

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Honorary Grads Cool Off at Local Hot Spot



Group Photo (l to r): John Davis, Heyward Gnann, Dr. Jeremy Williams, Myrtle Figueras, Mickey Long, Kayanne Massey, Abit Massey, Margie Braff, and Tom Smith

On September 7th, GHS Honorary Graduates gathered with Superintendent Jeremy Williams for a cool treat at The Collegiate Grill. The group welcomed Dr. Williams to the Gainesville community and chatted with him on topics of their interests. GHS principal Tom Smith and School Board member Sammy Smith also joined in conversations with the lively group. As a treat, everyone enjoyed the Grill's signature milkshakes to cool off before heading back into the afternoon heat. It was a fun afternoon of fellowship with the district's most dedicated supporters!

GHS Senior Blossoms As Skilled Artist



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Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Board Members

Brett Mercer, Chair
John Filson, Vice Chair
Delores Diaz
Willie Mitchell
Sammy Smith

Important Dates

September 22

"Gold Out"
for
Coins4Cure
City Park Stadium
7:30 p.m.

September 26

Fuel Up to Play 60-Atlanta
Falcons Event
10:00 a.m.



Hesler Cardenas with award-winning artwork "Blossom Petal"

Hesler Cardenas, a senior at Gainesville High School, recently won second place in the 2017 American Printing House for the Blind (APH) Insights Art Competition in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades category for his artwork entitled "Blossom Petal". There were over 370 entries entered into the competition which consisted of nine categories.

Hesler has not allowed his visual impairment to hinder him from his passion for creating art. Spending many hours creating his art design and then creating a title for it, Hesler shared, "I can't remember really well how long it took me (to complete the artwork); but I'd say around 13-15 hours including the time I took to come up with it. If you see the image, you will be able to notice something like a flower on the violin. I thought it (would) be interesting to name it something that seems to be far away from the subject/theme (music) of the piece," stated Hesler. "It's up to the moment and how I'm feeling at that time that the name comes to me. Music is like a flower that is always blooming and letting go colorful petals. That's how I feel when I play the piano. Sometimes it feels joyful like spring and other times it feels kind of lonely but hopeful like autumn."

Hesler will attend the APH awards banquet in October in Louisville, Kentucky for special recognition, where he will receive \$250 as part of his award. His artwork will be on display at the APH exhibit and at the awards banquet.

Congratulations to Hesler for his outstanding accomplishment! We are so proud of him for the many accolades that he has received over the past years for his amazing artwork!

October 2

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

October 4

End of 1st Grading Period

October 6 - 9

Fall Break Holiday

October 10

Teacher Planning

October 16

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

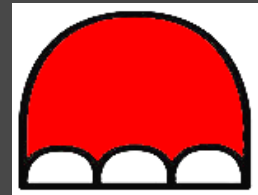
October 17

Report Cards

October 22

Rockin' 50 Paint Party
4:30 p.m.
Location: At the Rock


Upcoming Events



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Cadets Endure Mountain Madness Mania



Cadets endure a mountain of madness in ROTC training

On Saturday, September 16th, the GHS NJROTC Orienteering Team competed in the Mountain Madness Orienteering Competition at Red Top Mountain State Park in Acworth, Georgia. Orienteering is a competitive sport in which participants find their way to various checkpoints across rough country with the aid of a map and compass with the winner being the one with the lowest elapsed time. The team consisted of Cadets Alex Camacho, Jonathan Dobbins, Janu Patel, and Patrick Moore. We are proud of the cadets for their exemplary representation of Gainesville High School at the event.

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

Check Out New Holland's Hooty News



Have you seen New Holland's Hooty News? Don't miss the cool video of all the latest happenings at New Holland! Click on the photo above to view the video!

Let's ROCK at the Rockin' 50th Paint Party



GCSS will celebrate the 50th birthday of "The Rock" with a **"Rockin' 50th Paint Party"** on Sunday, October 22nd at 4:30 p.m. at "The Rock". The community is invited to join us in celebrating this special occasion.

Community members are asked to bring a rock to paint which will be added to the new "Kindness Rock Garden" that will be created at the Rock park. All GCSS schools will have a tent and/or table at the event, and GCSS alumni are encouraged to visit their former school's or the Alumni's tent or table to participate in painting activities. Shuttle services will be provided by the GCSS Transportation department from Centennial Arts Academy and Gainesville High School parking

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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lots to the Rock to reduce traffic congestion and parking limitations.

To commemorate the 50th birthday of "The Rock", the community is encouraged to send photos of the Rock taken over the past 50 years to rock50@gcssk12.net or click [here](#) to submit photos.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting September 18, 2017



Board of Education Recognitions

The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, September 18th at the Public Safety Complex. Special guests recognized by the Board included: Enota MI Academy (Highest Student Attendance Award), Mrs. Audrey Simmons (Retirement - 40 Years of Service), FCCLA National Leadership Conference Participants Lizbeth Martinez and Daniel Bedingfield and FCCLA Teacher Sponsors Abshul Ellis and Karen Jackson, and Luis Tovar and Brandon Steelman (Video Production of GHS 125th Anniversary Celebration). Board Chair Brett Mercer welcomed and recognized Leadership Hall guests in attendance.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports as submitted by district staff. To view the video of the meeting, please click [here](#). To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Proof of Residency Update](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [June 2017 Financial Statements \(Final\)](#)
- [July 2017 Financial Statements \(Final\)](#)
- [August 2017 Financial Statements \(Final\)](#)
- [Superintendent's Report](#)

Online Donations Now Available for REACH Scholarship Program



2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at www.ngcf.org. Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at marie.davis@centerpointga.org. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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- **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**