Principal's Message

For The Parents, Students, Staff And Community of George Jenkins High School

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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 Eagle Family,

What an OUTSTANDING START to another school year! We are on the right track to make this another successful year. The teachers, students and you (the parents) have been very patient while, Mrs. Emmerling, Mr. Hiers and the Guidance Counselors have worked through the scheduling process. Class sizes are up in our electives and most core classes are closed. When you have a great tradition, students and parents want to be part of the success.

The campus cleanup with staff and students was a tremendous success with over 100 students and staff working together to make our campus look amazing for the start! My administrative team members work hand in hand with testing, safety and security of the campus, and making sure students are engaged in class and learning the skills necessary to make them successful upon graduation.

As I walk the hallways and visit classrooms, the staff and students are reaching the highest academic expectations. All different styles of learning modalities are being exhibited in the classrooms and rigorous questioning and student led discussions to solve problems should be in every class, not an exception. It is impressive to walk in the classroom and see the students actively involved in the learning process. The academic expectations are high.

The continued improvement and accomplishment of higher academic expectations takes a great deal of planning, time, and effort. I am confident that in our working together, we will do **"whatever it takes"** to ensure that every student will reach the highest academic level possible. Our mission is to make sure our students are prompt, polite, and prepared to meet the challenges they will face upon graduation. Our Vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career is always a part of everyone's discussion with our students.

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2 News-from Student Services

The Student Services office is excited about serving the needs of our students and parents. Our team works together to ensure all students graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career. Use our GJHS website at georgejenkinshigh.polkschoolsfl.com to stay current with news and information.

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(Heather.Shamoun@polk-fl.net) is our Student Services Secretary. She will gladly assist with transcripts, student records, and community service.

Diana Llewellyn (Diana.Llewellyn@polk-fl.net) is our Registrar and Terminal Operator. She will assist with registration, demographics, and student transfer information.

Students are assigned a counselor based on their last name. Alpha assignments are as follows:

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Seniors

On September 16th, we held our annual Senior Night. Links to the information presented at this meeting are on the Senior Information portion of the GJHS website. Students and parents received information on graduation, senior activities, yearbooks, college application process, postsecondary planning and financial aid. For the most up to date information, refer to the 'Class of 2025 Senior Information' link under Announcements on the main page of our website.

Senior conferences will take place during the month of October. Students should refer to their school email for a link to sign up for their preferred date and time. When the time/date is selected, the student will receive a confirmation email that can be used as a pass to attend the conference. Students should review graduation status on Student Portal and think about plans for after graduation to make a plan for graduation and post-secondary plans in the senior meeting.

FAFSA will open on December 1st. Our annual Financial Aid Night will take place in December. Seniors and their parents should plan to attend and be ready to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and a college financial aid advisor will be there to help. For now, students and parents can create their FAFSA account and get their FSA ID at www.studentaid.gov which is needed prior to completing the FAFSA.

Need help completing college applications, Common App, or SSAR?

These applications can be difficult, confusing, and time consuming! Counselors will be holding help sessions for seniors working to complete their college applications, the Common Application, or the SSAR. Many colleges require a Student Self Reported Academic record (SSAR) instead of a transcript. Also, students wanting to get a head start on completing the FAFSA can create their FAFSA account and obtain their FSA ID. Counselors will be in the Media Center every Wednesday in October after school from 2:00-2:45 to assist student in the completion of any of these steps in the college application process.



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2024/25 SAT Test Dates

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Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

2024/25 ACT Test Dates www.actstudent.org

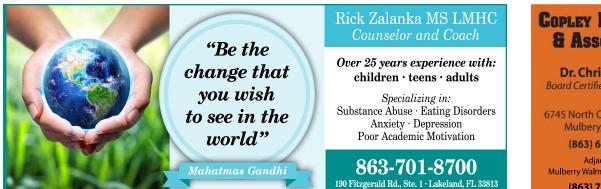
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Sept 14, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 25, 2024
Oct 26, 2024	Sept 20, 2024	Oct 7, 2024
Oct 27, 2024 (Sunday)	Sept 20, 2024	Oct 7, 2024
Dec 14, 2024	Nov 8, 2024	Nov 22, 2024
Dec 15, 2024 (Sunday)	Nov 8, 2024	Nov 22, 2024
Feb 8, 2025	Jan 3, 2025	Jan 31, 2025
Feb 9, 2025 (Sunday)	Jan 3, 2025	Jan 31, 2025
April 5, 2025	Feb 28, 2025	Mar 16, 2025
April 6, 2025 (Sunday)	Feb 28, 2025	Mar 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

See websites for testing fees.

Waivers are available for those who qualify. By completing a <u>Polk County Examinations</u> <u>Fee Reduction and Waiver Form</u>, students may be eligible for Fee Waivers for ACT, SAT & College Applications. Student may receive 2 SAT & 4 ACT test waivers, and 5 college applications fee waivers. To obtain a FEE WAIVER see your counselor after registering & completing College Board/ACT accounts.

