

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



The Gainesville City School System will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

NJROTC Qualifies for State Academic Meet



GHS NJROTC Academic Team

On December 17th, the GHS NJROTC Academic Competition team traveled to Luella High School in Locust Grove, Georgia to participate in the regional NJROTC Academic Meet. Over 40 schools participated in the competition which was electrifying and



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intense! Gainesville NJROTC placed second overall, qualifying for the Georgia State NJROTC Academic Championships which will be held this Spring. This accomplishment represents a new frontier for the NJROTC program and is a major win for the cadets.

Over the past years, Academic Meets have become increasingly difficult as the events have grown in participation. GHS NJROTC has historically never been a contender during these meets. In fact going into the meet, the team did not have a competitive edge. Nevertheless, the cadets managed to secure a second place finish due to their perseverance.

In preparation for the event, the cadets completed several required reading assignments and attended weekly team practices to ensure that all members were knowledgeable of the material. The team includes Tyra Newton (Academic Team Commander), Luz Acosta, Alonso Cortez, Fernando De La Vega, and Webster Rison. Cadet Tyra Newton played an outstanding role as the team's leader and was committed to leading the team to its success. Congratulations to the GHS cadets for their remarkable achievement!

Gainesville Exploration Receives State Award



GEA students and staff focus on Academics

Gov. Nathan Deal, along with the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA), recently announced that 218 Georgia public schools in 53 districts will receive Highest Performing or Greatest Gains school awards, an increase of 31 schools from last year. Gainesville Exploration Academy will receive the Greatest Gains Award at the Bronze level.

"I congratulate all of the students, teachers and administrators in Georgia's award-winning schools who worked tirelessly toward these accomplishments," said Deal. "We must continue to equip Georgia citizens with updated information and tools like the Georgia School Reports website in order to allow parents and students to better

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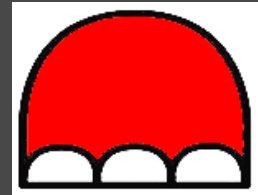
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understand school performance. The bright minds of Georgia's students are the state's most precious resource and I commend the schools that are exceeding expectations in preparing their students for future success."

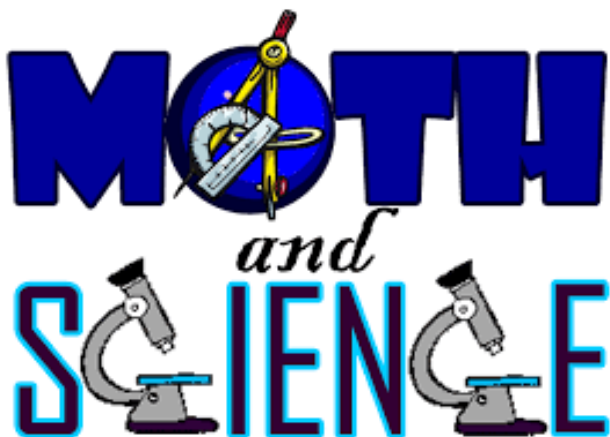
The school awards, developed by GOSA and approved by the State Board of Education, are part of Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS). Highest Performing schools must earn a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Achievement Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile. Greatest Gains schools must earn a three-year average CCRPI Progress Score that ranks in at least the 93rd percentile. GOSA used CCRPI data from the 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years to determine Greatest Gains and Highest Performing SSAS awards. Each award category has four tiers: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

The 2016 Greatest Gains award winners consist of 139 schools across 50 districts and the 2016 Highest Performing award winners consist of 130 schools across 22 districts. Fifty-one schools in 14 districts are award winners in both categories.

Gainesville Exploration Academy's curriculum focuses on experiential and exploratory instruction with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) integration. During the 2015-2016 school year, the school received honorable mention as a 2016 Georgia High Flying School. Principal Renee Boatright is proud of the staff for their hard work in receiving the state award. "It's a team effort," stated Ms. Boatright. "Everybody has a different modality for learning. We find out what works best for that child."

