

# GULF HIGH GAZETTE

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## WHAT'S NEW IN GUIDANCE ?



The new Guidance and Career Resource Center is located in the front of the school. Pictures by Jeff Miller

Gulf High School welcomed three new counselors to our faculty this year. Ms. Susan Carr, Ms. Kelly Davey, and Mr. Jeff Scheifla have been busy working with students since the beginning of the school year. Students are assigned to a guidance counselor based on their

last name. Counselors can be contacted through email or phone call. After many months of construction the new guidance area has been completed. The guidance staff moved into the new area during the week of September 18.

Our new Career Resource Center, with

laptop computers, is attached to the front of the new area. Students may make counselor appointments before school, at lunch, or after school. Students can use the Career Center at lunch or after school. Individual appointments can be made with Mrs. Trapp, the Career Specialist.

*Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist*

### Attention students/parents:

Now is the time to set up an account on eSembler to look at grades/attendance in all classes. Go to [gulfhigh.org](http://gulfhigh.org) and click on [Grades On Line](#).

Students/parents are reminded to use the [FACTS.org](http://FACTS.org) website to access transcripts, prepare for the SAT using testGear, explore colleges and careers, apply to colleges/financial aid.

Copies of the Continuous Improvement Plan are available in the Main Office.

### UPCOMING GUIDANCE EVENTS

- October 17- 11th Grade Credit Check
- October 18- PSAT Test at GHS
- October 19- College Night, 6 to 8 p.m. at Pasco-Hernando Community College
- October 22, 23- Scholarship Presentation for seniors
- October 25-31- 9th Grade CRC/Guidance Orientation
- November 1- ASVAB Test at GHS
- November 6,7- 10th Grade Credit Check

## INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Written by Lisa Barrus, ICA Coordinator

“Hearye,” “Hearye,” ICA “got art” t-shirts are on sale for \$10.00 in Room 103 during lunches or before school. The t-shirts are poly/cotton and black with white lettering. The ICA logo, which is on the front pocket area of the shirts, was designed by Alexa Sawyer, gr. 12. The “got art?” saying is on the back. We are truly hoping that our future artists and art lovers will purchase the t-shirts in support of the arts at our school. Our annual talent show is October 9, time TBA, at the Bever-Hicks Activity Center (gym). This talent

show, which raises funds for the Mike Rowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, is given each year to an ICA student pursuing an art career in college. Mike Rowe was an ICA graduate who died in Iraq in March 2006. Last year’s recipient was Michelle Housel, who is currently attending Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota. Information regarding ticket prices and tryouts will be announced via morning news. Contact Mrs. Riddle, the coordinator for the event, for questions at 727-774-3373. Upper classman in photog-

raphy, art and creative writing classes will be going on a field trip November 3 to the Tampa Museum and the Florida Museum of Fine Arts in Tampa. Donations of fabric, wire, wood scraps, pine cones, cans, yard sale items, etc. are needed for 3D (sculpture) and drawing classes. Please contact your student’s art teacher.



## INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Written by Sharon Oster, IBT Coordinator

Focus on the Big Picture . . . The IBT goal for the school year will be to implement activities that will prepare the total student for success from visual image to personal presentation to focused minds. Step one is a photo shoot. From these images, posters will be created for display at school and on

the Gulf High website. Students will appear in appropriate attire for many occasions. Students with an interest in leadership skills are encouraged to join FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), which is sponsored through the business department and the IBT. FBLA members attended

the District Leadership Conference joining club chapters from nine other high schools. The program included a guest speaker, a dance workshop, and a delicious brunch over which students made friends and exchanged ideas.



## INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Written by Carol Hlad, IHHS Coordinator

The IHHS Learning Community theme this year is “Move It!”, emphasizing exercise and fitness through a healthy lifestyle. Some of the school-wide activities that the Learning Community will sponsor will be the Health Fair (available through the Personal Fitness classes), the Marathon Challenge (a lunchtime walk that

students will be able to walk or run the track to accumulate 26 miles), the Gobbler’s Gallop (a one-mile fun walk to benefit the school’s ABC fund), and presentations of noted sports figures who will speak to students about the importance of exercise and various careers relating to this area of physical fitness and sports medicine. The

faculty involved in this community are also incorporating this theme with their subject areas. With such a concerted effort of the entire IHHS team as well as the students of Gulf, we hope to encourage the importance of staying active and to produce healthy lifetime changes.

