



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

December 21, 2018

Elephant Tracks provides an up-to-date listing of the events and crucial reminders from the Gainesville City School district and each of our schools. Elephant Tracks can be accessed either in the weekly eNewsletter sidebar or on our district homepage. Subscribe to the Gainesville City School System eNewsletter - Have you "Herd?" by going to our website: www.gcssk12.net.

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ALL SCHOOLS

12/20 Pay Day

 Last Day of Semester

12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School

1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff

1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

 School Board Work Session & Board Training SBO Board Room 12-8:30

1/8 Set-Up for Professional Learning SBO Board Room 8-10

 Secondary & Elementary Programs & Services 10:30-12:30

1/10 Hall Co. Family Connections 11:30-1:30

1/11 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

12/20 Last Day of Semester

12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School

1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff

1/4 ESOL Team Meeting 2:00 pm

 WEBINAR-Bookworms

1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

1/8 Academic Committees

1/9 PLC w/administration

 Leadership Meeting 3:00pm

1/10 Skate Country 6:00 pm

1/11 GTA *Dragon Flights* Arts in Schools PK/K

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

12/20 Last Day of Semester

12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School

1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff

1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

1/7-11 4th & 5th Grade Spelling Bee

1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

FAIR STREET

12/20 Last Day of Semester

12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School

1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff

1/4 Virtual Zoom w/Bookworms Rep in the Den

 K-8-8:45 1st 9-9:45 2nd 10-10:45 3rd 11-11:45 4th 1-1:45 5th 2-2:45

1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

 Parenting Class Encouraging Your Child and Yourself 9-10 am & 3-4 pm

1/9 Other Content Area PLC

 Leadership Team 2:45 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

12/20 Last Day of Semester
PBIS Assembly
12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School
1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff
1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

MUNDY MILL

12/20 Last Day of Semester
12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School
1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff
1/3 Faculty Meeting 9:00 am
1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester
1/10 Blue Pop Money Due
1/11 Blue Pop Day

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

12/20 Last Day of Semester
12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School
1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff
1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester

GMS

12/20 Last Day of Semester
12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School
1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff
1/5 Girls & Boys Basketball @ Banks County 10:00 am
1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester
1/8 Girls Basketball @ White County 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball vs. White County @ Home 4:30 pm
1/11 Girls Basketball vs. Jefferson @ Home 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball @ Jefferson 5:00 pm

GHS

12/20 -22 Boys Basketball Carrollton Holiday Tournament
12/20 Last Day of Semester
Wrestling Christmas Clash Away
12/22 Wrestling Walt Hennebaul JV Tournament
12/21-1/4 Christmas Break – No School
12/27 Girls vs. East Hall @ Chestatee High 3:30 pm
Boys vs. Winner of Cherokee Bluff// Chestatee @ Chestatee 8:00 pm

12/28 Basketball Lanierland @ West Hall
 12/29 Basketball Lanierland @ West Hall
 12/28 Wrestling Longhorn Invitational
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 1/1 Deadline for Nominations for GHS Sports Hall of Fame (See Below)
 1/3 & 4 Planning Day for Faculty/Staff
 1/4 JV Basketball @ Habersham Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
 Varsity Basketball @ Habersham Girls 7:00 Boys 8:30
 1/5 JV Basketball Dacula @ Home Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
 Varsity Basketball Dacula @ Home Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm
 Wrestling Warrior Duals
 Swimming Chestatee Invitational @ Frances Meadows
 1/7 Students Return to School-1st Day of Semester
 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am
 1/8 JV Girls Basketball vs. Apalachee @ Home 4:30 pm
 Varsity Basketball vs. Apalachee @ Home Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
 1/11 Club Picture Day
 Wrestling Area Duals
 JV Basketball @ Winder-Barrow Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
 Varsity Basketball @ Winder-Barrow Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm
 1/12 Swimming Last Chance Invitational Co-Hosted by GHS/Cherokee Bluff @
 Frances Meadows

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS:

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction on projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from these results, and you should plan your route accordingly. If you find the directions, please e-mail beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net so corrections can be made.

Banks Co. High School- I-85 N. Exit 149. Go left. 441 North. New Intersection (Hwy. 164) Go Left on Historic Homer Highway . Go three miles. On left 1486 A- Historic Homer Highway.

Banks Co. Middle School – Go Jesse Jewell Parkway US 129 N. Go 2.5 miles. Merge onto US 23, GA 369 North. Gainesville Connector. Go 8 miles and turn right onto Lula Road/ GA 52. Go 1.4 miles and turn sharp left onto Old Cornelia Highway/ GA 51. Go 1.1 miles Turn right onto Homer Highway/ GA 51. Continue to follow GA 51. Go 11 miles. Turn right onto Historic Homer Highway/ GA 164/ Main Street. Go 1.0 miles. Turn left onto Thomson St. Go 1.2 miles. 712 Thomson St. is on right.

Carrollton High School - Go I-985 S. to I-85 S. Go through Atlanta and take I-20 East (to Birmingham). Take exit 24 toward Carrollton/Villa Rica. Turn left onto GA-101 S/GA61 S. Continue to follow GA-61 for 8.7 miles. GA---61 S. becomes Bankhead Highwayo-GA-166 W. Go 2.8 miles. Turn slight left. Turn slight left onto GA-166-W. Go 3.3 miles and take the US 27/GA-16 toward Carrollton/ Lagrange. Go .3 miles and turn right onto S. Park Street/ US-27. Go .8 miles and turn left onto Trojan Drive. 202 Trojan Drive, Carrollton. 105 .95 miles--2 hours driving time.

Chestatee High School-Go Highway 60 N. over bridge. Go to first light past Ingles. Turn left on Ledan. Go to intersection of Sardis Road and go left again. School will be on right on Sardis Road.

