



FALCON FORUM

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Our Falcons Soar!

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Members of the Community,

It is hard to believe that three quarters are behind us in the 2016-2017 school year! It is a great year, and we are proud of what are students and teachers are achieving!

- Our inaugural Cambridge Secondary cohort has done excellent work, and we anticipate expanding our Cambridge program for 2017-2018. Remember, our Cambridge Parent Night will be held March 30th!
- We have students successfully earning high school credits in 10 different offerings: Algebra I, Algebra I Honors, Culinary Arts, Digital Information Technology, Geometry Honors, HOPE, Pre-AICE Global Perspectives, Spanish I, and Spanish III!
- Our band programs have earned superior ratings at the recent music performance assessments.
- Our inaugural orchestra program is doing great things and will develop both beginning and intermediate orchestras for 2017-2018.
- Our Teen Trendsetters are reading with elementary school children at both Golden Gate and Golden Terrace Elementary Schools before school.
- Our multicultural festival was a great success, with acts and food representing countries and cultures from around the world!
- Our modified curriculum students competed against other schools in a Unique Science Fair at OMS and a Unique Field Day at NNM.

Many of our sports teams have all wrapped up their seasons, and our athletes represented our school well. Track and Field and First Tee Golf are beginning to practice now for the Spring season.

Our facilities will be getting significant attention this Spring and Summer. We are proud of our school, but after 35 years, some things need updating!

- Many of our vaulted ceilings will be removed. Our old, fluorescent lights will be replaced with LED lighting in most rooms. This light is

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brighter and more efficient.

- Our locker rooms will be renovated, and our gym floor will be resurfaced.
- A fitness room will be created.
- Much of our air conditioning system will be replaced over the Summer

As we move into testing, it is our students' time to shine. They are ready, and we must take a moment to thank our teachers for all of their work through the school year. We also thank our parents for all they do to support our students and our school mission—that all students SOAR!

SOARingly yours,

Dr. Mason Clark

Principal

GGM Community Partners – WE THANK YOU!

We are fortunate to have the support of our community; we appreciate all you have done for us!

Winn Dixie Store # 743

Manager: Dave Hissey
239.455.3243

Collier County Sheriff's Office Bikes for Tykes

President: Michael Nelson
239.248.1196

N.Y. Pizza & Pasta

Owner: John M.
239.594.3500

GGMS Yearbook

The last day to order a yearbook during our pre-sale is March 31. Any remaining yearbooks can be purchased once they arrive. First come first serve!

Wellness Committee

If you would like to be a part of our wellness committee please contact Ms. Heller at 239.377.6896 or hellen@collierschools.com.

Take care of yourself....be fit, be happy, and be smart!

GGMS Wellness Committee

Counselor assignments by student last name:

Ms. Martinez	A-E	377-3806 Email: martio2@collierschools.com
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Ms. Gray (Lead Counselor)	N-Z	377-3817 Email: grayd1@collierschools.com

Tips for Parents for student Success: From GGMS Counselors

With less than 50 days left, we have officially began the countdown to summer break! Students will be beginning the 4th and finally quarter when they return from Spring break. With that in mind, it is important to prepare for fast, upcoming finals and EOC's. Setting strong and realistic study goals is important to the success of all:

- Set 5 hours a week aside to study and break it up over the 7 days in the week.
- Each day, set aside a specific time.
- Find a quiet, non-distracting location. DO NOT study in your bed! This can make you tired while studying and stress you out when you are actually trying to sleep at night.
- Make Flash cards for vocabulary words or concepts you are trying to learn.
- Get a good night sleep each night, especially before a test.
- Eat Breakfast each morning.
- TURN YOUR PHONE OFF WHILE STUDYING!!
- DO NOT eat while studying.

Parents, thank you for all that you do for your children. You are also to thank for your student's success. Continue to please be involved in your child's social life. Our students live and breathe their phones and social media today. Ask questions, ask where they are going, ask who are they with, ask to see their phones and CHECK pictures/media files.

