

# GULF HIGH GAZETTE

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## Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement



### SENIOR PROJECTS ARE WRAPPING UP

*Written by Rossi Klompus, Senior Project Coordinator*

Close to 170 seniors have now proceeded on to the last phase of the Senior Project—the Senior Boards, April 23-27. Students will present an 8-10 minute speech, which will include some form of technology, such as videography or PowerPoint. They will explain to a panel of judges why they chose their topic, and present their project and show how it related to their research paper. Lastly, seniors have compiled a portfolio which encompasses the many steps they took to arrive at this significant milestone.

Topics this year include such diverse career directions as music production, nutrition, photography, coaching, auto mechanics, law enforcement, cosmetology, carpentry, the military, sewing, and teaching, to name just a few. I want to acknowledge our outstanding English teachers, who have guided our future alumni in this major endeavor: Mr. Barrus, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Gedraitis, Mrs. LaBarbara, Mrs. McCabe, and Mr. Serletic. Many, many thanks to all the faculty and staff who have

assisted in Senior Project—they judge, advise, organize, and counsel; they cook, set up, do mailings, and fix computer glitches. In short, they make a very complex program look “easy.”



### Quarter 4 Due Dates:

March 13:  
Portfolio

March 23:  
Speech Written

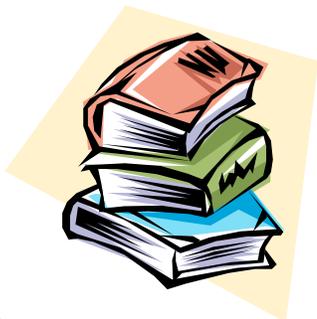
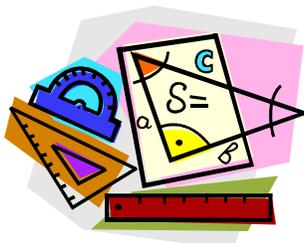
March 30:  
PowerPoint & Appt. Request

April 23-27:  
Senior Boards

April 30:  
Senior  
Celebration!

### INSIGHTS INTO 10TH GRADE FCAT READING & MATH

*Written by Jennifer Wood, Literacy Specialist*



On Tuesday, February 21, 2007, an informative meeting on the FCAT was offered to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. The focus was on the content clusters of the FCAT reading test and the content strands of the FCAT mathematics test. The FCAT reading test covers four areas: words and phrases in context, main idea, plot and purpose, comparison and cause/effect and reference and research. The FCAT math test covers five areas: number sense, concepts and operations,

measurement, geometry and spatial sense, algebraic thinking and data analysis and probability. Though these Sunshine State Standards focus on these areas in reading and math, many students are not aware of these and other terms used on the FCAT. The focal point of the meeting was to give students and parents an opportunity to question and discuss any areas of FCAT testing. The meeting also provided parents with the knowledge of every-day language used on the

FCAT and to discuss these points with their students at home. Parents were provided with *Keys to the FCAT*, a publication from the Florida Department of Education, handouts focusing on important FCAT websites and helpful testing hints and a DVD entitled *Your Child Your Public School* also provided by the Florida Department of Education. Many special thanks to Tina Wallace, Gulf High School Media Specialist.

### Florida Five Star School



## INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

Written by Lisa Barrus, Team Leader

Second semester for the ICA students brings forth many art shows and competitions for our students to participate in: "Art of Recycling," an annual district-wide competition for high school students was held in January at the West Pasco Government Center. Many students from Ms. Shapiro's 3d art classes participated in the event.

"ART BEAT," another competition, was on display February 20 - March 17 at the Pasco Fine Arts Center on Moog Rd. in Holiday. Paintings, draw-

ings, black and white photography and sculpture from our art students was on display. "An Artistic Discovery" sponsored by 9th District Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis will be open from April 13 - 29 at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art at the St. Pete College campus in Tarpon Springs. Students whose work is chosen for this show demonstrate high level artistic ability. The winning artwork in the category of "Best of Show" travels to Washington D.C. to be dis-

played for one year in the U.S. Capitol Building's Cannon Tunnel with other congressional winners.

Our own end of the year "Student Art Show" will be held in the media center April 23 - 30 during the school day. Drawings, paintings, sculptures, photography, etc. will be on exhibit. A graduate from Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota will be judging the show.

Students interested in careers in the arts must sign up for art

classes during the registration process or in adult education during first semester next school year.



## INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Written by Carol Hlad, Team Leader



Our theme for this school year is "Move It!!": a challenge to the students and staff to get out and exercise. Be-

tween November and March everyone was encouraged to walk the track twice a week during the last twenty minutes of their lunches. Upon completion of the 104 laps (equal to 26 miles, which is the length of a marathon), a t-shirt with the logo of the challenge was awarded. Student finishers to date are Miranda Wright, John Donnelly, Shannon Hamby, Ty-

quan Dawkins and Jessica Peck (Jessica actually finished the marathon twice!) Faculty finishers include Debbie Pitcock, Carol Hlad, and Karen Whitmore.

Our community partner in this event is Lane Glo Bowling Lanes located on old Rte. 54. Manager Judy Moore of Lane Glo is graciously providing a free night of bowling to all finishers,

both staff and students some time in April.

Providing invaluable assistance in this event are teachers Barb Munday, Shari Shau, and Sonia Rios. They have been out on the track every Tuesday and Thursday punching the tickets as the challengers complete each lap.

## PROGRAMME FOR IDENTIFYING BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

Preparing students for entry into next year's International Baccalaureate Programme has been the primary focus of our learning community this month. On Valentine's Day, students in current PIB grade ten classes went to a special session to introduce them to the IB's contents. Mrs. Alwood presented the history information (Group 3); Mrs. Barrus showed a PowerPoint that highlighted areas of study in IB art (Group 6); Mr. Griffith illustrated math elements in IB study (Group 5); Ms. Ledman talked about components of Language A1 English study (Group 1); Ms. Peek presented the chemistry syllabus and Mr. Stobbs pre-

sented the biology syllabus (Group 4); Mrs. Riddle and Mr. Rutherford showed their PowerPoint presentation for music study (Group 6); and Señora Rodriguez and Madame Currelly presented their courses of study for Spanish and French, respectively (Group 2). The groups, of course, refer to the six subject groups represented by the diploma hexagon model. In the Diploma Programme for IB, a two-year course of study, students must choose one subject from groups 1 to 5. The sixth subject can be selected from group 6, or a student may choose an additional subject from groups 1 to 5. On March 13 to 16, IB Reviews will take

place, and students will declare their choices and receive further information on their entries into IB in August 2007. By the way, the presentations aforementioned were also presented to parents of PIB students on the evening of February 15, 2007. More important March dates include grade ten registration through English classes on March 14 in the Media Center and the St. Petersburg International Folk Festival on March 16 which will be attended through World Language teachers' classes, but it is an all day school related activity. Parents, please remember to check our PIB calendar on the Gulf High web site because

Written by De Winslow, Co-

events, projects, tests, quizzes, papers, and all other important class events are listed there.



**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

You will find the IBT website as a link on the Gulf High website. It has a fresh update of the year's events with graphics. A big THANK YOU goes to all the students, faculty, and community leaders who participated in and contributed to the success of each event. The events were the Great American Teach-in, Dress for Success, Posters for Ca-

reer and Personal Attributes, and assisting with the Florida Learn and Service grant for hurricane preparedness. FBLA is the student organization which throughout the year contributes to the school and community furthering assistance and leadership. You will find the FBLA website as a link on the Gulf High website. It has an update of

the year's events with photos. Students are presently selecting courses for next year. The IBT website lists the courses offered which are available to all students in all learning

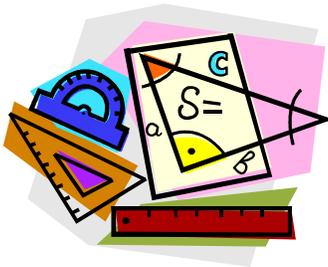
communities. The first computer course to begin with is "Computing for College and Careers."

The IBT is "on the road to SUCCESS."



## INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Written by Angela Cotney, Team Leader



In February, Ms. Cotney and Mr. Scheifla took a group of students to the University of

South Florida's annual Engineering Expo. The expo was put on by the Engineering department of USF's Tampa campus and included various shows and exhibits for students interested in physics, engineering, or construction as possible career choices in the future. The students enjoyed a laser light show, a chemistry magic show, and a physics demonstration. In the downtime between shows, students were given

the opportunity to visit tables set up by local companies to learn about what they do and what types of jobs they offer. The expo was a great experience for the students as USF made learning fun for them and exposed them to prospective career opportunities. Mr. Zions' Geometry honors class has a project due at the end of this month where they are taking data given to them by the VLOC corporation regarding the growth of a

crystal, and graphing volume, surface area, and other parameters with respect to time and each other, via a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, that has to be emailed to Mr. Zions (so that he can see their formulas), along with a bound hard copy. The students are also to turn in a write-up explaining what they did using Microsoft Word's Equation Editor.

