

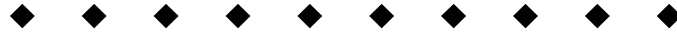
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Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement



Spotlight on:

Institute of Communication and the Arts

The ICA learning community is already planning the activities for this year's theme, "The Renaissance." Activities will take place in the art elective classes. Some of the activities will take place in drama and music. A mini Renaissance festival at GHS or a field trip to MOSI's Renaissance Festival in the spring is also in the planning.

This year's guest speakers in the art classes will be from the Int'l Academy of Design and Technology in Tampa (Sept.), Full Sail in Orlando (Oct.), and The Art Institute of Tampa (Nov.).

Janell Schroeder-Norton, photo editor of the Pasco edition of the *St. Petersburg Times* and CAPA board member, and her staff are also planning on speaking to photo classes, as well as critiquing student work. We work very close with the *Times* and encourage students to shadow the *Times* photographers.

Carey Yaskovic, CAPA board member, GHS graduate and owner of Perm-a-grin graphics, is busy printing t-shirts for the Latin Flava club. Carey also speaks to our students about his graphic business. Marge Golub, CAPA board member and director of the Pasco Fine Arts Center on Moog Rd., has been a pillar in our learning community. She assists our students in finding mentors for senior project, sponsoring county art shows and contests.



Abby McColley, Lindsey Zeringue, Katie McColley are busy painting in Mrs. Smith's art class

Gloria Tyndal, CAPA board member and owner of Dance Work Shop on Ridge Rd., assists our learning community by allowing our students to participate in designing the backdrops for Dance Workshops performances.

Upper level photography and art students will be visiting the Ringling Museum of Arts and the art school on November 21. Upper level students will meet with admissions counselors for portfolio review.

This year's talent show will be on Mon., Oct. 24, at 6 pm in the activity center. Students who want to participate in the show need to get an audition form from Mrs. Riddle by Oct. 14 in the chorus room during lunches.

This annual show raises money for talented ICA students who want to pursue a career in the arts. This year we will be awarding 2 seniors \$500.00 each who apply for the scholarship through the GHS scholarship committee and meet the criteria for the award. Moreover, go to gulphigh.org (school

Written by Lisa Barrus, Team Coordinator website) to visit our learning community web pages. The art and photography students have art work and photos for you to view. It has been very exciting for our students to see their work on the web.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts and encourage your son or daughter to get involved in learning community activities.



Scene from Mrs. Smith's 6th period art class. Pictured from left: Caitlin Gavin, Morgan Reeves, Iva Tchotchev



Senior Project Due Dates for 2nd Quarter:

- First Draft, Written 10/21/05
- Second Draft, Typed 10/28/05
- Interview Evaluation 11/10/05
- FINAL DRAFT 11/28/05
- Mentor Consent Form 12/8/05
- Senior Information Sheet 12/8/05
- Resume 12/8/05

GUIDANCE NEWS

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist

The following events/presentations will take place in October and November:

October 12- PSAT Test at GHS

October 13- College Night at Pasco-Hernando Community College from 6-8 pm, approximately 90 two year and four year colleges, technical schools, specialty schools and the military will be represented

October 19- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery at GHS- available to

11th and 12th graders who are interested in the military and/or career exploration.

October 20- Local Scholarship information given to 12th graders

October 24-28- 9th grade Career Resource Center/Guidance Orientations

November 1& 2- 10th Grade Credit Check

November- 9th & 10th graders complete Career and Academic Planner

Forms.

First quarter report cards will be given out on October 26. Second quarter progress reports will be distributed on November 18. The Great American Teach-In will be held the week of November 14. Anyone interested in participating as a speaker should contact Kathy Trapp, GHS Career Specialist, at 774-3351.

**October 26
First Quarter
Report Cards
Distributed**

PIB (PROGRAMME FOR IDENTIFYING BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS)

Written by Dr. Debbie Lepley, Assistant Principal

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) offers high-achieving, high-performing students an opportunity to pursue a rigorous program of studies during their high school years. The IB Diploma is widely accepted at universities and colleges throughout the world. Gulf High School is the West Pasco school site to offer this wonderful program.