Congratulations to Gainesville Exploration students, faculty and staff, and school administration on receiving this recognition as a result of their tremendous efforts and commitment to academic achievement.

GMS Hosts Fun-filled Curriculum Night



Gainesville Middle School invites everyone to attend GMS Math and

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

New Holland Knowledge Academy

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Science Curriculum Night on January 24th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. There will be various activities for everyone to enjoy. Concessions will also be sold during the event. Please join GMS for an exciting night of fun for the entire family.

Red Elephant Alumni News

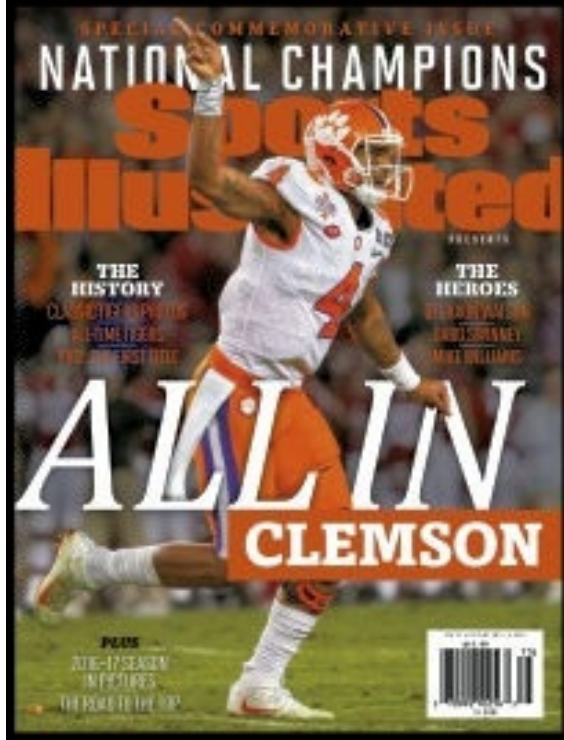


Watson wins 2017 NCAA Football National Championship

If you watched the 2017 NCAA Football National Championship game this past Monday, then you were lucky to witness one of the greatest games of all times! With defending champions Alabama going head to head against Clemson, Gainesville supporters wondered if Clemson quarterback (and Gainesville hometown hero) Deshaun Watson would be able to win a championship title for the Tigers. And in the end with literally one second left in the game, Deshaun delivered with poise, defeating Alabama 35 to 31.

The GHS graduate and former Red Elephant quarterback can now check this accomplishment off of his "Things to Do" list. Deshaun has earned many athletic awards over the course of both his high school and college athletic careers and has also led the GHS Red Elephants to a state championship in 2012. Without a doubt, his best achievement thus far is the addition of NCAA Football National Championship winner to his athletic resume, right above two-time Heisman finalist. For now, Deshaun has achieved some remarkable feats; however, there is no doubt that Deshaun will have more accolades to add to his long list of things accomplished. His Gainesville supporters already know - that the best is yet to come!

Please click [here](#) to view a featured editorial regarding the hometown hero.



Watson featured on SI cover

Your Opinion Matters To Us



Parents and guardians of GCSS students are strongly encouraged to complete the online AdvancED parent survey to share opinions to help target areas of improvement for the school system. The survey can be accessed on the district website (www.gcssk12.net) or by clicking [here](#). Please be assured that responses will be anonymous, and parental input is greatly appreciated. For additional information or if there are any questions, please contact Priscilla Collins at priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net or 770-536-5275.

Please Join Our 125th Celebration



The Gainesville City School System will host a celebration of the 125 year anniversary of the establishment of the system on Sunday, February 26, 2017, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Gainesville High School Gym. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff, friends and family are invited. To submit pictures for the slideshow, please send to 125years@gcssk12.net. For additional information, please email beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net.

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GCSS Mobile App
GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:

Notifications	Calendar
<p>Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.</p>	<p>The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!</p>

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!