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Semester One, Year 91, a Huge Success!

This school year is a special one for the students, staff and community of Gulf High School. We have had successful fall sport seasons, we have celebrated Homecoming with the traditional parade and, most importantly, we have learned during it all! Here are some of the highlights:

Senior art students Megan Smith, Ashley Abshier and sophomore Mariangela Crocitto were among about a dozen artists chosen to paint murals on benches on the Main Street bridge over the Pithlachascotee River on Nov. 10. An interview with Megan appeared on Bay News 9.

Senior art student Aubreigh Freeman illustrated *Etty of Elfers*, a children's book to be published this December by the West Pasco Historical Society. Proceeds from sales of the book will benefit the Society.

The Girls' Golf team did an amazing job coming from last place, last season, to this year's District runners-up.

The Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams stole the show with their dominating performance at the District Meet capturing both championships. They went on to place fourth in the regional meet qualifying both teams for the FHSAA State Championships.

The winter sports have started and immediate success has been found by many of our programs. Boys' Soccer and Girls' and Boys' Basketball programs all currently boast winning records and, finally, Wrestling is 5-0 and currently ranked 9th in the state.

Thank You For Your Contributions and Your Support!

The success that we have experienced so far this school year is due in large part to the contributions of many members of the community.

We appreciate all that you do and encourage the patrons of the Gulf High School area to visit and support the businesses listed here. Thank you for contributing to the success of our students!

Ike's Roofing Company
Hudson Flowers
Avery Chiropractic

Sweetbay Supermarket
Publix Supermarket
Winn Dixie Supermarket
Seven Springs Golf & County Club
Kuryliw Chiropractic Rehab Center
Chili's Restaurant
Best Buy
Cheri Bloom Bridal & Formalwear
St. Angelo's Pizza
Gulfside Custom T-Shirts
Sun Toyota
Family Chiropractic
Hair Bangers
Axa Advisors, LLC
Panera Bread

Cracker Barrel
New Attitude Salon
McDonald's
Zim Zari's Restaurant
Subway
Starbucks
Home Shopping Network
Winghouse of Palm Harbor
Target
Family Chiropractic Center
Dunkin Donuts
Sam's Club
Books-A-Million
Barnes & Noble
Magnolia Valley Golf Club
Rotary Club of New Port Richey
Outback Steakhouse

Gulf High School's mission is to link local, state, national, and international resources to create active, lifelong learners who will promote worldwide intercultural understanding and respect.

News and Notifications:

NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS:

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 the 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 & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

NOTICE OF ESEA SPAR:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act legislation requires that schools provide parents or guardians an annual status report called ESEA School Public Accountability Report. This report is available at the following web site: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>

Health Careers Academy Students fight for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis



Early in the morning of Saturday October 27th, Ms. Butler and over 30 of her Health Careers Academy students turned out to support "The Cycle for Life" charity event. Students helped register cyclists starting at 6AM at the Longleaf Town Center. Other students manned the first two rest stops in Starkey Wilderness Park and along the Suncoast Trail. Over 90 riders raised \$20,000 more than what was raised at last year's event. The Gulf High students provided enthusiasm, cold drinks, and snacks as the riders cycled 20, 55, or 75 miles! Dawn Kegl, the event organizer, said much of the success of the day could be attributed to the involvement of Ms. Butler and her student volunteers!

GHS Thespians Win at District 14 Festival!

GHS Thespians attended and performed at the District 14 Thespian Festival December 8. The thespians who performed, their events, and their ratings are:

Brittany Reid - monologue - straight Superiors (qualified for the State Festival in March)

Brittany Reid and Lora Scudlo - duet acting, *Matchmakers* - Excellent

Joanne Donovan and Miranda Lough - duet musical, "Three Bedroom House" from *Bat Boy the Musical* - Superior (qualified for the State Festival in March)

Joanne Donovan - solo musical, "100 Ways to Lose A Man" from *Wonderful Town* - Excellent

Elizabeth Rutherford - monologue - overall Excellent (unfortunately disqualified on a technicality, but the judges did enjoy her performance!)

These 5 students did an outstanding job representing GHS and are now known affectionately as "The Little Troupe That Could." On to States!

New Home Construction Coming Soon!

School administration has been notified that Pasco County will start to build seven houses across the street from Gulf High School on School Road, between Madison and Beach. As many parents wait there to pick up their students, we wanted to alert you to the potential safety issues associated with new construction. The community development manager will erect a construction fence soon.

Great Persons Roundtable and Coffeehouse Scheduled for January 11

The AP European History classes will present the roundtable where students appear in costume and in character of famous people from various eras, discussing what they believe and have done. Imagine Einstein sitting down with Newton or Mussolini to discuss science!

Students are invited to attend through their social studies classes (or English classes for freshmen). Coffee, tea and various cookies will be sold.