Habersham Central High School-Go north on I-985. It will become Ga. 365. Continue north until you come to the Clarkesville/Mt Airy exit (Hwy. 197) which is just past mile marker #49. Exit there and at the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Habersham Central is 0.3 miles on the right.

Jefferson High School-Take US-129 South towards Jefferson . After you cross over I-85 continue on US-129. Go until you see a Kroger on the right-hand side of the road. Turn left at that light onto Old Pendergrass Road. Go to dead-end and school will be in front of you.

West Hall-Go Brown's Bridge Road West to McEver Road (@ Hall County Government Offices. Turn left onto McEver Road . Go 4-5 miles. School will be on right on McEver Road .

White Co. High School-Go I-129 N. through Cleveland . Keep straight on 129 N. School will be approximately 3 miles North of the Square.

White Co. Middle School-Go I-129 N. through Cleveland . Take 129 North toward Blairsville. At the traffic light turn left onto Wilford Ash Parkway . Immediately turn right on to Old Blairsville Road. White County Middle School will be on the left. Keep straight on 129 N. School will be approximately 3 miles North of the Square

Winder-Barrow High School- Go 985 S. to Exit 16. Go left on Winder Highway (Hwy. 53). Turn right just below Crystal Farms onto Hwy. 211. Go 211 to Winder. Stay on 211 for several more miles. When you pass Real Deal on your left, begin looking for McNeal Rd. on your right. Turn right onto McNeal Rd. and follow it until it dead ends. Turn right onto Candler St. This brings you in behind the stadium. Simply circle the block to get to the gym

The 59th Lanierland Basketball Tournament will be played December 27-29. The Dec. 27 games will be held at Chestatee High before tournament play shifts to West Hall for the semifinal and final games. Dec. 28-29. This is the longest standing invitational basketball tournament in the state and the GHS Boys are the reigning Hall County Champions.

First Round Lanierland

12/27 Girls vs. East Hall @ Chestatee High 3:30 pm

Boys vs. Winner of Cherokee Bluff// Chestatee @ Chestatee 8:00 pm

December 20, 2018. The payroll dates are November 4 through December 1, 2018.

January 24, 2019 (modification from previous announcement)

February through June pay dates will return to the regular cycle of the last working day of the month.

Fair Street will be hosting a series of parenting classes on the first Monday of each month

They will be presented by Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hernandez. Times are 9-10 am and 3-4 pm.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Jan. 7 Encouraging Your Child and Yourself

Feb. 4 Listening and Talking to Your Child

Mar. 4 Helping Children Cooperate

April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense

May 6 Choosing Your Approach

GRASP After School tutoring at GHS will end it's fall session on December 13th. We will start back up again on January 14th in the GHS Media Center. GRASP after school tutoring helps high school students with academic subject support and testing make-ups. For questions, please contact your student's counselor or Mrs. Natalie Smith at

natalie.smith@gcssk12.net

GHS French Teacher, Mme. Finelli will be leading a tour of Paris, the Loire Valley, Brittany and Normandy from March 28 - April 6, 2019. More information can be found on the website

www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717 , stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net , and the Facebook

page @GoBigRedFrench.and on the Facebook page Go Big Red French 2019 Spring

Break in France. Sign up by the end of March for the best price. This is for all GHS students,

faculty and staff who would like to visit France. You do not have to be enrolled in French to

go on the trip and parents and staff are welcome as well. Here is the link to the Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoBigRedFrench/>

Gainesville High School Athletic Director Adam Lindsey is pleased to announce that starting in 2019, the Gainesville City School System will begin honoring both individual and team athletic achievements, along with long-standing traditions, by introducing a Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, and inducting an inaugural class.

The designed intention of the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame is to further accentuate the outstanding contributions of the many gifted and dedicated athletes and teams not just from Gainesville High, but also the former E.E. Butler and Fair Street high schools, while aiding in the support and constant growth of athletics in the City of Gainesville.

Nominations to the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame must be submitted in writing and received by January 1. A standard form established by the Hall of Fame Committee will be used in all nominations and can be found at www.gainesvilleredephantathletics.com.

Nominations are being accepted.

Any former student who participated in at least one year of varsity competition, and graduated from a Gainesville City high school no fewer than 10 years ago, is eligible to be selected into the Hall of Fame. All athletes considered must have made significant contributions while representing their school in varsity competition

A second category will allow for the election of an individual who has given outstanding service to athletics in Gainesville. A third category will be for individual teams that have achieved and performed at the highest level of competition.

Each inductee class will be comprised of one team, an athlete that graduated in the last 10-25 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 26-50 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 50 or more years, and an athletic supporter (i.e. coaching staff or administrative staff, media member, supporters or sponsors, volunteers, etc.).

The inaugural class, however, will hold eight inductees (two from each category listed above except for team and athletic supporter), with five members being inducted in each class that follows. Each inductee's likeness will be immortalized on a plaque permanently displayed at Gainesville High School. Further efforts will be made to include additional memorabilia belonging to the members of the Hall of Fame

A committee comprised of eight members will govern the Hall of Fame and be responsible for the selection of inductees. The Gainesville City School System Superintendent, Athletic Director, and Gainesville Athletic Club President will be permanent fixtures on the Hall of Fame committee, with the other five members serving three-year terms. The first committee includes:

GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams

GHS Athletic Director Adam Lindsey

GAC President Kris Nordholz

GHS faculty representatives Wayne Vickery & Katie B. Davis

GHS alumni appointees Jerome Yarborough & Wesley Martin

GHS coaching staff member Kendall Gruhn.

For more information on the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, including by-laws and nomination information log on to the Gainesville City School's athletic website:

www.gainesvilleredephantathletics.com. Under the "MORE" tab

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS- JANUARY 1, 2019.