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NJROTC Annual Inspection



The Color Guard at parade rest. Pictured from left to right: Heather Martin, Jacob Kinn, William Nobile, Sean Chase, Tiala Beauchamp, Angel Alvarado.

The NJROTC Annual Inspection took place on Thursday, February 5, 2004. The unit-wide inspection included marching, inventory, community service, competitions, and physical fitness exams.



The Armed Exhibition team performing for the Inspection Officer. The naval science instructors for the NJROTC program are Lt. Ray Wysoki and Chief Dana Saunders (not pictured).

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

Seniors here at Gulf High finished the Project portion of their year long program on March 2nd. They and their community mentors worked a minimum of 15 hours and many worked hours well beyond the minimum, to produce a product showing them reaching out to develop a new interest or stretching their talents to greater limits. Over 180 of our young men and women worked long and hard balancing school, jobs, and family responsibilities to achieve these goals. Projects this year ranged from interests in sports, music, and cultural foods

to career shadowing. Our students explored the military, the law, education, and the arts. In April our seniors will be completing their Portfolios, which will include a current job resume, their original research papers, and many of the documents required to continue each step in this multi-faceted program. At the end of this month, our graduates will present their oral presentations that will include a form of technology to a panel of community members. No doubt these judges will be just as pleased as we are to watch our students show

their mastery of these talents and skills they have acquired. Our warmest thanks to all the mentors who so graciously gave of their time, talents, and devotion to helping our students complete their projects and experience the sense of self-fulfillment they may not have anticipated. In advance, we wish to thank our judges who give of their time and enthusiasm during those exciting afternoons when our seniors complete the final leg of this momentous journey! Last, but by no means least, continued thanks and

appreciation to Mr. DeWalt, Ms. Foote, Mrs. Gedraitis, Mrs. LaBarbara, Mrs. Laniewicz, and Ms. Norris for their continued support and encouragement as they work tirelessly with our seniors to meet deadlines, teach and refine skills that our students continue to exhibit throughout the year.



IBT News

Sharon Oster, Team Leader

Judy Gallagher, Assistant Principal

The IBT learning community has had a hugely successful year in bringing together community business leaders and students. Leadership and career opportunities for students were presented throughout the year. Community business leaders participated in the Great American Teach-in, the Pasco County Government Center Career Day, the

Innisbrook Golf Resort Career Day, the FBLA District Performance Competition, and Business Development Week. Business education classrooms welcomed guest speakers from varying careers. Employers of on-the-job training students also provided learning opportunities in the workplace. A total of 63 business leaders gave of their time and shared

their knowledge with students. Please visit the Gulf High website for the IBT at www.gulphigh.org/ibt.html to discover the identities of those 63. Thank you community business leaders. The event ahead is the Florida FBLA State Leadership Conference in Orlando on April 4-7. Gulf High has nine FBLA members compet-

ing. Please visit the Gulf High website for the IBT for the identities of the seven members who placed at district competition and the nine competing at state competition. Good luck to all competitors!



ICA News

Lisa Barrus, Team Leader

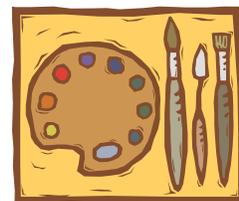
Patricia Haynes, Assistant Principal

The ICA faculty collectively gathered the names of students in their classes whom they felt were role models and leaders to serve on the student ICA board. The list was very long and had to be narrowed down to 20 students from grades 9-12. Final decisions were based upon grades and attendance. With the student advisory board in place, the direction of the Multicultural project and festival will be based on student needs.

Congratulations to the following board members: Sashe Agnew 9, Troy Anderson 11, Amanda Averill 9, Jenna Blair 11, Erin Degeorge 12, Craig Fountain 10, Rosa Golijan 11, Bobbie Gunderson 10, Kari Hirschfeld 11, Renee Hughes 9, Mike Lawrence 12, Susie Palma 9, Daryl Petersen 12, Michelle Ritter 12, Amber Schuhart 12, Pam Steiner 11, Joe Walsh 12, Ashley Yuhas 11, Jennifer Zasi-movitch 10, and others TBA.

