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GULF HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS TWO AIP PARENT NIGHTS

On October 30th and November 2nd parents and students with an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP) attended an informative meeting presented by various faculty at Gulf High School. The state of Florida requires any student not meeting minimum district performance standards in reading, writing, mathematics or science be assigned an AIP. All students must pass the tenth grade FCAT Reading and Mathematics; however, students of the class of 2010 must also pass the FCAT Writing+. Any student that has not met these minimum standards may receive ad-

ditional support through an intensive reading class or an intensive math class. The purpose of the meeting was to inform parents of student performance and ways to support student success. Topics included: What is the AIP process? What are achievement levels and FCAT scale scores? What are the graduation requirements for students to receive a regular diploma? How can parents assist their students? What are tools students can utilize to improve skills in reading and mathematics? One tool that all Gulf High School students can access is the

FCAT Explorer. It is a free, online educational program for Florida's students; it reinforces reading and math skills outlined by the Sunshine State Standards.

Many thanks to the following faculty for assisting with the AIP presentation and process: Mr. Brochu, Ms. Byrd, Ms. Carr, Ms. Davey, Ms. Gabay, Dr. Gallagher, Ms. Henion, Ms. Herzog, Ms. Kelly, Mr. La-Barbara, Ms. Mudry, Ms. Rios, Ms. Starkey, Ms. Waide, Ms. Wallace, Mr. Zions and Ms. Zirhut.

Written by Jennifer Wood, Literacy Specialist

fcatexplorer.com

Student sign-in:

Complete last name plus first initial.

Alice Jones = jonesa

Student password:

The 2-digit district ID number (51), followed by the first four letters of last name, followed by two-digit birth month, followed by the two-digit birth day.

Pasco County, Alice Jones, born on May 10 = 51jone0510



Family Conference

Sowing the Seeds for Success

One Child at a Time!

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007

Time: 8 AM to 1:30 PM

Where: River Ridge High School

Important Dates to Remember:

January 17- Report Cards

February 6-FCAT Writes

February 7- Quarter 3 Progress Reports

February 20- Senior Project Product w/ Log, Journal, Pictures & Student Evaluation Due

February 26-FCAT Reading

February 27-FCAT Math

March 5- Senior Project Mentor Evaluation Form Due

March 5- Senior Project Letter to the Judges Due

March 6-FCAT Science Grade 11

March 7- NRT Grades 9 & 10

March 13- Senior Project Portfolio Due

INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

Written by Lisa Barrus, Team Leader

Over 100 ICA students participated during the "Great American Teach In," Nov. 16th and 17th. Students were able to hear guest speakers, Steve Persall, *St Pete Times* movie critic and GHS grad, Class of 74, and "Dr. Z," aka Dr. Richard Zielinski, Choral director, USF School of Music. Mr. Persall spoke about seizing the opportunity for a job when it's at your door. Dr. Z. spoke about the link between sports and the arts. Sounds odd, but there is a common thread. Sports and

the arts require a lot of preparation for the big event, concert, games etc. Our annual "Talent Show" had to be cancelled because of lack of student acts. However, in place of the show, we have been planning the "Battle of the Bands" at GHS on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Proceeds from the show are for the Michael Rowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year the ICA awards a \$500.00 scholarship to an ICA student pursuing a career in the arts. Last year's recipient was Michelle Housel,

who is attending the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota. The concert will be hosted by the band "Harry Dash" who played at GHS a few years back and is being sponsored by Encore Music in Port Richey. Interested student bands should contact Mr. Rutherford at school or by calling 774-3374. This "battle" is open to all student bands in Pasco County. More information will be forthcoming through morning announcements.



Battle of the Bands
Gulf High School
March 3, 2007

INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Written by Carol Hlad, Team Leader

The Institute of Health and Human Services Learning Community has devoted this year to encouraging faculty, staff and students to improve their lifestyles through exercise and healthy life choices. With the involvement and hard work of the IHHS team, we have implemented several activities devoted to this theme.