Photo required to be uploaded for registration for all tests. Photo ID required for admission to test.

ACT is administered at GJHS in the Freshman Academy on all dates except July.



Sophomores & Juniors: PSAT is coming, October 9th!!!

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test) will be administered on Wednesday, October 9th at GJHS during 1st and 3rd periods. The PSAT, from the College Board, the same company that creates the SAT and AP, is a comprehensive program that helps put students on the path to college. It measures critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills and is the best indicator of how a student will perform on the SAT. This test is important to juniors as it is the only qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship Programs. Taking the PSAT gives students access to SAT practice with College Board and Khan Academy. This test preparation is free and personalized based on the PSAT results. All sophomores will be tested without fees. Juniors were required to register and pay for this test: \$12. If sophomores score well, plan to sign up to test as a junior next August. For test results, emails will be sent to students from College Board when their test scores are available to access online. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com and www.nationalmerit.org.





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2024-25 Fall/Winter Testing Calendar

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TEST	DATE*
District Writing Progress Monitoring 9th & 10th	8/12-9/6/24
Fall PERT Test for Dual Enrollment – (only those needing it)	8/15/24
Required Fall Computer Check for Testing Platforms Directions to be emailed.	Week of 8/26/24
B.E.S.T Algebra Retakes	9/11/24
FAST ELA Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) 9th & 10th Grade	9/12/24
FAST Reading Retakes 11th & 12th Grade	9/19/24
Geometry, Biology, and US History EOC Requests Only – This is not a retake (request deadline – 9/10)	9/17/24
PSAT Infrastructure Trial – Through English 2 and Literacy Classes	10/1-10/4/24
District Quarterly Assessments (Algebra, Geometry, Biology, US History, Environmental Science)	10/14 – 10/17/24
PSAT for 10th Grade and 12th Grade Algebra Retake Students	10/9/24
District Writing Progress Monitoring in ELA Class	10/21 – 11/15/24
ACT Non-College Reportable (Triple Time) Seniors needing concordant scores ONLY	10/29 – 10/31/24
PERT Window for Dual Enrollment Classes (exact test date not scheduled yet)	11/1-1/17/24
Geometry, Biology, and US History EOC Requests Only – This is not a retake	12/5/24
B.E.S.T. Algebra Retakes	12/11/24
FAST Reading Retakes for 11th and 12th Grade	12/12/24
District Quarterly Assessments (Algebra, Geometry, Biology, US History, Environmental Science)	12/9-12/20/24
Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE) – Government Students (no makeups)	12/18/24
FAST ELA PM2 for 9th & 10th Grade (AFTER WINTER BREAK)	1/16/25

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A Message from the GJHS Technology Office

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We have been working to get a PCPS laptop to every student starting the first week of school. If your student does not have one yet, they can come down to the Media Center and have one checked out to them. Personal laptops are no longer allowed to be used during school hours so please keep them at home. The School District has partnered with a company to insure the laptops at a very reasonable price, just \$29.00. (Accidents happen) and it covers anything that can happen to the laptop. This can be done online, also a flier was placed in your student's packet at the beginning of the year (We have fliers available at school). It is transferable so it can be moved to another device if necessary. If your student has an issue with the laptop, they can bring it to the Media Center, and we can take a look at the issue and get it going again or replace it if we cannot repair the device quickly.

Key Club

Key Club will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month after school in the Media Center. Our next meeting will be on October 1st. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Key Club is a great way to get involved in a club and earn community service hours with projects on campus and in the community.



Applications are available in Student Services. Dues are \$25. Both the application and \$25 are due by our November meeting on November 5th.

Yearbook News

Picture Day

Underclassmen students (9th- 11th) took their school pictures on August 29th. If your student missed this opportunity or wants to retake their picture, retake day is scheduled for October 24th. Retakes are for students that previously purchased their pictures and are unsatisfied with them or were absent on August 29th. Original picture packets must be returned if the student would like to retake their picture.

Did You Forget to Purchase Your Student's Pictures?

Pictures are available for purchase online at <u>www.leonards.com/photoprepay</u> Access Code No = C620320 and just search by school name: **George W. Jenkins High School**

Senior or Business Ads

The last day to purchase a senior or business ad in the GJHS yearbook is November 17th. The yearbook staff will gladly design your ad and provide you with a proof before publication. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Salas at Jessica.salas@polk-fl.net.

Full Page \rightarrow \$440.00 Half Page \rightarrow \$275.00 Quarter Page \rightarrow \$200.00 Eighth Page \rightarrow \$110.00

Yearbooks on Sale

Don't forget to pre-order your yearbook for the 24-25 school year. Yearbooks may be purchased with cash or check (made payable to George Jenkins High School) in room 4224 or by a yearbook staff member. Credit and debit card purchases may be made online at <u>www.</u> <u>yearbookordercenter.com</u>, job #0140. Extra yearbooks will not be purchased this year so all orders must be pre-paid.

