



# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

A Georgia Charter District

Have you "Herd"?

## Happy Labor Day Weekend

Gainesville City School System will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. School will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th. Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend!



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### A Fun Day of Corn Shucking in the Sun



Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
**Superintendent**

#### Board Members

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### Important Dates

September 3

Labor Day Holiday

September 4

BOE Work Session  
School Board Office  
6:00 p.m.

September 17

BOE Meeting  
Public Safety Complex

Gainesville City School Nutrition Department hosted its annual "Aw Shucks" Day at Enota MI Academy on August 24th. Fourth grade students at Enota participated in a corn shucking relay race, with the class that shucked a full basket of corn within the fastest time winning the race. Ms. Sarah Pollard's 4th grade class claimed the trophy as the "Aw Shucks" champions, and each student who participated in the relay received a water bottle courtesy of GCSS School Nutrition. Students enjoyed corn that they shucked as a meal

option prepared in Enota's school cafeteria. The purpose of the event was to teach students how they can directly assist in preparing fresh food as a meal, which encourages them to eat healthier food choices at school and inspires their parents to cook fresh, nutritious food at home.

Aw Shucks Day is part of GCSS School Nutrition's Farm to School initiative to educate students about the importance of good nutrition and to help them better understand the benefits of eating fresh food delivered directly from the farm.

"Gainesville City School Nutrition started the Aw Shucks corn shucking relay in 2016 as part of our Farm to School initiative. This program aims to strengthen the "classroom to cafeteria" connection and increase student awareness of agricultural careers, gardening, healthy eating, local foods, and exercise," said Emily House, GCSS School Nutrition Coordinator. "Through this edible educational experience, students connect "farm to fork" by shucking the corn they will enjoy as part of a school meal."



Aw Shucks Relay Champs - Ms. Sarah Pollard's 4th Grade Class

## Club Expo Sparks Student Involvement

Gainesville High School conducted its 3rd Annual Club Expo for the 2022 Freshman Cohort. At the event, the freshman class received information from approximately 40 clubs, academic teams, and programs offered at Gainesville High School.



By visiting various booths and inquiring about initiatives, students gained additional knowledge regarding the many clubs and programs available at GHS. The frequent prize giveaways and upbeat music also appealed to the students, creating a festive, engaging atmosphere for them to decide on how they will become more involved at GHS.

6:00 p.m.

October 1

**BOE Work Session  
School Board Office  
6:00 p.m.**

October 8

**Columbus Day Holiday**

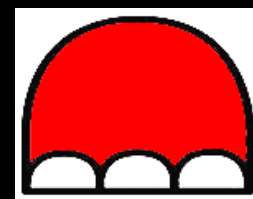
October 9

**Teacher Planning Day**

October 15

**BOE Meeting  
Public Safety Complex  
6:00 p.m.**

## Upcoming Events



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## New Holland Focuses on "Being The ONE"



During the week of August 20th - 24th, New Holland celebrated its annual PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Kickoff Week! It was an exciting time to get students fired up about all of the wonderful incentives that they will be able to earn this school year as New Holland continues to implement PBIS.

At the beginning of the year, students received lessons about following our system-wide expectations- "Be the ONE: Ready, Respectful, Responsible, and a Role Model." Throughout the week, students were encouraged to dress in spirit gear as they "Teamed Up to BE THE ONE" (Sports Day), "Followed Their Dreams and BE THE ONE" (Pajama Day), "Stood Out by Being THE ONE" (Wacky Tacky Day), and remembered that their "Futures are Bright because They Are THE ONE" (Sunglasses and Hat Day).

New Holland culminated this exciting week with an "I'm Red-y to BE THE ONE" Pep Rally, where students were encouraged to wear red and were able to learn more about the 4 R's in various areas within the school in a fun and lively way.

PBIS is a framework that allows school personnel to teach and acknowledge positive behaviors. PBIS is important to New Holland because it supports academic achievement, improves school climate, and helps faculty identify causes of challenging behaviors.

New Holland teachers are excited about all of the positive interventions in place for their students this year and look forward to all of the ways PBIS will continue to make New Holland a great place to learn!

## GHS Alum Makes National Spotlight Again

### Alumni News



[Class of 2018 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2018 College Acceptances](#)

[View the GCSS Alumni Page](#)

### Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

### Mission

As **ONE GAINESVILLE**, we will **INSPIRE, NURTURE, CHALLENGE & PREPARE** our students

### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy



He has done it again! GHS alum and Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson has graced the cover of Sports Illustrated... again. Deshaun is the former standout star quarterback for the Red Elephants, leading his high school team to a state championship in 2012. He later led the Clemson Tigers to a Football National Championship in 2017. Currently entering his second year as a Houston Texans, great things are expected of the rising star! We continue to wish this Red Elephant much success...and expect for him to become a permanent fixture on Sports Illustrated for many years to come!

## Check Out the Latest Elephant Tracks News



Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

[www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)

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*Join us at the*  
**ENOTA MI ACADEMY**  
**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

FOR A TOUR OF THE NEW ENOTA SCHOOL

Sunday, September 9, 2018  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1340 ENOTA AVENUE, NE  
GAINESVILLE, GA 30501





# REACH Benefit Concert

Thursday, September 13 at 7PM

Lanier Islands Peachtree Pointe Amphitheater



Smith & Wesley

Banks & Shane

Dallas Davidson



## REACH FOR THE STARS

Join us Thursday, September 13 for REACH for the Stars, a fun filled evening of music and philanthropy! Enjoy live entertainment by Smith & Wesley, Banks & Shane and Dallas Davidson and his All Star Nashville Band all set along the beautiful waters of Lake Lanier in Buford, GA.

100% of ticket sales will be donated to REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen), a statewide needs-based mentor and scholarship program.

The event will also honor Governor Nathan Deal and First Lady Sandra Deal for their service to the great state of Georgia as well as their involvement in the REACH scholarship program.

[LanierIslands.com/REACH](http://LanierIslands.com/REACH)

for more information or to purchase tickets.



*Lanier Islands*



The Chantal & Tommy Bagwell Foundation, Regent Philip & Mary Hart Wilheit, Jimmy & Marie Faulkner, Bart & Elizabeth Gobeil

# GET CONNECTED WITH GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Parents & Guardians:

You can take advantage of our **TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE**.

Gainesville City School System utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In From your mobile phone now. Just Send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.



*The Trusted Platform  
for School Community Engagement*

#### Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.

## GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



All 6th and 9th grade students who are registered to attend the Gainesville City School System for the 2018-19 year are required to provide two updated proofs of residency. Proofs of Residency documents should be sent or taken to the school office by September 7, 2018.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return/IRS Form 1099
- current paycheck stub
- current warranty or quit claim deed
- current home purchase agreement
- current homeowner's insurance policy

Additionally, one of the following must also be provided:

- current gas bill (within last 30 days)
- current water bill (within last 30 days)
- current electric bill (within last 30 days)
- current cable/internet bill (with service address within last 30 days)

Please be advised that students will be withdrawn from the school on September 10, 2018 if two valid proofs of residency are not received by the deadline.

6th and 9th grade students who have been accepted as non-residents should contact the school to update their address.

[Click here for information in Spanish.](#)