Our first activity involved the health occupation clinical students, the personal fitness classes and several community volunteers to screen the

students for possible health discrepancies and to introduce options for exercising. Many thanks to Shapes, YMCA, Dr. Riddle, Lynn Schweiger, Mary Pat Yarber and Randy Babbitt for spending a whole day with us and of course, the wonderful members of our team who helped us out. Another Health Fair is scheduled for second semester.

Our second activity is "Move It!"—a marathon challenge. The students and faculty and staff have been challenged to

walk the track every Tuesday and Thursday beginning November 1st and ending March 1st during the last twenty minutes of their lunch period. In order to receive a free challenge t-shirt and a free night of bowling at Lane Glo, participants must complete 104 laps of the track (26 miles). So far many have accepted the challenge. The third activity was our second annual "Gobbler Gallop," a one-mile fun run which took place the last day before Thanksgiving break.

All the proceeds went to Gulf High School's "ABC Fund," a program to help needy families in our school community. This year, 61 students participated in this event. Many thanks to Dean Lofton for organizing and working the event the race. All these events couldn't have taken place without the dedicated and hardworking members of the IHHS team. Many thanks to the entire IHHS team!

PROGRAMME FOR IDENTIFYING BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

The PIB classes at Gulf High School in grades nine and ten were very busy before winter break!

Members who are band and chorus participants had the following activities scheduled: Holiday Music at North Bay Hospital; Jazz Ensemble at Starbucks in Clearwater; USF Festival of Winds at the USF School of Music; the New Port Richey Christmas Parade; Chorus Dinner Thea-

ter at the Faith Lutheran Church; Winter Band Concert at the Activity Center on campus; and All County Jazz auditions.

World Language classes were busy, too. Madam Currelly hosted her annual French Progressive Dinner on Dec. 10th. Señora Rodriguez took her Spanish classes to Tampa Theater on Dec. 12th.

Teachers of PIB students as

well as administrators have been busy keeping up with the newest IB tests, strategies, and rules. Mr. Imerson, Dr. Lepley, Dr. Wildey, Mrs. Ledman, and Ms. Winslow attended the Florida IB Quarterly meeting in St. Petersburg on Dec. 5. Also, speaking of IB rules, applications for PIB entry were due on Dec. 20.

Written by De Winslow, Co-Leader



For the latest info on assignments & events, visit the PIB calendar on the Gulf High web site or go to this link:
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/ghsnpr/>

INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Written by Sharon Oster, Team Leader

Hurray for the Great American Teach-In! Representatives of the business world brought the professional perspective to the classroom to prepare students for a variety of career fields. A big thank you to Kevin Fulford, Personnel Director; Eric Hershberger, OMB Budget Coordinator; and Jim Widman, County Engineer for Pasco County Government Administration for sharing

their expertise and experiences with students. "Dress for Success" was a grand stage performance on December 6, 2006. Stefani Giannakaris and Kevin Jose presided. Pete Lucadano, owner of Luke Brothers Landscape Service, and Kevin Fulford spoke to the seniors, IBT students and FBLA students addressing business world expectations and never losing sight of

goals and dreams. Twenty-two students participated in the fashion show focusing on appropriate dress for job interviews, senior project presentations, and award banquets, as well as job interview skits pointing out the dos and don'ts when being interviewed. Thank you everyone! Reaching out to the community, FBLA students collected and donated toys

for children to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is always helping out those in need. You are greatly appreciated, Salvation Army!



INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Written by Angela Cotney, Team Leader



Jeff Colby shows off his space shuttle model he made in Mr. Judy's class.

The Institute of Technical Sciences sent seven young women possibly interested in having a career in the engineering field to a day-long field trip to Lockheed Martin Corporation for their "Women in Engineering" Day. The students enjoyed a tour of the entire facility, participated in a fun, competitive activity involving engineering design, and were able to ask questions to a panel of women engineers.

