

# GULF HIGH GAZETTE

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## Vision Statement

For the 2003-2004 school year, Gulf High School has adopted the vision statement:

### **LINKING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Parents, students, businesses, and community members will work together in the planning, implementing and assessing of the educational program to ensure that students will actively learn, grow, and develop the skills necessary to become responsible, productive members of society.

**Opportunity Hall is back!**  
**Every Monday & Wednesday**  
 7:00-7:30 AM  
 2:15-4:00 PM

Students sign in and receive tutoring, extra help on course work, projects, and papers.

**Room 242**  
**\*Bus transportation provided following the afternoon session\***

## Reading is alive and well at Gulf High School

*Written by: Dr. Cathy Wildey, Literacy Specialist*

One only has to glance at recent newspaper headlines and editorials to see the renewed emphasis on teaching reading in schools. The Federal No Child Left Behind legislation requires an annual year's growth of learning and the National Reading Panel identified the five reading growth areas: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension.

The school and community are joining together to meet the Federal and State requirements that are measured by the FCAT test. This year Pinellas, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties are sharing the One Bay, One Book event by reading and discussing Tom Wolfe's book *The Right Stuff*. The

book is available in the county libraries, which are also hosting various discussion and guest speaker events. Gulf High's student book club will also host a discussion at a future time to be announced.

Gulf High's Literacy Team has determined five goals and activities for the 2003-2004 school year: parent communication, community outreach, student motivation, literacy coaching, scheduling priorities. The team will keep you informed of the specific activities and progress in reaching the five goals.

In keeping with the state requirement to develop Academic Improvement Plans for students who are in danger of not meeting

grade level expectations in reading, Gulf High is offering 20 intensive Reading classes this year, which are addressing the five growth areas for students. All classes are encouraged to build classroom libraries of high interest, related books and articles to integrate into the curriculum.

We welcome any donations of books, as well as sponsors who would like to purchase book collections for the students. Interested adults are invited to volunteer to assist students in the reading classes, also. Please contact Dr. Wildey at [cwildey@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cwildey@pasco.k12.fl.us) or 774-3357 with ideas for literacy activities or to participate in any listed above.

## Senior Projects *Written by: Rossi Klompus, Senior Project Coordinator*

Senior Project 2003-04 has just gotten underway! It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop valuable skills for college and the job market. Throughout the course of the school year, our seniors learn and fine-tune skills including organization and time management, researching and writing extensively on a topic of their choice, interviewing, public speaking, and developing and operating technology, to name just a few.

Now in our fifth year, Senior Project has successfully given students the tools and pride to compete on college campuses and the work force. Students have recently chosen topics for the research papers they will begin this quarter and have identified the projects they will pursue in the winter quarter. In the spring, our seniors will compile this body of work in a Portfolio and present the results to a panel of judges, made up of members of our faculty and businessmen in our

community. Senior English teachers: Mr. DeWalt, Ms. Foote, Mrs. Gedraitis, Mrs. LaBarbara, Ms. Norris, Mrs. Laniewicz have planned the schedule and deadlines for meeting these goals. Our Steering Committee, which is comprised of administrators and faculty, will work with us to ensure students stay on track as the year progresses. They join me in wishing our senior class "bon voyage" on this exciting journey!

**Teachers Out-of-Field**  
 The following faculty members are teaching out-of-field. This means they have a college degree and have a certificate in one area, but are teaching another. These people are required to complete 6 hours of course work per year toward certification in the area they are teaching. Lacking ESOL endorsement: Bittenbender, Chauncey, DeWalt, Foote, Klompus, Kuperis, Rebensky, Richardson. Others who are out of certificated area: Wildey, Rodriquez, Feehan, Mendonca.

## **Institute of Business Technology News**

*Team Leader: Sharon Oster*

*Assistant Principal: Judy Gallagher*



The IBT is organizing for the coming year with a focus on upcoming projects for Gulf High and the community. On September 8th, faculty members met to gather ideas for initial planning. On September 10th, community business members of the IBT serving on the learning community

CAPA (Career and Academic Partners in Action) were welcomed. Invited members were Dan Johnson of Pasco County Planning, Lori Kalman of Innisbrook Resort, and Mary Alicea of Dial America Marketing, Inc. The Great American Teach-In on November 19 will be a celebrated event in the IBT as well as FBLA (Future Business Leaders of

America) events throughout the year. The Junior Achievement Program will be incorporated in the Business and Entrepreneurship class with Sgt. Steve Wright, U.S. Army, instructing. Presently the class is communicating with the Small Business Administration to develop ideas for establishing a mock business.

## **Institute for Technical Sciences News**

*Team Leaders: Margaret Peek, Kathy Trapp*

*Assistant Principals: Judy Gallagher, Alfred Palma*



On September 10th, the faculty and administrative leaders of the Institute of Technical Sciences joined our ITS business partners, Mr. Jim Duffy (Operations Manager, Widell Industries, Inc.), Mr. Doug Baker (Widell Industries), Mr. Doug Bramlett (Assistant Administrator for Pasco County), Mr. Craig Peterson (Huff Carbide Tool, Inc.) and Mr. Bipin Parikh (Assistant Administrator for Pasco County) at the year's initial Career and Academic Partners in Action meeting.

The CAPA board is the umbrella advisory body for all of the learning communities at Gulf High School. An important discussion for the CAPA meeting will concern the development of work-based activities for our ITS students during the school year. The ITS faculty met on September 8 to discuss our school-based program and how we might best take advantage of the wonderful resources that the business partners who are involved with the CAPA board offer to our students.

