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Senior Project Journey Begins

Written by Rossi Klompus, Senior Project Coordinator

Senior Project 2004-05 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, research and writing an extensive topic of their choice, interviewing, public speaking, and developing and operating technology to name just a few. Now in our sixth year, Senior Project continues to successfully give 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 in the first 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. Barrus, Ms. Foote, Mrs. Gedraitis, Mrs. LaBarbara, Ms. Norris, and Mrs. Laniewicz have planned the schedule and dead-

lines for meeting these goals. Our Advisory Committee, which is comprised of administrators and faculty, will work with us to insure students stay on track as the year progresses. They join me in wishing our senior class "bon voyage" on this exciting new journey.



"Sowing the Seeds for Success: A Family and School Connection"

All families are invited to attend our

3rd Annual family conference entitled "Sowing the Seeds for Success" from

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at River Ridge Middle/High School on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

The purpose of the conference is to assist families in understanding and meeting the needs of children, youth, and young adults. Breakfast, lunch and childcare will be provided. A sample of topics include: Understanding Children's Learning Styles, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Bullying Prevention and FCAT for Families and much, much more. The conference is FREE, but registration is required. Transportation is available for families coming from East Pasco. Please call 813-794-2203, 352-524-2203 or 727-774-2203 to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

IBT News

Sharon Oster, Team Leader

Judy Gallagher, Assistant Principal

The lighthouse represents the IBT learning community. "Lighting career pathways" and stressing the importance of business principles in the workplace and continuing education is the direction as we set sail. Excellence in the classroom, outside experiences in the workplace, participation in community projects, and membership in FBLA (Future

Business Leaders of America) are the coordinates charted for the school year 2004-05. In the IBT, the Gold Seal Scholarship is available to students. This scholarship can assist a student attending a two-year or four-year college, university or technical school. During this past year, over 50 community business leaders participated

in IBT or FBLA activities. In addition, students in Pasco County traveled to Denver, Colorado to participate in national competition for FBLA this past summer. Please visit the IBT website for Gulf High School for news throughout the year.

As students look toward tomorrow, they are reminded that:
"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to leave the shore."
-Author Unknown

ICA News

Lisa Barrus, Team Leader

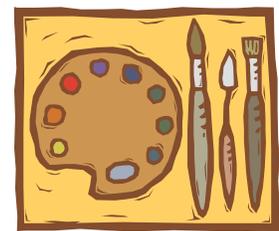
Patricia Haynes, Assistant Principal

The Institute of Communication and the Arts focus this year is "Communicating the Vision". Learning community students will be expressing the importance of the "ARTS" in the schools curriculum through a variety of venues. As a community, we are concerned with the arts being ignored in state and national funding. "No Child Left Behind" looks at children as statistics and

data and not as individuals. Students who are exposed to the arts have a better understanding of human experiences and creative problem solving techniques expressed in artistic forms. Education advocates state that the arts can improve student learning, help absenteeism, and lower the dropout rate. In all schools, arts classes are electives, and are the disposable credit in time of budget

crunch and new state guidelines. Here at GHS, we are lucky to have a fine arts program at our school. Some schools in this county do not! We are hoping that through our students' vision, we will be able to communicate the arts as an important aspect of our everyday existence and keep it ALIVE! There are many activities planned this year for our arts stu-

dents. Please have your student check with their arts teacher for upcoming concerts, art shows, performances etc. For more information contact Lisa Barrus, (ICA Team Coordinator) at 774-3374 or your student's arts teacher.



IHHS News

Carol Hlad, Team Leader

Thomas Brochu, Assistant Principal

Health/Wellness Fair
10/27/04
Great American Teach-In
11/17/04

This year's theme for the Institute of Health and Human Services is "Get fit for life". We will host a number of activities that will assist students to see the value of staying men-

tally, physically and emotionally fit. Included in our calendar will be the Health Fair, two blood drives, the Great American Teach In, and speakers from various areas of the

health and human services fields. If there are any questions, or you wish to volunteer to assist with any of our activities, feel free to call the school. Direct your calls to either Mr. Brochu, administrator, or Carol Hlad, team leader.

ITS News

Margaret Peek, Team Leader

Dr. Judy Gallagher, Alfred Palma, Assistant Principals

The Institute of Technical Sciences welcomes the returning faculty team members and the instructors who are new to the building this year to our learning community.

An important facet of the ITS program involves its association

with the Marchman Technical Education Center. Students from any learning community and their parents were invited to attend the Marchman Open House on September 1, 2004. The Marchman facility houses programs in cosmetology,

commercial art, commercial foods, computer technology, criminal justice, early childhood, technology, power and transportation, air conditioning/heating technology, carpentry, electricity, electronics, marine mechanics tech-

nology, and veterinary assistants training.

Students who successfully complete a MTEC program of study are prepared for direct job entry or additional advanced coursework. The telephone number at MTEC is 774-7100.

Guidance/Career Resource Center News

Written by Kathy Trapp

As the new school year began, the guidance office welcomed the addition of a fourth guidance counselor, Angela Cotney. She will be helping students with last names starting with E-K.

Senior Information: August 25th and 26th-Guidance/Career Resource Center(CRC) orientation. Students were given a checklist for the year containing important events. September 1- Graduation Plans. A copy of the Grad Plan will be mailed home. On September 9th and 10th-Computer lab accessing two web sites that provide valuable information. Facts.org is a state sponsored site where students can access their credit information to see if they are meet-

ing graduation, Bright Futures Scholarship, and State University System requirements. Cxonline.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 cxonline is 0015469 and the password is gulphs. October 18th or 19th-Scholarship information session. Our local scholarship application will be given out at this time. November 19-Scholarship application is due in the guidance office by 3 PM. Also, 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.

Other 1st Quarter Events:

September 21-PLAN Test for Tenth Graders. An informational letter will be mailed home prior to the test date. October 13.-The PSAT Test will given at GHS. Sign ups for the PSAT Test will take place from 9/22-9/29. The cost for the test is \$11.00 and students can pay in the guidance office.

All eleventh grade college bound students, and honors ninth and tenth graders are encouraged to take the test. 9th graders will participate in a guidance/CRC orientation at

the end of October.

October 13, 2004

Students and parents are invited to attend **College Night** from **6 to 8 pm at Pasco-Hernando Community College**. Four year colleges/universities, two year colleges, technical schools, and the military will have representatives in attendance.

Media Center News

Written by Tina Wallace

Once again, we will be celebrating Teen Read Week from October 17-23, 2004. The theme for this year is IT'S ALIVE! @ your library®. We will be promoting books and programs about horror, mystery, forensics, genetics, movies and much, much more. We are planning a bookmark contest, a guest speaker,

and a poetry coffeehouse. A coffeehouse is where students get together to share their poems, thoughts, music and other talents with others. Members of the community are always invited. **Encourage your child to participate in these events.** We have some fantastic prizes! Remember, a reading

habit increases reading proficiency. One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect. Please, encourage your child to visit our media center or take them to the local public library for both of you to check out a book and "read for the fun of it".

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Join us for Teen Read Week
October 17-23, 2004



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Alfred J. Palma

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