## GUIDANCE

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Resource Specialist

During the past few months guidance has been busy with course registration for the 2007-2008 school year. Students filled out the Career and Academic Planner Form and used ePEP (an electronic educational planner) through the FACTS.org web site. Presentations about the course cards were given through 9th grade science classes and 10th and 11th grade history classes. Students were then given time to discuss their course selections with their parents and teachers. Each student was able to sit down individually with his/her guidance counselor to review their selections and turn in the card.

Students/parents are reminded to use FACTS.org to access transcripts, evaluate eligibility for Bright Futures Scholarships, prepare for the SAT using testGear, explore colleges and careers, and apply to colleges/financial aid.

The following activities will take place during April & May:

- April 13- Senior Blitz at PHCC for interested seniors
- April 17- Reality Store for all 10th graders
- April 20- State University System presentation for selected 11th graders
- April 23- CAS presentation for 10th grade PIB students
- April 26- Post Secondary Options Fair-grades 11 & 12
- April 27- Deadline for June SAT Test
- May 1- IB Parent/Student Night
- May 3- Scholarship Night
- May 4- Deadline for June ACT
- May 7-18- Advanced Placement Exams given
- May 19- Last day for seniors
- May 23- Last day for grades 9,10, and 11
- May 25- Graduation



Check out the  
FACTS.org web site  
for college and career  
information!



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](#).



# Spring 2007

## Band

*Written by Bill Rutherford, Band Director*

The Gulf High School Band and Color Guard have been busy in the months of January and February and have many exciting events in the upcoming months. Congratulations goes out to the Varsity and junior Varsity Color Guards for scoring the top rating of 'Superior' at their annual Florida Bandmasters Association's District 5 Music Performance Assessment at Hernando High School in February. This is the first time that Gulf High School has had two

squads perform at the annual assessment and officially makes the GHS Color Guard the largest color guard in our district of Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties. They are now eligible to perform at the State Assessment which is held on March 25th at West Port High School in Ocala. Congratulations also go to Blaise Clark for her Superior ratings on her baton and flag solos as well as Brian Dolding for his snare drum solo. The GHS Concert Band is gearing up for their

annual assessment to be held at River Ridge High School on March 15th and then will convert back to the marching band to prepare for the Chasco Fiesta Parade on March 24th. Please refer to the band website at <http://ghs.pasco.k12.fl.us/ghsband/> for times and more detailed information. After that, the band will then prepare music for their annual Spring Extravaganza held in the GHS Gymnasium, which always proves to have some 'unique' performances. The GHS Jazz Ensemble performed for judges at their

annual assessment and earned a rating of 'Excellent' at River Ridge High School. The Jazz Ensemble now turns its efforts in preparation for the Lakeside Jazz Festival which is held in Daytona Beach on April 20-21, 2007. This festival features bands from around the state as well as professional groups from across the country.



## Chorus

*Written by Amy Riddle, Choral Director*

The Gulf High School Choral Department had a very successful holiday performance season. Thank you to all the parents who supported us at our annual Dinner Theater. This event could not take place without your assistance. Our booster parents are currently getting ready for the annual Chasco Fiesta. Each year our booster parents and choral students sell ice cream for 10-days at Sims Park. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year; please come out and support us!

Total Sound and Concert Chorus are busy preparing for our end of the year show entitled "80's, 90's, and Now." This event will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at 2pm at the River Ridge Center for the Performing Arts. For more information contact Mrs. Riddle at 774-3373. We are hoping to have a Total Sound reunion at the May 19th end-of-the-year show. If you or someone you know was in Total Sound at anytime beginning in the 1997/1998 school year through the 2005/2006

school year please have him/her e-mail [ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us) for more information. This group will be performing on the May 19th show. Total Sound Auditions for the 2007-2008 school year, will be held Monday, April 23rd, through Wednesday, April 25th, from 3:00-4:30 in the G.H.S. Chorus Room. For more information contact Mrs. Riddle at 774-3373 or [ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us). As we wind down to the end of another school year, the Gulf High School Cho-

**End of the Year Show  
"80's, 90's, and Now"**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2007**  
**2 PM**  
**River Ridge High School  
Center for the  
Performing Arts**

ral Department and Choral Boosters have had another successful year. I would like to thank all of our parents and students for their continued help and support. I couldn't do it without you.



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