Indeed, I find this initial entry into the GHS Gazette to be an exciting and fulfilling moment for our PIB students,

teachers, parents and the administration. This update has several entities to pull from with brevity being a necessity.

Mrs. Rosie Browning, International Baccalaureate North America Consultant, spent September 14th with the GHS administration and PIB lead writers (Mrs. Alwood, Mrs. Currelly, Ms. Peek, Mrs. Rodriguez, Dr. Wildey) to review our progress toward becoming an IBO authorized school site. Mrs. Browning's Evaluative Progress Report found the following:

"Everything that I observed tells me that this school is moving along very smoothly. Everyone who is involved is on

target. Many policies and procedures have been implemented; teachers have been trained; students are ready. This will be a school to set as a model that schools should emulate."

Mrs. Browning will be returning to GHS in January 2006 for a second evaluation. Our actual application will be submitted in May 2006. The August Parent Survey results (30% response rate) were extremely positive. We do value parent and student input as we continue to develop and improve our program. For example, we had a terrific response on the summer picnic and the workshops. This will become

an annual event as new PIB families are brought into the fold.

A letter was sent out September 27th to each PIB student to give the parents a forward view of the program requirements beyond the 9th grade year. We enclosed a Power Point document which was presented to PIB students on September 23. Some topics covered are as follows: ROTC and Military Academies perspective on IB Diplomas, Volunteer information for IB versus Florida Academic Scholarship, and most importantly, our desire to support and offer a complete IBO Programme to include the Arts. Such content expansions are currently being reviewed as we will continue to ask for student and/or parent input.

IBT*Written by Sharon Oster, Team Coordinator*

The Institute of Business and Technology will be presenting two special events for the fall. In November, two panels of local business leaders will address students to discuss setting goals and preparing for chosen careers as well as local employment opportunities. In December, a Dress for

Success production will be presented to the Gulf student body.

Business education classes are focusing on finances, entrepreneur principles, legal aspects of business, public relations and computer skills.

IBT students have joined FBLA and will

have opportunities to develop and display leadership qualities and community involvement. FBLA Fall Rally will be October 13 at Spartan Manor. Fall Rally will include a motivational speaker, leadership training, making new friends and a breakfast buffet. Many thanks to our

IBT business partners for their participation in welcoming students to their worksites, so students can truly connect the classroom with the workplace. The IBT is looking forward to working with parents, business partners, administration, and faculty throughout the year.

IHHS*Written by Carol Hlad, Team Coordinator*

The Institute of Health and Human Services Learning Community opened the year with their theme "Dare to Care--For Yourself and Others" by sponsoring the first of two Health Fairs for the Personal Fitness classes. The fair included nine stations for the students to determine their wellness level that encompassed vision,

posture, reflexes, balance, fine motor skills, height, weight, posture, blood pressure and oxygen saturation. The Nutrition and Wellness classes provided a healthy snack. Volunteers from the community assisted Mrs. Lowry-Christie's clinical students in this event. Many thanks to the following people

who donated a day to our school: Mrs. Carolyn Connolly, OT (North Bay Hospital), Mrs. Lynne Schweiger, dietary assistant (Community Hospital), Dr. Glenn Riddle (Riddle Family Chiropractic), Mrs. Pat Yarber, RN (PHCC). Mrs. Elaena Plumitallo, RN (retired, former GHS clinical teacher), the New Port

Richey EMS team, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Explorers, a youth service organization at GHS. A total of 300 students plus faculty members participated in the event. Grateful appreciation to all the IHHS faculty team who helped to make this event a success: Mrs. Rosemarie Lowry-Christie, Ms. Cathy Watters, Ms. Shari Schau, Ms. Barb Munday, Mrs. Kathy Trapp, and Mr. Thomas Brochu.

ITS*Written by Margaret Peek, Team Coordinator*

The Institute of Technical Sciences opened its 2005-2006 term with a meeting on August 30. Faculty members associated with the Institute discussed possible activities for ITS students during the current school year. The three projects receiving the greatest support were a trip for Institute stu-

dents to the Kennedy Space Center, a learning community associated field study at the county's Crossbar Ranch Preserve, and a tour of Progress Energy's plant and laboratories. The ITS faculty and community business partners will meet together on September 27th to continue planning for stu-

dent activities.

