



GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Update

School's out! It's time to literally "Make Waves!" As you all know, we take over operation of all three schools on June 1. There will be many things happening this summer so please stay tuned to www.gsboe.org.

Construction

Contractors will begin work on June 1 (yes, that is a Saturday). This will be a very large project to accomplish in a short amount of time, so weekend work will be common. Please be patient with us, there will be times when access to the schools will be re-routed and some times where access won't be possible. If you need assistance, you can always stop by our office at 300 East 16th Avenue or call us at 251-968-9873. Construction will begin at the entrance to the elementary school and in the high school parking lots.

Summer Academies

Learning never stops in Gulf Shores City Schools! We are offering two summer academies, one for students in grades K-6 and another for students in grades 7-10. At the **Foreign Language Immersion STEM Academy**, students will begin to learn Spanish as they participate in STEM experiments. Imagine learning science in Spanish. *¿Cuan genial es eso?* The **Eco Adventure Academy** will focus on beach ecology, environmental conversation, and sustainability in nature. Students will participate in lots of neat activities including kayaking, outdoor cooking, swimming, and more. Information about both academies is available at www.gsboe.org. Thanks to our new Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts (www.thegsdf.org) for sponsoring these great summer activities. You can register for both academies on the Dolphin Foundation website.

Virtual Academy (Summer and Regular Sessions)

Just a reminder that this summer, Gulf Shores Virtual School will offer high school classes for **Credit Advancement!** These optional classes will provide the opportunity for students to get ahead for the purposes of dual enrollment or to take additional classes during the traditional school year. Information is available at www.gsboe.org. Registration is June 3 at Gulf Shores High School. Give Mrs. Veazey a call or send an email (cveazey@gsboe.org) if you have any questions. The cost is \$100 for a full credit course and \$50 for a half credit. The good news is that ½ of the cost will be refunded when you complete the course. Sounds like a great deal!

With the start of the school year in August, we will begin offering classes for grades 7-12 through the Gulf Shores Virtual School. You can attend the Virtual School and still play sports or be in the band. More information will be coming soon.



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Traditional Summer School

Registration for summer school for students in grades 7-12 who failed classes during the regular school year will be June 3-4. The cost of summer school is \$150. Summer school information is below:

Session1: June 5-25

Session2: July 8-25

Mon-Thurs.: 8:30-12:00

We will also be offering Drivers-Education classes this summer. Registration for these classes is also June 3-4.

Non-Resident Enrollment

Due to capacity limitations, the window for enrollment for students who live outside the city of Gulf Shores is closed for students in grades K-8 is currently closed. Parents of students in these grade levels may still apply, but they will be placed on a waiting list.

The window remains open for students in grades 9-12. Transportation options are available. Please visit www.gsboe.org to apply.

Registration

Snapcodes for online registration were sent home with middle school and elementary report cards this week. High school snapcodes were mailed yesterday. All students are required to complete the registration process online. We will also be verifying residency of all students throughout the summer. Please contact the individual schools if you have any problems with registration or if you did not receive a snapcode. There are several forms that must be turned in as part of the registration process. The required documents are listed on www.gsboe.org. Please try to come by Middle School on any Thursday during the summer and Elementary School on Tuesday.

Pre-K Registration

I know that many of you are anxiously waiting for information on Pre-K registration. We have applied for three pre-K grants. We cannot offer registration or conduct a subsequent lottery until we learn if we are awarded the grants. The Alabama Office of School Readiness cannot award grants until the state legislature passes a budget for education. It is my understanding that the budget will be considered next week. Thanks again for your patience. Hopefully, we will have an extra pre-K class this coming year.



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New Staff Members

We've hired several new staff members over the last few weeks. I would like to welcome the following:

Dr. Rachael McDaniel	Gulf Shores Elementary Principal
Mrs. Connie McNabb	Special Education and Testing Coordinator
Mr. Christopher Ellis	Gulf Shores Middle School Band Director

The GS Elementary PTO will be scheduling a meet the principal day in June to introduce Dr. McDaniel to the Gulf Shores community.

Have a great summer and don't forget to Make Waves!



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