Ms. Cotney and Mr. Scheiffla accompanied the girls on the trip and the girls and adults alike found the trip to be extremely interesting, informative, and encouraging for the young women. On December 7, Ms. Cotney visited Mr. Judy's Drafting class and observed the students' projects associated with our space exploration theme for this semester. The students were hard at

work drawing up or using a computer program to create plans for a space shuttle. Some of the students were actually in the building phase of the project and were precisely cutting wood pieces to apply to their masterpieces. Some of the shuttles looked ready to take off! Mr. Judy has taken some pictures of the projects and they will be available to view shortly on gulfhigh.org.

GUIDANCE

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Resource Specialist

The PLAN Test results were given to tenth grade students in December. These results predict the students' scores on the ACT Test, which is used for college admissions and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The PLAN Test also assesses career interests. Ninth through eleventh graders will use the Facts.org website and complete Career and Academic Planner Forms during January and February. Twelfth graders completed the Florida Financial Aid Form online in December through government/

economics classes. This form is the application for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The Pasco Education Foundation Scholarship Application is available for seniors to complete online until January 31. After submitting the application, students should print three copies and return them with the cover page to the GHS Guidance Office by **January 31** to be considered for local scholarships. All seniors attended a presentation on this scholarship process during the week of December 4. This information is also available on

gulfhigh.org. A Financial Aid Night for parents and students will be held on January 18, at 6:30 p.m., at River Ridge High School. Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be presented. Twelfth grade students and parents should go online now at www.pin.ed.gov to apply for a PIN. This PIN enables you to sign the FAFSA online, check the status of your submitted FAFSA and make corrections. Marchman Technical Education Center will present information about their pro-

grams to tenth graders on January 10 through Biology classes. Applications for the 2007-2008 school year will be available to students at this time.



Financial Aid Night

January 18, 2007

6:30 PM

River Ridge High School

Principal: Thomas E. Imerson

Assistant Principal, Administration:
Thomas J. Brochu

Assistant Principal, Student Services:
Dr. Judy B. Gallagher

Assistant Principal,
International Baccalaureate Programme:
Dr. Deborah Lepley

Assistant Principal, Curriculum:
Florence Buono

Assistant Principal, Adult Education:
Alfred J. Palma

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School Fax Line	727-774-3391
Guidance Secretary	727-774-3330
Attendance Office	727-774-3308
Student Registrar	727-774-3307
Clinic	727-774-3305
School Nurse	727-774-3356
Bookkeeper	727-774-3304
Administrative Secretary	727-774-3302
Adult Education Secretary	727-774-3309
Administrative and Guidance Staff as follows:	
Thomas Brochu, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3318
Dr. Judy Gallagher, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3316
Florence Buono, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3317
Dr. Deborah Lepley, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3311
Alfred Palma, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3319
William Schweiger, Admin. Para	727-774-3314
Melissa Ortiz, Admin. Para	727-774-3312
Vicki Voorhees, Admin. Para	727-774-3341
Kelly Davey, Guidance (A-C)	727-774-3329
Angela Cotney, Guidance (D-J)	727-774-3331
Susan Carr, Guidance (K-N)	727-774-3336
Jeff Scheifla, Guidance (O-SI)	727-774-3332
April Kelley, Guidance (SK-Z)	727-774-3335
Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist	727-774-3351
Susan Fogarty, PBDP	727-774-3473
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Paul Girardi, Athletic Director	727-774-3339
William Rutherford, Band Director	727-774-3374
Lt. Ray Wysocki, ROTC	727-774-3352
Chief Jose Rodriguez, ROTC	727-774-3354
Media Center	727-774-3327
School Resource Officer	727-774-3350
Tina Wallace, Newsletter Editor	727-774-3321

Short Story Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following Short Story Contest Winners!

Out of 145 entries, they placed in the Top 5:
Bailey Logan, Sara Swartz, Nick Carroll,
Laura Riley, and Alice Chang.

Honorable Mention: Nichole Russo, Tiffany Semidey.

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