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Principal's Message

Our Mission... Each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared.

Our Vision... Each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

Dear parents,

It's hard to believe that this school year is within a few weeks of being over. I have been amazed at how committed our students and staff have been despite the unique challenges and hurdles we've faced this school year. Teachers have been putting in extra time trying to make sure students are prepared for testing and we look forward to seeing how our students perform! I would also like to commend my Testing Coordinator, Jody Heady and my administration team for creating our testing schedule. With the magnitude of students testing and some new guidelines, she's developed a great and safe plan for everyone.

Our spring sports seasons are in full swing and many of our teams are preparing for playoff runs. Overall, we've had a very successful sports year and I appreciate the dedication of our student-athletes and coaches. I fully anticipate a few of our teams will make deep runs again this spring.

I continue to encourage students to finish the year strong as how they perform will impact classes, they are eligible for next year. I also encourage families to be that solid support in the home, so your student has the best chance at being successful!

Graduation will be upon us in a few weeks, and I look forward to celebrating our Seniors! It's always a great time!

Our mission is each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared...with a vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

Keep Soaring Eagles!

Tom Patton
Principal

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GJHS Academic Booster Club

March 2024

The ABC, Academic Booster Club, is getting ready for a busy season. Academic awards from the first semester will be handed out soon. We will also be getting ready for teacher/staff appreciation in May. Keep an eye on our FB page for ways you can help us show appreciation and thanks to all the staff. You can still join the ABC group. Contact Lilly Harris at LAA97@hotmail.com. Student membership is only \$5; staff \$10; and family \$25. Your membership dues and the proceeds from the spirit nights help fund programs of support, encouragement, and appreciation for GJHS students and staff throughout the school year such as academic medallions, honor cards, and the many other recognition programs that ABC sponsors. Attendance at our monthly meeting is not required, but it provides a wealth of information about what's happening at George Jenkins High School. Join us on the second Monday of each month at 6PM in the GJHS Media Center to learn about decisions being made that affect your student(s), important events, and much more!

An Associate's Degree May Be Your Path to Success

Former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative is meant to inspire high school students to pursue education after high school whether its technical education, a community college, or a four-year college degree. Our Florida College System offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree prior to pursuing a bachelor's degree. This path is called the 2+2 system. In Florida, any student who completes an AA degree at a Florida college is guaranteed the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at a Florida college or university.

The Florida College System includes 28 public state colleges and community colleges at 178 sites across the state. An "open-door" admissions policy allows any student with a high school diploma the opportunity to pursue an Associate's Degree with a high school diploma.

A Bachelor's Degree is not needed in every career field to achieve a well-paying job. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, many high demand fields like health care, information technology, and logistics have median salaries over \$55,000 per year for graduates with an Associate's Degree. Many other high demand jobs only require specialized or technical degrees. These programs can offer big salaries without spending big on a 4-year college degree.



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Art News



Please congratulate your Visual Art Dept. and Creative Photography classes for bringing home some BIG awards at the acclaimed Scholastic Arts and Writing contest!

This is a juried show and we brought it home to our Eagles!!

Four Winning Photographs:

Isabella Alvayero, Zach Corbet, Isabella Alvayero, and Judah Littles-Lewis award winning photos! The works will be hung at the Polk Museum of Art.



Isabella Alvayero



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A Message from the GJHS Tech Office

We are in year 2 of the PCPS 1:1 device program. We have all learned a lot as we progress through the year. We are improving in some areas but still working on others for both staff and students. As we are coming to the close of this school year, and plan for the summer, please be aware of a few things. At this time, our students that are returning to George Jenkins for the 2024-2025 school year will keep their device over the summer. Many things can happen over this time, planned and unplanned, so please keep in mind that, if you are not sure, or something has changed to cause your student to not return to us next year. Please bring the device to the school office (even over the summer) with all accessories, so we can check it in and get it ready for the new school year. We will also be reminding and suggesting that every student purchase the insurance to cover any damage to the device. (Accidents happen) so the cost is minimal compared the cost of parts and repair without it. Have a great summer and we will see you in August.

National English Honor Society

2024-25 Executive Board and Induction Ceremony

We are proud to announce the 2024-25 National English Honor Society Executive Board Officers:

NEHS President ~ Sarah Strickland

NEHS Vice President of Activities & Meetings ~ Bella Overbaugh

NEHS Vice President of Community Service ~ Isabella Alveyero

NEHS Vice President of Marketing and Recruiting ~ Jayda Nieves

NEHS Historian ~ Lucia Winkler

NEHS Parliamentarian ~ Alessio Guerrero

NEHS Recording Secretary ~ Naomi Jalloh

NEHS Treasurer ~ Abbie Kent

Congratulations Again, NEHS Executive Board!