The Institute of Technical Sciences would like to thank our partners in the business community for their continued support. Our CAPA (Career and Academic Partners in Action) business associates are Mr. Jim Duffy, formerly of Widell Industries, Mr. Doug

Baker, Mr. Bipin Parikh, Assistant Pasco County Administrator and Mr. Bruce Kennedy, Assistant Pasco County Administrator. These gentlemen provide a vital link between the school and the world of work as we strive to help students to develop into contributing members of society.

NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in Schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for Gulf High School have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the Governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the District School Board of Pasco County Maintenance/Facility Operations Department and is available for review upon request.

Principal: Thomas E. Imerson

Assistant Principal, Administration: Thomas J. Brochu

Assistant Principal, Instruction: Dr. Judy B. Gallagher

Assistant Principal, International Baccalaureate Programme:
Dr. Deborah Lepley

Assistant Principal, Student Services: Florence Buono

Assistant Principal, Adult Education: Alfred J. Palma

***OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS
As of October 5, 2005***

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but may need additional course work to add a coverage to their certificate.

The following teachers are teaching Reading out-of-field: Waide, Kohake, Oster, Smith, Scaringi.

Other out-of-field teachers are: Costa - Chemistry.

The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/ inservice towards an E.S.O.L. (English Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary Language Arts provider for an E.S.O.L. student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the E.S.O.L. endorsement: Dewalt, Foote, Gedraitis, Klompus, LaBarbara, Ledman, McClellan, Scaringi, Sessa, Eric Stakey, Wiemer.

School Hours	Student Hours	Teacher Hours
7:30 AM-4:00 PM	7:50 AM-2:00 PM	7:30 AM-3:00 PM

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CHORAL BOOSTERS

As this is our first article in the Gulf High Gazette we would like to tell you a little about our organization. The Choral Boosters are parent volunteers who give their time to support the Gulf High Choral Department by chaperoning events as well as raising money to help supply the two choral groups, Concert Chorus and Total Sound, with music for performances, alterations to uniforms, transportation to and from different events, etc.

The Choral groups are involved in many community activities. For example, Total Sound performed at the September 11th memo-

rial in Sims park and will be singing to the elderly in nursing homes over the Holiday season, just to name a few.

The groups also compete at district and state level. The groups, as well as individual members, have received many medals over the years. Gulf High really has some very talented students!

We have several upcoming events to help us reach our goals for this year. One goal is to replace the freezer in our ice cream trailer which many of you have seen at home football games and at the Chasco Fiesta. During the month

of October we will be having a car wash at the 7-11 at Moog Rd. & 19 S. On November 26th & December 3rd we will be doing gift-wrapping at our local K-Mart on US 19. December 15th & 16th we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner Theater (please contact Mrs. Riddle for tickets).

We meet the first Monday of every month in the Chorus room and look forward to seeing new faces! If you are interested in joining our group, please contact our choral director, Amy Riddle, at 727-774-3373 or ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us.

*Choral Booster
Meetings
First Monday Every
Month
in
Chorus Room*



BUCCANEER BAND

The Gulf High School Buccaneer Band has started the year out with enthusiasm and determination. This year, the band is performing the music of the Broadway musical and hit movie *Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The band has been preparing for this year's half-time show since July as the students endured long hours and the Florida heat and it is already shaping up to be another award-winning show. The band's goal

for the first semester is their participation in the annual Florida Bandmasters Association District 5 on November 5th at River Ridge High School. This is an annual assessment where the band is judged in the categories of music, marching, general effect, color guard, and percussion. The marching band has received the top rating of "superior" 9 out of the past 11 years. During the second semester, band members will be traveling to

Washington D.C. to participate in the Dixie Classic Festival where our students will be performing with bands and color guards from around the country and will be assessed by judges from colleges and universities from across the nation. The GHS Band students will then tour Washington D.C. by visiting the Smithsonian Museums, various national monuments, and even touring the Capitol Building. Each student is working hard at raising

the funds needed to attend this memorable trip, so please help them out if you see them out in the community. We are also asking for corporate sponsors, so if you know of any persons or businesses that would care to donate money to the band program, please have them call (727)774-3374 or e-mail Mr. Rutherford, Director of Bands, at ghs.maestro@verizon.net.
