

Schools Emphasize Attendance Awareness



With the month of September being recognized as Attendance Awareness month, schools across the nation are promoting student awareness regarding the importance of regular school attendance. It is imperative that students attend school daily so that they do not miss out on quality instruction time, enabling them to perform better in the classroom and reach academic success.

In order for students to maintain academic achievement, a collaborative team is required consisting of parents, teachers, school and district staff, businesses, and the community - all engaged in providing resources and support to assist all students in being successful and in encouraging students to attend school regularly.

Not only does regular attendance promote better academic performance, but also instills good, lifelong habits. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to continue to do so at college as well as when they enter the workforce, fostering more productive, responsible adults in our future generation!

Remember...Attend today...Achieve tomorrow. In other words, by attending school regularly now, students will continue to increase their academic achievement leading to a better future.

Informational Session Highlights GA Colleges



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Important Dates

September 17

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

October 1

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



Peach State College Tour at GHS

Gainesville High School students and their parents had an opportunity to receive college information at the Peach State College Tour Information Session on August 27th at GHS. Representatives from Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia gave presentations regarding specific requirements and criteria at their schools.

Betsy Escamilla, GHS School Counselor, states, "GHS was excited to host the annual Peach State Tour. I wanted to provide our students with the unique opportunity to participate in one of the 23 presentations/tours in the state. Considering that GHS is a public school, I wanted for not only GHS students but other students that attend public high schools in the area to have a n opportunity to learn from the best of the best about the various opportunities that the universities offer for prospective students."

Students were given informational packets and were able to ask questions about the colleges of their interest. They learned about admission requirements, student demographics, and available programs at each of the universities.

Ms. Escamilla explains, "With the help of marketing and various communication methods such as social media and my large network of connections, I was offered the opportunity to host the event as GHS is one of the largest public high schools in the area with a growing number of our students being accepted in each of the 3 universities. I was very pleased that over 240 students/parents registered for the event, and many stayed after the presentations concluded for questions or additional guidance."

Students gained a better insight on what the top universities in Georgia offer and can now make decisions on which college best suits them and their career interests right here in their very own state without having to venture far from home.

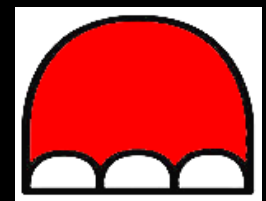
"I believe that exposure and opportunities for students to interact with college admission counselors make the entire college application process less intimidating and overwhelming," states Ms. Escamilla. "It is also an excellent opportunity for students and high school counselors to learn the latest information regarding the college admission process and the various offerings at each university."

October 8
Columbus Day Holiday

October 9
Teacher Planning Day

October 15
BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

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Alumni News

Fair Street Has the Tiger Spirit



Who has the spirit? There is no doubt that Fair Street International Academy has the spirit! Fair Street celebrated School Spirit Week - a week full of fun themes that challenged students to dress for the occasion. Teachers and students eagerly showed their spirit and their Tiger Pride for their school.



Everyone enjoyed dressing up for Pajama Day, Book Character Day, Superhero Day, Future Career Day, and School Spirit Day. It was exciting to see students (and teachers) dress as their favorite book characters and superheroes, and even more exciting to see students show off their Tiger spirit! Each day, Fair Street was filled with unique characters such as SpongeBob SquarePants, The Cat in the Hat, Iron Man, Batman, and Minnie Mouse. There were also doctors, singers, scientists, pilots, and even a pizza delivery guy roaming the hallways. The GHS Big Red Machine marching band made a special early morning appearance to Fair Street to get the students pumped up with spirit. Overall, it was a fun week for Fair Street students, teachers, and staff to show that they definitely have the spirit!

Gainesville City BOE Work Session September 4, 2018

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Tuesday, September 4th at the School Board Office. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

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Mission

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we will
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NURTURE,
CHALLENGE &
PREPARE
our students

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

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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



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REACH Benefit Concert

Thursday, September 13 at 7PM

Lanier Islands Peachtree Pointe Amphitheater



Lower Stage
\$50

Lawn
\$35

100% of ticket sales are donated to REACH

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

for more information or to purchase tickets.



Lanier Islands



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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.

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The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

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