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RECOMMIT TO STRONGER PARENT INVOLVEMENT THIS SEMESTER

Half the school year may be over, but your teen still needs you to be concerned about how he is doing in school. He may say he doesn't want your involvement, but the truth is that nothing means more to him or can inspire him more than knowing you care.

Your teen will do best if you:

- * Continue to promote home as a place to learn. This includes making sure your teen has a place to study. A minimum of distractions during study time helps, too.

- * Emphasize that learning is important to the whole family. Completing homework, studying and being prepared for class are ways your teen can show he values learning.

- * Talk with him about what he wants to do when high school is

over. Discuss ways that school affects his plans. Example: Higher education and skilled jobs require a high school diploma.

- * Share tips on creating and sticking to a routine, tackling a project or organizing a binder—anything that will help your teen plan for and carry out his work. Don't think you have any good suggestions? Remember the things you do to get your own work done. The same strategies might work for your teen.

- * Identify the way he learns best. Let your teen know that we all have preferred learning styles and encourage him to use his. Examples: Making a recording of notes and playing them back may help a teen who learns best by listening. Making a poster and studying it



may help a teen who learns best by seeing.

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Senior Project Due Dates:

Letter to Judges	March 5
Mentor Evaluation	March 5
Projects	March 7
Portfolio	March 31
Request date for Boards	April 16
PowerPoint Board Ready	May 9
Senior Boards	May 19-22
Senior Celebration	May 28

Other Important Dates:

February 8	Solo & Ensemble Festival for Total Sound
February 12	10th Grade FCAT Writes
February 18	Presidents' Day/ No School
February 23	Choral Musical Performance Assessment
March 21	No School/Teacher Planning Day
April 7-11	Spring Break

EDUCATING NEW PORT RICHEY CHILDREN FOR 85 YEARS

International Baccalaureate Programme

Written by De Winslow, Co-Coordinator



PIB Calendar:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/ghsnpr>

IB Calendar:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/ghsib>

The IB and PIB Learning Community met on January 11, 2008 and reviewed several activities within the community. Eighth graders who have applied for Pre-IB entrance in August 2008 provided a writing sample on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Gulf High School. The Open House for this class will happen on March 27, 2008 and the picnic that welcomes the ninth graders to Pre-IB is set for August 7, tentatively.

Review Day for current sophomores will take place

on March 24, and the Review Committee for entrance to IB from Pre-IB will run from March 31 to April 4. More news! Students begin CAS hours in June 2008. A parent night is scheduled for April 30. In addition, upcoming events for current juniors include a Silver Platter Ceremony and a Pinning Ceremony which will present bronze pins to the participants. An extended essay workshop unfolded for all PIB-IB teachers on Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 9 AM until

noon. Teachers learned more about the project and, hopefully, teachers will realize a time management technique for adding commentary to extended essays. Just a reminder that teachers add test dates, project dates, and any other noteworthy class events to the monthly IB and PIB calendars. Don't forget to check the IB or PIB calendars on the Gulf High School web site. Have a warm winter and let's look forward to spring!

Institute of Business and Technology

Written by Sharon Oster, Coordinator



The IBT is ringing in the new year with announcements of upcoming FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Suncoast, and classroom events. A big thank you to the community for supporting the FBLA carwash in December.

FBLA members are preparing for district competition in written and performance events in February. FBLA and the IBT are promoting

the opening of the Bucca- neer Branch of the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union at Gulf High. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:40 until 12:10 a.m. Students, faculty, and their families are welcome to complete transactions at this branch.

In the IBT (Business Education) classrooms, students are focusing on PowerPoint software and creating pres-

entations that promote and market annual festivals or events such as Chasco, Gasparilla, and the Tournament of Roses. This assignment will introduce the careers of marketing, advertising, and public service.

Institute of Technical Sciences

Written by Craig Judy, Coordinator



Members of the Institute of Technical Sciences have been brainstorming on ways to show our students how advancements in technology are used in our respective courses that we teach. We have had guest speakers, Internet research, updating

audio/visual materials, career reports, and interaction with our awesome Media Center staff assisting students with additional resources that are available. Members of the ITS faculty include: Craig Judy, coordinator, Michele Belknap,

Steve Donaldson, Joe Lampkin, Steve Nesthus, Jose Rodriguez, Brian Wright, Jennifer Fugate, Jeff Miller, Les Snyder, Chad Stoneking, and Florie Buono, Administrator.

Institute of Communication and the Arts

Written by Lisa Barrus, Coordinator

According to the website artschools.com, artists can be categorized into four groups: art directors, craft artists, fine artists and multimedia artists. Within these groups the breakdown goes even further. Who says art does not pay? Our world is full of art. Our lives involve some

sort of art every day whether it be listening to music, watching a movie or a home show, reading a magazine or buying clothing. If you think about it, every idea for a car, movie, clothing line, electronic game, etc., all begins with an artist's idea on paper. Check out the website and see for

yourself the careers in the art field. There are many, many art shows and contests this semester for our students to participate in. For February, the Pasco County Fair will be open the 18th to the 24th on the Pasco High School campus. In March-April, "Artbeat," which is an annual art show for all

Pasco County students, will be open at the Pasco Fine Arts Center on Moog Road in Holiday. Also in April, art students will participate in Gulf High School's annual art show in the media center. Keep the arts alive and support your students' art endeavors!!!

Guidance

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist

The following events will take place during the third and fourth quarters:

January 23-February 11:
Electronic Educational Planning (ePEP) through FACTS.org with 9th, 10th and 11th grades

February 12:
FCAT Writes for the Class of 2010

2/14-2/19:
2008-2009 Online Registration for grade 9

2/22-2/27:
2008-2009 Online Registration for grade 10

2/28-3/3:
2008-2009 Online Registration for grade 11

3/12-3/19:
FCAT Testing

4/4:
Post-secondary Fair for grades 11 and 12

4/25:
PHCC Senior Blitz for interested seniors

5/5-5/16:
Advanced Placement Examinations

5/15:
Scholarship Night for Class of 2008

6/6:
Graduation

Juniors: Now is the time for college bound students to sign up for the ACT and SAT college admissions tests. Information is available in the Career Center. Those students considering four-year school should plan to visit colleges of interest.

Seniors: During second semester seniors who plan to attend community college should complete applications. Paper applications are available in the career center. Students may also check college websites for applications. Seniors seeking scholarships are reminded to check the Scholarship Scoop for any scholarships for which they may be eligible. See Mrs. Romano in guidance for applications.

All Students: Any student who volunteered in the community is reminded to turn in volunteer hours to Mrs. Trapp in the Career Center. Forms are available for those that need them.

Parents: Do you know what your teen is doing after school?

Research shows that teens who spend after-school hours in structured activities do better in and out of school than teens who don't. It doesn't matter what they do—it can be a sports team, a church group, a homework club or a part-time job. But kids who organize their time will do better than teens

who spend their after-school hours just hanging out. Is your teen make the most of out-of-school time? Here are some tips:

- *Schedule your teen for a structured activity for after-school hours nearly every day of the week
- *Set limits on time your teen just "hangs out" with friends

- *Check up on your teen after school
- *Give an extra "push" to make sure she/he gets to her/his after-school activity
- *Look for after-school programs to help your teen with homework

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Guidance Secretary	727-774-3330
Attendance Office	727-774-3308
Student Registrar	727-774-3307
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Bookkeeper	727-774-3304



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