

# Gulf High Gazette

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## Message from the Captain

As we close the first quarter of the school year, I want to thank everyone for their dedication and hard work. With our reduction in enrollment, we have enjoyed less congestion in the hallways and more opportunities to work individually with our students. We have also seen a drastic drop in discipline referrals and want to thank you for your support. Student success is dependent on the support of our families, community partners, and dedicated faculty and staff. We encourage our student body to engage in the many opportunities that Gulf High has to offer and to participate in the full range of extra- and co-curricular activities that are available. Our school offers you and your family many events and activities throughout

the school year that will make the educational experience exciting and meaningful. I encourage you to visit our website daily to view our calendar for up to-date events and information. You can also e-mail our staff and faculty through the website at: <http://www.gulphigh.org> to support your student and their education.

### Anchored in Excellence, United in Pride

Steve Knobl  
Principal



## Senior Project News

We are well into the research phase of the Senior Project now. Students have spent time in class using the online databases and time in the Media Center looking for books, magazine articles, and online sites for information on their research topics. Also, students are expected to continue researching online at home or at their local libraries. Time will be spent in class reviewing the steps of the research paper; however, students are encouraged to use the online resources provided to them on the Senior Project page

found on Gulf High's web site. The links under "Research Help" should be very useful for the writing process. Final research papers will be due the beginning of December.

*Written by Lina LaBarbara,  
Senior Project Coordinator*



## October

10/15: End of Quarter 1  
Week of 10/15: Homecoming Wk  
10/16: No School  
Teacher Planning Day  
10/16: Homecoming Dance  
10/20: FCAT Reading Retakes  
10/21: FCAT Math Retakes  
10/23: Report Cards Distributed

## November

11/11: No School, Veterans Day  
11/24: Quarter 2 Progress Reports  
11/25-11/27: No School  
Thanksgiving Break



### Pasco County School Board Members

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## *Health Careers Academy* Written by Carol Hlad, Team Leader

The HCA of Gulf High School have geared up for another busy and productive year. With the total number of students in the Academy at 70 (grades 9-11), the Academy Team has planned several events and programs to allow the students to better understand the health career field and to show a responsibility to not only the school, but to the community as well. The students planned and assisted in a school-wide blood drive in September that was sponsored by Florida Blood Services and supervised by Ms. Butler, RN, Health Occupations teacher. A total of 100 students and teachers signed up to give blood. The HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) had election of officers in September and are planning several fundraising events to assist in community projects throughout the year. Another initiative that has begun this year is the HCA Parents Club with teacher Shari Shau and parent Sherry Giunta heading up this group. This club plans to run several fundraising events to help provide funds for field trips, student promotion pins, celebrations, and scrubs. The Juniors have begun a mentoring program to assist the Freshmen in their academics as well as to help them adjust to high school. This program is under the direction of Ms. Dale and Mr. Barrus. The Academy will also plan and assist in the collection of canned food for the Metropolitan



Ministries Helping Hand, a Community Outreach in Holiday. The event will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> and run through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Under the direction of science teacher Frances Costa, this event will involve many other school clubs and it is hoped that this food drive will assist the many families needing help during the holiday season. And the last important event is the HCA team will be the first career academy in Pasco County to begin the process of National Accreditation through the National Career Academy Coalition. With the support of the school's administration and county administrators, this two-year-long process will entail a strong team and community effort. The team is actively working to accomplish this goal by the year 2011.

## *Guidance* Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Resource Specialist

The following events/presentations will take place during October, November and December.

October 8 & 9- 11th Grade Credit Check with all juniors

October 14- PSAT Test at GHS

October 20 & 21- FCAT Retakes for 11th and 12th graders

October 26-29- 9th grade Guidance/Career Center Orientation

November 4 & 5- 10th Grade Credit Check

November 9-13 - Career Exploration Activity in Personal Fitness classes

November 23- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery at GHS- available to 11th and 12th graders who are either interested in the military and/or career exploration

November 30 & December 3- College Placement Test for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students with a 3 or 4 on FCAT

December 4 - Marchman Technical Education Center presentation for 10th graders

December 7-10- Foundation/local scholarship information and Bright Futures applications with 12th graders

December 22- End of semester one

First quarter report cards will be given out on October 23. Second quarter progress reports will be distributed on November 24. Remember to check esembler to monitor student progress in all classes. Parents and students can register for an account on [gulfhigh.org](http://gulfhigh.org) under Grades On Line.

All volunteer hours should be turned in to Mrs. Trapp in the Career Resource Center. Forms are available in the Career Resource Center (CRC), and on the Gulf High School website under the Guidance Dept.

The Great American Teach will be held the week of November 16. Anyone interested in participating as a speaker should contact Kathy Trapp, GHS Career Specialist, at 774-3351.

## Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

Written by Commander Steve Nesthus

Mr. Knobl and many of the GHS Staff have expressed their gratitude for all the hard work the NJROTC has completed over the course of the summer. Whether it was pulling weeds, laying mulch, painting, landscaping or totally revitalizing the entire area in front of the school, these students displayed tremendous character and desire to help improve the climate of our school. **Thank you, NJROTC!**

As many know, this Unit had its best year ever last year. The Academic Team made history by being the first team in Florida to win the National Academic Exam sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy. Members of that team also won second place in the state Brain Bowl competition. The Unit was selected among the top 30% of all units in the nation and awarded the Distinguished Unit Award for the third year in a row. The Competition Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the State Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> at the Regional Championship (at USF), and is the top unit in the county. The calendar of events for the Unit is quite full. Just this school year

alone, the cadets have completed approximately 1000 hours of community service (includes Color Guard at a Rays game, assembling furniture and supporting the Preview Day at the new Anclote High School, providing a full day of support to a company picnic for a large corporation, and much more), conducted a very emotional 9-11 remembrance ceremony, hosted an effective NJROTC Orientation and much more. They also just returned from an annual Winter Park Wildcat Extreme fun meet competition where the cadets placed a very honorable 3<sup>rd</sup> of seventeen teams (brought back six trophies) from around the state.

In just the next month or so, the cadets will be supporting the local YMCA at Sims Park for a youth fishing tournament, and the annual Cotee River Bike Fest. They will compete at the first State-Sanctioned Field Meet of the year hosted by Mitchell High School NJROTC on October 24<sup>th</sup>. One week later is the always-fun Iron Bear Challenge (fun meet) at Central High



School in Brooksville. In November, the cadets will be rewarded for their good work with a fun trip to Busch Gardens. The following week will be the semi-annual Physical Fitness Test (PFT) & Family Picnic at Green Key Beach.

Some of the younger cadets will also be treated to a field trip to MacDill Air Force Base to tour some of the facilities, receive an orientation on several Air Force aircraft and perhaps sit in a simulator, as well as eat in the Mess Hall.

There's so much more. Check out the [www.gulfjnrotc.com](http://www.gulfjnrotc.com) website for more detailed information.

## School Resource Officer

The Teen Safe Behind the Wheel classes are still on going. We have had nearly 250 students take the class. We will offer them when we have enough students to fill in the class, maybe a couple times a month. Students will still need to have the class before buying a parking permit. At the time of this article there have been seven classes offered.

October 23rd to October 30th will be Red Ribbon Week. We are planning some events during the school day to promote the week.

**Red Ribbon Week** is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States.

Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and brutal murder of **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Enrique "Kiki" Camarena** in 1985.



Red Ribbon Week  
October 23-30, 2009

**Homecoming Week  
"Under the Sea"  
October 12-16, 2009**

**Monday**

- Dress Up Day - Tacky Day
- Dance Ticket Sales A & B Lunch- \$15

**Tuesday**

- Dress Up Day - Spirit Day
- Dance Ticket Sales A & B Lunch- \$15
- Day Games 12:35 to 1:40 p.m.
- Night Games & Powder Puff 6:00 to 9:00 PM
- Admission \$3.00 at Gate

**Wednesday**

- Dress Up Day - Super Hero-Character Day
- Last Day to buy Dance Tickets for \$15

**Thursday**

- Dress Up Day - Decades Day
- ½ Day Homecoming Bell

**\*Pep rally 11:00 - 11:40**

Lunch 11:45-12:10 students who don't need to wait for the bus and do not want to eat can go home at this time.

**•Parade 2:00 p.m.**

-From Orange Lake to GHS

**•Football Game**

-Pre-Game Court Announcements 7:00 PM

-Football Game GHS vs Mitchell 7:30 PM

-Half Time King/Queen Crowning 8:15 to 8:30 PM (Estimate)

**Friday**

**NO SCHOOL**

**•Dance-Gymnasium 7:30 to 11:30 PM**

-Tickets \$20 at Door

-Semi-Formal Attire Required



**Dance Dress Code**

**GUYS:** SHIRT WITH TIE OR MANDARIN-STYLE SEMI-FORMAL COLLAR, DRESS SHOES, DRESS SLACKS. JACKET IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED. NO TENNIS SHOES, T-SHIRTS, JEANS, OR OTHER NON-SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE WILL BE PERMITTED.

**LADIES:** SEMI-FORMAL DRESS OR GOWN AND/OR PANTS OUTFIT, DRESS SHOES. NO MIDRIFTS SHOWING. NO TENNIS SHOES, T-SHIRTS, JEANS, OR OTHER NON-SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE WILL BE PERMITTED.

**REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO  
BUILDING OCCUPANTS, PARENTS, STUDENTS**

We are required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act to send the following notification to parents and students of our schools: 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 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 Department and is available for review upon request.

**Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments**

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/ inservice towards an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing:  
Amy Riddle, Social Science 6-12; Tina Wallace, TC Cooperative Education Endorsement.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Pam Scott, Jeannette McCabe, Nicole Deg, William Toms.