Yearbook Only \rightarrow \$95.00 Yearbook, Nameplate & Cover \rightarrow \$105.00







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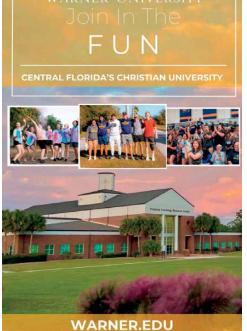


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National English Honor Society

2024-25 Monthly Meeting Dates and Times

The National English Honor Society carries forward our traditions of being an organization dedicated to furthering the values of English literature and writing, academic responsibility, leadership, scholarship, and community service.

Our 2024-25 Executive Board Officers are: President, Sarah Strickland; Vice President Co-Chair of Activities and Meetings, Bella Overbaugh; Vice President of Community Service, Isabella Alvayero; Vice President of Marketing and Recruiting, Jayda Nieves; Historian, Lucia Winkler; Parliamentarian, Alessio Guerrero; Secretary, Naomi Jalloh; and Treasurer, Abbie Kent. Mrs. Michele Barr and Ms. Alyssa Rose serve as our NEHS Sponsors.

Our Chapter's NEHS meetings occur every first and third Thursday of every month, either at 6:25 AM or 2:05 PM in Mrs. Barr's classroom (19-127) or the Media Center. The following listing catalogs our NEHS meeting dates for the entire 2024-25 school year:

Fall Semester Meeting Dates	Times	Locations
Thursday, September 5	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, September 19	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, October 3	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, October 17	6:25 AM	19-127
Thursday, October 31	2:05 PM	Media Center
Thursday, November 7	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, November 21	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, December 5	6:25 AM	19-127
-	2:05 PM	Media Center
Spring Semester Meeting Date	s Times	Locations
Thursday, January 2	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, January 16	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, February 6	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, February 20	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, March 6	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, March 27	2:05 PM	19-127
Thursday, April 3	6:25 AM	19-127
	2:05 PM	19-127
Tuesday, April 22	2:05 PM	Auditorium Decorating
	6:30 PM	Sixth Annual NEHS Spring Senior
		Recognition and Induction Ceremony
		Auditorium and Foyer
Friday, April 25	5:30 AM	Breakfast @ Eagle Room
Thursday, May 1	2:05 PM	NEHS Party
		Media Center





School Calendar



TENTATIVE 2024-2025 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARAEDUCATORS Dates are subject to change. January 24, 2023 School Board Approval

Events	Dates
No unpaid training/workdays may be scheduled before August 2, 2024. Teacher Staff Development Days – August 2 (morning), August 5 (District Contact Day), August 6 (split day), and August 9 (split day) Teacher Work Days (Planning Time) – August 2 (afternoon), August 6 (split day), August 7, August 8, and August 9 (split day)	Friday, August 2, 2024 Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9, 2024
STUDENT ORIENTATION – MIDDLE, K-8 TH AND HIGH SCHOOLS	Wednesday, August 7, 2024
STUDENT ORIENTATION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS/ Paraeducator First Work Day (186-Day Contract)	Thursday, August 8, 2024
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Monday, August 12, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 1 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development 1 of 4)	Friday, August 30, 2024
HOLIDAY (Labor Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, September 2, 2024
First Interim Report (23rd Day - September 12, 2024)	Distribute Week of September 9 - 13, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 2 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 1 of 6)	Friday, September 20, 2024
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Attendance Window	September 27 – October 11, 2024
FTE Student Survey Week	Monday – Friday, October 7 – 11, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 3 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 2 of 6)/ End of First 9-Week Grading Period (48 Days)	Thursday, October 17, 2024
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development (Half Day)/Teacher Planning Time (Half Day)	Friday, October 18, 2024
Begin Second Quarter	Monday, October 21, 2024
Grades Due	Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, October 29, 2024
HOLIDAY (Veterans Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Monday, November 11, 2024
Second Interim Report (23 rd Day – November 20, 2024)	Distribute Week of November 18 - 22, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 4 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 3 of 6)	Friday, November 22, 2024
FALL BREAK – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator (Paid 11/28 and 11/29)	Monday – Friday, November 25 – 29, 2024
Storm Make-Up Days as Needed	Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 25 and 26, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 5 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 4 of 6)/ END OF FIRST SEMESTER (87 Days)/ End of Second Grading Period and Last School Day before Winter Break	Friday, December 20, 2024
WINTER BREAK BEGINS	Monday, December 23, 2024
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/Teacher Work Day	Monday, January 6, 2025
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development Day/Storm Make-Up Day as Needed	Tuesday, January 7, 2025
STUDENTS RETURN AFTER WINTER BREAK/Begin Third Quarter/Paraeducators Return To Work/Grades Due (Second Grading Period)	Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Distribute Report Cards (Second Grading Period)	Wednesday, January 15, 2025
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 6 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 5 of 6)	Friday, January 17, 2025













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