GGM PTO

Our 8th grade family dinner is immediately after the May 25th awards ceremony and will be held at GGM this year. The dinner will be catered by Carrabba's and tickets are \$5.00 per person (children under 3 years eat free). Look for order forms to purchase your tickets soon! Pre-sale begins May 1st. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. If you would like to be involved or volunteer, please call Mrs. Higgins. PTO meets monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 4PM. We hope to see you here!

Ms. Higgins
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239.377.2693



Volunteers

To volunteer at our school please contact our office at 239.377.3800. We have many fun events throughout the year and we would appreciate the help!

<http://www.collierschools.com/volunteer>

Student Council

The Student Council raised \$2,100.00 for Pasta for Pennies. The fundraiser helps children, from the SWFL area who have Leukemia. Mr. Campbell's 1st Period, sixth graders will receive a pasta luncheon, donated by the Naples Olive Garden. Mr. Campbell's class raised over \$500.00. Coming in second was Ms. Asher's 1st Period, sixth graders. They raised over \$200.00. Ms. Asher's class will also receive something special, for all their hard work.

The Student Council Valentine's Dance was another success. The kids danced the night away... Proceeds from the evening went towards the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

This year's Student Council officers, Ashley Lozano (President), Justin Ramirez (Vice President), Sherley Massillon (Secretary), and Rodrigo Velasco-Hernandez, (Treasurer), have done an outstanding job, along with our classroom representatives.

Ms. Hanba

Math Corner

Does your student need help with math skills?

CCPS has purchased excellent online math tutorials to assist your student with math homework or in preparing for the FSA or EOC. For example, students enrolled in Intensive Math classes have access to www.aleks.com for instruction and practice with immediate feedback. For those enrolled in Algebra, www.algebration.com has wonderfully sequenced videos and practices. A website for which all students have passwords is www.usatestprep.com, which also offers instructional videos. One of the best FREE/public online sites is www.khanacademy.com, which provides instructional videos and practice for nearly all math skills with no password required. So next time your student needs math help, s/he can count on these Internet programs for support.

Technology Corner

In the third quarter of Business & Computing Education, we have been working on the following skills. One of them was creative storytelling using digital storyboards. Students illustrated how they spent their Winter Break in a digital format and the outcome was outstanding! Another one was informative summary writing which helps them focus on reading an online news article for comprehension and not just for casual reading only. Finally, we have an ongoing interest in furthering our understanding of the term "digital citizenship". We want to make sure we strengthen our awareness of how to be a good citizen online by using digital technology in a responsible way. In this effort, we completed a few online activities on this website (www.digizen.org). Students may choose to visit this website to show their parents when at home.

S.O.A.R.

Ms. Brewer

Business Education

Congratulations



Spelling Bee

Proud of our spelling bee champ, Nate, who represented GGM at the regional spelling bee.



Cuinary Arts

Ms. Heller's Cuinary Arts classes prepared take home meals of lasagna for the GGM teachers before spring break.



GGM Athletics Our Falcons Soar!

It was a successful winter sports season for Golden Gate Middle School! The girls soccer team reached the county semi-finals and the boys soccer team played in the championship game at Gulf Coast High School. Both were undefeated during regular season play. The girls basketball team fought off injuries during the regular season to capture the number two seed in the division for the playoffs. The boys basketball team, seeded third, made it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Players represented their teams and school proudly. The school year closes out with spring athletics: Boys and girls track is underway now. **Go Falcons!**

Greg Parks

GGM Athletic Director

Upcoming Dates To Remember!

Check our website for more updates and GGM sports schedules...

<http://www.collierschools.com/ggm>

- April 13: Student of the Month Luncheon
- April 14-17: No School
- April 18-19: 7 th FSA Math District Testing Calendar
- April 20-21: 8th FSA ELA District Testing Calendar
- April 24-25: 6 th FSA ELA District Testing Calendar
- April 26-27: 8th FSA Math (not algebra) District Testing Calendar
- April 27: Interim Period Ends
- May 1-2: 7th FSA ELA District Testing Calendar
- May 3: 8th NGSSS SSA District Testing Calendar
- May 3-4: 6th FSA ELA District Testing Calendar
- May 4: PTO 05: Distribution of Interims