The SPIFFS field trip to the Pinellas Expo Center was March 19. We took only 40 students. This trip was to help the students better understand different cultures, customs, food, dance, and art for the planning of our Multicultural Festival on April 22 and museum May 3-7. In addition, we are hoping that our ICA parents will be able to assist us with food and dance contacts for our April 22 festival, as well as help from our community

through donations, etc. If you can be of assistance, please call Lisa Barrus, ICA Team Leader at 774-3474. Also, March is Youth Art Month. There are many activities in the arts taking place at school and in our community. Students will be advised of upcoming events.



IHHS News

Carol Hlad, Team Leader

Thomas Brochu, Assistant Principal

Important Dates:

MOSI: 4/2

Blood Drive: 4/23

PHCC: 4/29

The Institute of Health and Human Services have the following events scheduled for this semester: a presentation by MOSI on DNA testing; another Blood Drive that will be open to students and staff at Gulf High, as well as to the public on Friday, April

23, 2004; and field trips for the students of the Health Occupations classes to MOSI on April 2nd and to a career conference at PHCC on April 29th. These events are wonderful opportunities for IHHS students who are interested in pursuing a career in the

health fields and also to get first-hand information from the experts.



ITS News

Margaret Peek & Kathy Trapp, Team Leaders

Judy Gallagher, Alfred Palma, Assistant Principals

The Institute of Technical Sciences sponsored two events for students during the third quarter. Young people who have shown an interest in the construction trades were invited to attend the Florida Department of Transportation's Annual "Construction Days" event. Representatives from many construction-related fields were present to present displays and answer questions about employment opportunities and job qualifications in their areas. One popular aspect of the Construction Days event is the

opportunity to help drive some of the heavy equipment that is used by the construction industry. Another group of students attended the University of South Florida's Engineering Expo on February 24th. The expo features exhibits by the school of engineering, and private industry, the opportunity to speak to faculty and students from USF, and engineering shows and competitions. In its thirty-first year, the expo educates high school students and the public about how math, science, engineering

and technology affect our everyday lives. Exhibits in public works, space age advancements, environmental conservation, computer technology, robotics and many other areas were available to our students. In addition to these student field trips, members of the ITS faculty devoted a portion of the state inservice day, February 16th, to a tour of the Marchman Technical Education Center. The informational tour, conducted by Marchman principal, Robert Aguis, was directed towards making our ITS fac-

ulty members more aware of the programs available through Marchman, allowing them to council students and parents from a more informed position regarding technical education. A portion of the Institute of Technical Sciences' program description aligns closely with the technical opportunities available through Marchman.



Guidance News

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Resource Specialist



During the months of February and March the guidance counselors have been busy helping students complete their course registration cards for the 2004-05 school year. Each 9th, 10th and 11th grader attended a presentation about the registration process. A registration card and a course description newspaper was given to every student. Students then had time to

work with their teachers and parents before sitting with a guidance counselor to review their selections. Guidance Staff also did presentations at Chasco Middle and Gulf Middle Schools. An Open House, targeting the incoming ninth graders, was held on March 23. Seniors who are continuing their education after high school are reminded to complete the FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The money is distributed on a first come first served basis.

During the spring, the guidance staff will have presentations for the juniors from Pasco-Hernando Community College and St. Petersburg College. Juniors who are meeting the criteria for enrollment in a four year college will be invited to attend a presentation by the University of South Florida. College bound juniors are encouraged to take the ACT and SAT Tests this year. During the registration process tenth graders attended a presentation by Marchman Technical

Education Center. It is not too late to apply for a Marchman program for the 2004-05 school year. Call Marchman at 774-1700 for more information.

On April 1, tenth graders will participate in an activity called Reality Store. This activity, sponsored by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce, is a budgeting activity where students are given an annual salary and asked to purchase everything they would need to live independently for a year. Ask your tenth grader how they did!

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