Athletic Passes Available for Purchase

Athletic passes are available for \$35 per person or \$100 for a family of three or more.

If you would like to purchase athletic passes please see Patty Joens in the GHS main office.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at GHS sporting events please complete an application that is available through the Pasco County School District Website

www.pasco.k12.fl.us

Patty Joens (727) 774-3302

World Language News and Events:

On November 16, World Language students participated in the second annual World Fair. Over 28 countries were represented! This was a student-led CAS project by IB students. There were booths with information about each country, interactive activities, food samples, and crafts, as well as musical entertainment. GHS students visited the fair throughout the day. This event raised \$2000.00 for the victims of the storm Sandy.

The French Honor Society will have its 21st Progressive Dinner on Sunday, December 16. This is an annual event. French students travel from an appetizer house to the main meal house and finish at the dessert house! Students get together and prepare French food specialties. A *grand merci* goes out to this year's hosts, Alexis Beucler, Madison Kistler and Katrina Enoch, for opening their homes.

French Honor Society fundraising activities and community service projects:

Students have been busy raising funds to defray the costs necessary to participate in *Congrès*, the annual state competition held in Orlando in March. FHS students served quiche and crêpes to the faculty during planning day and are currently selling *Bisou* grams to students during lunch. The cost is \$1.00 and they will be delivered on December 17. Students in the French Honor Society are required to earn community service hours. Some students are teaching French lessons to students at the elementary schools.

More news from the French classes:

It is once again time to prepare for the annual French statewide competition held in Orlando in March. This year's *Congrès* will take place March 7, 8, 9. Students from each level of French will compete in various categories such as: Poetry, Recitation, Impromptu Speaking, Reading Comprehension, Skits, and a fast paced brain bowl. All of these activities are conducted in French! This year 25 students from Gulf will participate. We are looking for parents to drive to and/or from Orlando.

Les classes de français vous souhaite des voeux pour un Joyeux Noël une Bonne Année!

Attendance Reminder!

If a student has unexcused absences in 3 or more periods a day in 5 or more days, or 5 unexcused absences in any one course within a quarter or 10 unexcused absences in any one course within a semester, the student shall:

1. lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities.
2. lose the privilege to drive to campus until the end of the following grading quarter.
3. have their name submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

Dates to Remember!

1/10 - Marchman presentation to tenth grade students

1/11 - Pasco Education Foundation Scholarship Application due to the GHS Guidance Office

1/14 - Pasco Education Foundation Scholarship Application must be submitted online

1/15 & 1/16 - PLAN Test Interpretation for tenth graders

1/23 - Financial Aid presentation for seniors

1/28-2/1 - Bullying Prevention Week

2/7 @ 7 p.m. - Financial Aid Night for senior parents in the GHS cafeteria.

Poetry Out Loud Practices Taking Place

Kris Stolarczyk is now running the Poetry Out Loud practices for the GHS competition. The date will be announced in January. Students must memorize and perform a recital of a poem from the Poetry Out Loud website list. The school winner will travel to Tallahassee to compete in March, and will have to have three poems memorized and ready to perform. Anyone interested in participating may come to room 256 any Wednesday after school for coaching and practice. Kris Stolarczyk made it to the top ten after 3 rounds of competition last year. Maybe this year GHS will have a state winner, who will then go on to compete in an all expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.

November 15th Coffeehouse a Huge Success!

GHS held its first coffeehouse of the year on November 15. Over 60 people showed up, and 31 students participated in the slam contest.

What an incredible amount of talent was on exhibition! Along with several musical performances and lots of great poetry, we all enjoyed the impressive variety of the slam poems. Our excellent judges made the following decisions:

- First place — Gray Bigler (\$15 gift card to Panera)
 Second place — Shelton (\$10 gift card to Panera)
 Third place — Elizabeth Rutherford (\$5 gift card to Panera)

The judges were so impressed that they insisted on awarding several honorable mentions as well:

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| Paul Colella | Robin Michaelson |
| Shane Gillen | Janet Lau |
| Ethan Kummer | Aubreigh Freeman |
| Kayla Dodds | Kelsey Williams |
| Jody Mitchell | Aldo Colon |

Teen Court is in Session!

GHS has 30 students who are active members of Pasco County's Teen Court. These students attend real Juvenile Court cases every other Wednesday at the Pasco County Courthouse on Little Road.

Teen Court receives referrals from schools, the Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office. Volunteer students from the Pasco County School District participate in these court cases to help alleviate some of the caseload from the judicial system.

Student volunteers participate in the proceedings as attorneys, jurors and court officials. Their decisions as jury members are binding and this program helps all of the teens involved to understand that every action has a consequence.

See Ms. Nibert in room 113 if you are interested in joining Teen Court!