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*The ITS faculty are: Mrs. Allan, Mr. Blair, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Jolin, Mr. Judy, Mrs. Kuperis, Mrs. Long, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Nazario, Mr. Okun, Chief Saunders, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stobbs, Mr. Weimer, Mr. Weist, and Lt. Wysocki.*

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## **Institute for Communication and the Arts**

*Team Leader: Lisa Barrus*

*Assistant Principal: Patricia Haynes*



The Institute of Communication and the Arts Learning Community will be studying the different cultures that make up our community and school. The first step in the process will be a student/teacher survey regarding ethnicity, religion, place of birth, etc. for the entire school. The data will be used to determine the direction the study which will take place this school year. However, the ICA English teachers have been preplanning for classes to read the literature of other countries. Drama classes will perform plays that were written by foreign writers, and the music

and art classes will study the countries' cultures. This year, the themes tie in well with the foreign language department, as well as ESOL, and HEFFAS group.

We have many events in the pre-planning stage, such as: a yearly talent show, art exhibits, and musical and dramatic performances throughout the year. Listen for events on the school news. In addition, we are busy planning a panel of guest speakers to speak to our students during "Teach In" week in November. Some of our panel members may include: Janel Schroeder, photographer -St.

Pete Times, Marge Gollub- Pasco Fine Arts Center, Charley Skelton-Richey Suncoast Theatre, and representatives from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and the International School of Art and Design in Tampa. All of these people have been very supportive of our learning community and its direction and are regular fixtures in our school community. If you have any questions or can help with events and projects, please call: Lisa Barrus, ICA Team Coordinator at 774-3474.

# Institute of Health and Human Services

*Leader: Carol Hlad      Assistant Principal: Thomas Brochu*

“Taking care of yourself and your neighbor” is the theme for the IHHS Learning Community this school year”

The Institute of Health and Human Services for the 2003-04 school year will be “Taking care of yourself and your neighbor.” The Learning Community has planned the following events: a health fair for the ninth graders, disaster preparedness for all grades

to be held on the day of the Great American Teach-In, two blood drives co-sponsored by HOSA and open to the Community, and an after school CPR/First Aid certification. These events will provide several interesting activities to allow the students in IHHS to under-

stand all the services that are provided by our community here at Gulf High, in New Port Richey, and in the Tampa Bay area, as well as allow them to participate and become a productive member of the community.

## Guidance News

*Written by Kathy Trapp*

On August 27th and 28th seniors spent a class period in the computer lab using two web sites that can provide invaluable information to them. *Facts.org* is a state sponsored site where students can access their credit information to see if they are meeting graduation, Bright Futures Scholarship, and State University System requirements. *Bridges.com* is a site that Gulf High School has a license for and contains career and college information. Both sites may be accessed at home. **The user name for bridges is 0015469 and the password is gulfhs.**

On Monday, September 8 counselors met with seniors to review their Graduation Plans. A copy of this plan will be mailed home. Seniors hoping to enter a four year college/university and/or receive a Bright Futures Scholarship are reminded to take the ACT and SAT tests as soon as possible. Students may register online or pick up registration forms in guidance or the Career Resource Center. During the month of September, all ninth graders participated in a guidance/CRC orientation. Tenth grades took the PLAN test

week of September 22-26. All eleventh grade college bound students, and honors ninth and tenth graders are encouraged to take the PSAT.



## Media Center

*Written by Tina Wallace*



### Your Connection to Linking Resources

This year’s theme for Teen Read Week is “Slammin! @ Your Library”. It celebrates the popularity of poetry with teen readers. Now in its sixth year, **Teen Read Week**, sponsored by YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association), is being celebrated at Gulf High School. Some activities that will highlight this week are a bookmark contest, a poetry slam, and a guest poet. Ms. Ledman has also scheduled her poetry coffee house for this week. Community and students are invited to showcase their poetry and talent. Encourage your child(ren) to participate in one of these events and to READ poetry.

### Teen Read Week-Slammin! @ Your Library™ The Celebration of Poetry October 19-25, 2003

“The school media center houses more than 20,000 books featuring a wide variety of interests. Encourage your child to visit the media to check out books, not only for research, but for pleasure “

Linking Resources to Improve Student Achievement



## Pasco County Schools

Helping Students Reach Their Highest Potential

**Superintendent of Pasco County Schools**  
**Dr. John Long**

### Gulf High School

**Mr. Thomas E. Imerson, Principal**

**Assistant Principal, Administration**  
**Thomas J. Brochu**

**Assistant Principal, Instruction**  
**Dr. Judy B. Gallagher**

**Assistant Principal, Student Services**  
**Patricia L. Haynes**

**Assistant Principal, Adult Education**  
**Alfred J. Palma**

School Hours	Student Hours	Teacher Hours
7:30 AM-4:00 PM	7:40 AM-2:00 PM	7:30 AM-3:00 PM

## School Telephone Numbers

Main School Line	727-774-3300
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
<b>Administrative and Guidance Staff as follows:</b>	
Thomas Brochu, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3318
Dr. Judy Gallagher, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3316
Patricia Haynes, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3317
Alfred Palma, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3319
Lois Coburn, Admin. Para	727-774-3314
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Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist	727-774-3351
Susan Fogarty, PBDP	727-774-3331
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Paul Girardi, Athletic Director	727-774-3339
Rossi Klompus, Senior Projects	727-774-3401
William Rutherford, Band Director	727-774-3374
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