We cordially invite everyone to attend the
**5th Annual National English Honor Society
Spring Induction and Senior Recognition Ceremony**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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The SAT and ACT are entrance exams that are designed to measure a student's readiness for college. These test scores are required when applying to a public university as a high school senior and for the Bright Futures Scholarship program. They can also be used to meet the FSA English Language Arts and Algebra 1 End of Course exam testing requirements for graduation. It is recommended that juniors start testing in the Spring in preparation for college applications in the fall or meeting the FSA ELA graduation requirement. All juniors will take the School Day SAT on April 19th and should be able to access their scores on the College Board website. Here are the remaining testing dates for this school year. The regular fall testing schedule will resume in August. To register, visit www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
*June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 19, 2024
*July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

*Current 2024 graduates have through the July test dates to meet Bright Futures scholarships minimum test score requirements.

SAT or ACT - Which Test is Right for You?

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Scoring	total score out of 1600 English and math out of 800 optional essay – no longer offered	total scored out of 36 English, Math, Reading and science out of 36 all parts totaled and divided by 4 for composite optional essay out of 36 (add 40 minutes)
Time	2 hours 14 minutes	2 hours 55 minutes
Question types	require analysis and critical thinking	slightly more literal and straightforward
Guessing penalty	none	none
Test format	Digital	Paper/pencil
English	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, includes charts and graphs 32 minutes, 71 seconds per question	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, no charts nor graphs 45 minutes, 36 seconds per question
Math	Up to pre-calculus, narrow, deep focus - emphasis on problem-solving and application of knowledge, calculator and no-calculator sections. Most are multiple choice, some require answer entered. 70 minutes (2-35 minute sections), 95 seconds per question	Up to trigonometry, broader focus, emphasis on straightforward application of knowledge. Calculator permitted on all sections. 60 minutes, 60 seconds per questions
Reading	College-level passages from literature, history, science and social studies, including founding US documents. Emphasis on comprehension, analysis, and use of evidence. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 32 minutes, 71 seconds per question.	College level passages or pairs of passages in the following categories: Prose, Fiction, Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science. Emphasis on comprehension with some analysis. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question
Science	None	Includes reading passages, charts, graphs. Use of logical reasoning and quantitative data analytical abilities is tested. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question

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News from Student Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2023-2024 school year! Students should be diligent in maintaining grades for their final quarter. Only semester grades, the average of quarter 3 and quarter 4, are recorded on a student's academic record and included in their cumulative GPA. The month of May will include many tests including ELA FAST, End of Course exams, and AP exams. End of course exams will be given in US History, Geometry, Biology, and Algebra 1. These EOC grades will also be calculated as 30% of the final course grade. Be sure to pay close attention to the testing schedule and be in attendance, ready to test on the assigned day.

Seniors: It's your final quarter of high school! Enjoy your last few weeks by attending all your classes and keeping all grades up. FLVS courses must be completed by May 1st to count for graduation and be included on the high school transcript. Commitment Day will be celebrated on April 29th. Look and listen for more information in April.

Senior class information, graduation, elementary school Senior Walks: stay up to date on the information by visiting our GJ webpage at www.georgejenkinshigh.polkschoolsfl.com under 'students' and Class of 2024.

Senior Awards Ceremony: May 9th at 6:30pm GJHS Auditorium Invitation only

Graduation: Monday May 21st at 7:00 pm

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Students wishing to take dual enrollment courses at Polk State in the fall must apply online at www.polk.edu as a dual enrollment student. Once the application is complete, students will receive an email containing their Polk State ID# and information on how to complete the online orientation. Students will also need 'college ready' test scores which can be achieved through SAT, ACT, PSAT or the PERT. Most 10th and 11th grader students have PSAT scores. The PERT can be taken through Polk State. The application email will have information on how to request to take the PERT. Counselors will share more dual enrollment information in a dual enrollment meeting in the Auditorium on April 24th. Students should check their school email for meeting details or sign up when they meet with their counselor after Spring Break. For more information about dual enrollment including minimum GPA, test score requirements and the steps for registration, please see our website at www.georgejenkinshigh.polkschoolsfl.com under the 'Guidance'.



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