 Door Sprays/Swags
- Centerpieces
- Tabletop Christmas Trees, and
- 15' Balsam Fir Garlands

The Holiday Evergreens may now be 'pre-ordered' now and delivery will begin on Thanksgiving Week – just in time for the Holidays!

All items ordered via www.GiftItForward.com may be purchased as direct-shipped gifts – including a personalized message you may write. Please be certain to use the Fundraising Code GULFCOFL004.

Once again, thank you for your support last year. It is through your support that the non-profit organizations in our county continue to prosper!

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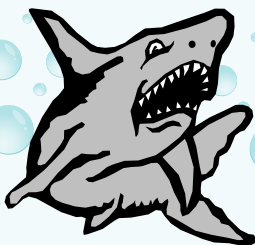
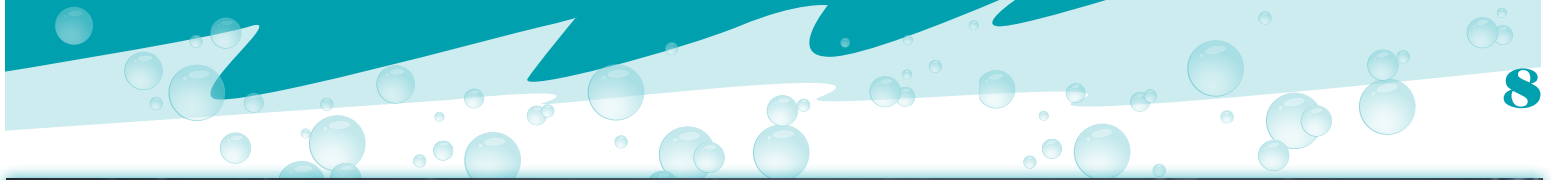


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