*Move it!  
Participate  
in the  
Marathon  
Challenge!  
November-March*

## INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Written by Angela Cotney, ITS Coordinator

Angela Cotney is the new team leader for the Institute of Technical Sciences Learning Community for the 2006-2007 school year. ITS faculty members include: Philip Altshuler, Steve Feldman, Craig Judy, John Manley, Jeff Miller, Lizzette Nazario, Daniel Uchacz, Lt. Ray Wysocki, Jesse Stringer, Diane Wink, Dan Barrus, Jeanette McCabe, Barry Zions, Claire Gabay, and Patti Keep. The members met at the beginning of the school year and determined ITS' theme will

be "Post Secondary Opportunities in Science and Technology." Each semester, ITS will focus on a different field of study related to science and technology. This semester's focus will be space exploration. ITS faculty members will incorporate an activity into their curriculum to introduce and produce interest in space exploration and associated employment areas. Other fields of study ITS will explore in future semesters include the environment, engineering,

construction, animal science, and medicine. Our CAPA (Career and Academic Partners in Action) business associates in the community will be meeting on October 16th to discuss additional ITS activities for the year. ITS will also incorporate a culminating activity such as visiting Lockheed Martin, Kennedy Space Center, or the University of South Florida's Engineering Expo.



## PIB (PROGRAMME FOR IDENTIFYING BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS)

Written by De Winslow, PIB Co-Coordinator

PIB Learning Community has been focusing on its science trip to Crystal Springs Preserve lately. Mr. Stobbs, Ms. Peek, and various chaperones will take the sophomores to this area, which is not far from Zephyrhills, on Nov. 1; freshmen visit on Oct. 10. At our last meeting on September 12, we decided to incorporate interna-

tionalism by having world language students compare/contrast the Crystal Springs Preserve with/to other ecological systems in the Spanish-speaking world. Also, internationalism will be incorporated into each class/grade level by the time IBO shows up on Nov. 27-28 for the official visitation, and our plans will be

with Dr. Lepley within two weeks.

Another PIB activity is the Renaissance Fair hosted by Mrs. Claudia Alwood on Oct. 12. All sophomores attend all day.

PIB Reading Groups have been established in order to promote LFS strategies in class lessons, and a divided grouping will work

best for our group with some teachers meeting on Friday AM and others meeting on Friday PM.

We have a PIB calendar at the Gulf High website, and we invite all PIB parents to visit it frequently. The calendar highlights tests, projects, quizzes, special events, and due dates.

## TEACHERS BEGIN TRAINING IN LEARNING-FOCUSED STRATEGIES

Written by Jennifer Wood, Literacy Specialist

While many Gulf High School students relaxed over the summer, numerous Gulf High School teachers were involved with Learning-Focused Strategies (LFS) training. LFS is an effective, researched-based framework for thinking about, planning, and delivering instruction using exemplary practices with a focus on learning. Max Thompson of Learning-Focused Concepts,

Inc., created the LFS model. The goals of a learning-focused model are continuous improvement and being consistent and pervasive. Previously, elementary schools in Pasco County began training in LFS last year; due to the fact that Gulf High School's feeder schools completed training last year, many Gulf High School teachers wasted no time by starting

training over the summer. The LFS Planning Model provides frameworks and tools for organizing, planning, assessing and designing for: organization, planning, curriculum, instruction and assessment. Training continues for most teachers in the following months; however, many have embraced LFS and begun implementing various Learning-Focused Strategies.



To email your child's teacher(s), go to [gulphigh.org](http://gulphigh.org) and click on Email Directory

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# Chorus

Written by Amy Riddle, Choral Director



The Gulf High School Choral Department has been working hard preparing for our annual Holiday Shows. With the help of our Total Sound Parents we have been able to purchase several new pieces of music for both the Concert Chorus and Total Sound. This year our holiday shows featuring both of our performing groups will be held on Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th at

Faith Lutheran Church on Sunset Road in New Port Richey. If you would like more information, contact Mrs. Riddle at 774-3373.

Our Total Sound parents have been very busy helping us raise money this year. We continue to park cars at all home football games, as well as selling ice cream. In addition we had a very successful car wash on Saturday, September 23rd. A special thanks

to all the parents who have been parking cars and working in the ice cream trailer. We couldn't do it without you. Our next parent booster meeting will be on Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in the Chorus Room.

Twenty of our Total Sound members will be participating in the Annual Pasco County All County Chorus on Saturday, November 11th at the Wesley Chapel High

School Center for the Arts. They will join select high school students from out Pasco County for two days of rehearsals before the final performance. If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Riddle.

# Band

Written by Bill Rutherford, Band Director



The Gulf High Marching Buccaneers have started the year out with excitement as they are invading halftime shows all across Pasco County with this year's theme entitled '*Pirates!*' The band is hard at work perfecting what hopes to be another award winning show by performing music from the movie '*Hook*', '*Sailing, Sail-*

*ing*' which features our percussion section, '*Mambo at Sea in B Flat*', and closing with music from the motion picture '*Pirates of the Caribbean*'. The band students have been working hard since July dealing with intense heat, sunburns, and tired bodies to put together another show to make Gulf High proud.

This semester, the band will be traveling to Tampa to participate in the Chamberlain Invitational at Chamberlain High School. We invite everyone to come and cheer us on as we perform with other bands from across the state at this event. This is an exciting opportunity to show off what Gulf High students are made of! The

season ends with the band's annual assessment at River Ridge High School on November 4th as the Marching Buccaneers strive for their 11th superior rating in the past 13 years. Come out and support the Marching Buccaneers and we hope to see you on Friday nights!