

The MakeWaves Monthly

We develop students to become the best versions of themselves, so they can transform the world.



Superintendents' Message

As we close out the 2022-2023 school year, we want parents to know how much we appreciate you entrusting Gulf Shores City Schools with the education and care of your children. We strive to help all of our students explore their interest, achieve their potential, and develop lifelong healthy habits. We value your input and would appreciate you completing this two question survey to plan for next year. We hope everyone has had a wonderful year and will have a fantastic summer. Congratulations to the Class of 2023. We look forward to seeing our returning students on August 8th. [COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

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ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VIRTUAL
ACADEMY



Health & Wellness



Athletics



Arts Education



Teaching &
Learning

Meet Our WaveMakers of the Month: Students

Elementary School

Izaiah Walton **Grade** - 1st Grade **Area of Recognition** - Physical Education

I'm a WaveMaker because...

Izaiah's kind disposition inspires me. He displays good manners and good sportsmanship interacting with students and teachers during physical education class. He has the willingness to help others. Several times, I need assistance with putting equipment up at the end of the day. Izaiah is always the first to volunteer to help. He does not ask for praise or anything in return. He is just happy to help! Izaiah is a WaveMaker!!!

~Nominated by Sara Shaw - Physical Education Teacher~



Middle School

Fiona Douglas **Grade** - 8th Grade **Area of Recognition** - Academic Success and Excellent Role Model

I'm a WaveMaker because...

Fiona is an exceptional student who embodies the qualities of a WaveMaker! She is a straight-A student who is dedicated to her academic success, and she works hard to support her classmates in their academic achievements as well. She has a positive attitude towards her school, community, and peers and is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Fiona is an excellent role model for her peers and has gained the respect of both her teachers and classmates. In addition to her academic achievements, Fiona's creativity shines through her involvement in the school and community fine arts programs. She is an active member of the middle school band and theater programs and was part of the recent Shrek theater performance, where she did an incredible job. Fiona's talent, hard work, and dedication to her craft are evident in all her performances. Overall, Fiona is a remarkable student who is a pleasure to have on campus. She is respectful, kind, and caring towards others, and always demonstrates a willingness to learn and grow.

~Nominated by Brittney Reeves - Assistant Principal~

~Nominated by Laura Mixon - Choir Teacher~



High School

Tristyn Baggett **Grade**- 11th grade **Area of Recognition** - Leadership

I'm a WaveMaker because...

I would like to nominate Tristyn Baggett for WaveMaker! Tristyn has been a student trainer for me for two years and always leads by example on the field and in the classroom. Tristyn was faced with the ultimate challenge as a student trainer by having to assist with a medical emergency at football practice. She handled it like a professional! She was calm, cool and collected which helped to keep the patient calm. She was able to assist in this situation successfully due to her being diligent and proficient in her Sports Medicine skills checkoffs. She practiced and prepared just as a student should and it paid off for her athlete and classmate. I am so proud of you, Tristyn!!

~Nominated by Alicia Tolbert - Head Athletic Trainer, Health Science Teacher~



What is a WaveMaker? Someone who incites action or activity.

Meet Our WaveMakers of the Month: Students

Virtual Academy

Kaysheri Haffner Grade- 12th grade **Area of Recognition** - Community Service

I'm a WaveMaker because...

One of the most important core values of Gulf Shores City Schools is to foster students to be inclusive, engaging members of society.

Virtual Academy senior Kaysheri Haffner exemplifies what it means to be an inclusive and engaging member of society. She is a brilliant student and caring community service leader.

In the 6th grade Kaysheri discovered that a fellow student had recently been diagnosed with cancer. She learned that his family was struggling to take care of his medical bills and she was drawn to come up with a way to help him and his family.

This is when Helping Hands of Gulf Shores was born. Kaysheri founded Helping Hands as a kids helping kids charitable organization. The organization was created as a means for local kids to help other local kids in need. Through community outreach efforts such as speaking at local clubs and holding silent auctions each year Kaysheri has led this Gulf Shores student-based organization to raise over \$55,000 in the past 6 years. This year alone Helping Hands of Gulf Shores raised \$14,486 dollars for a local 9-year-old cancer patient.

Kaysheri has not only singlehandedly lead a successful nonprofit charity but has done so while taking ten of the Advanced Placement classes offered to GSHS students as well as numerous dual enrollment college classes. She will graduate this year with honors and is currently ranked #1 in her class. Kaysheri is a model student and leader. She is a true "Wave Maker" for the Gulf Shores City School System.

~Nominated by Dr. Susan Nelson - Virtual Academy Instructor~



Virtual Academy

Noah Kendall Grade- 12th grade **Area of Recognition** - Academic Achievement

I'm a WaveMaker because...

Noah exemplifies what it means to be a GSCS WaveMaker. A WaveMaker is someone who stands out in a crowd and accomplishes something that has not been accomplished before. Last week Noah graduated with his Associate's Degree from Coastal Alabama Community College, a week before he is set to graduate with his high school diploma from Gulf Shores High School. This is an accomplishment that could not have happened without dedication and hard work. Noah began taking dual enrollment classes while enrolled in the Virtual Academy during his sophomore year of high school. He was able to take both his core classes and electives at the college level earning enough college credits to finish his first 2 years of college while enrolled in blended learning with the Virtual Academy. Noah has paved the way for future Virtual Academy students, and he is a perfect example of one of the main core values of Gulf Shores City Schools in providing an individualized and flexible learning experience for all students.

~Nominated by Dr. Susan Nelson - Virtual Academy Instructor~



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Meet Our WaveMakers of the Month: Staff

Elementary School

Jennifer McCurdy
Bookkeeper

I'm a WaveMaker because...

I have worked with 6 bookkeepers, 3 of which I hired, over my 10-year stint in administration and Mrs. McCurdy is one of the best! She is so conscientious of all aspects of the job and serves with a willing attitude to help all. Although we all have personal struggles at time, she comes to work with a smile on her face and a servant's attitude. She took on our first Dolphin Run-A-Thon planning all pieces of it from the prizes to the race day. It was a huge success! Because of her hard work, we were able to raise \$25,000 for our school. Although she never expects it, she deserves a BIG thank you for everything she does behind the scenes to help our school. We couldn't do it without her and love and appreciate her!

~Nominated by Dr. Alicia Early - Principal~



Middle School

Beth Lawrence
Cafeteria

I'm a WaveMaker because...

Beth is an exceptional employee who displays a remarkable attitude. Her interactions with the children are always accompanied by a cheerful disposition, and she takes pleasure in bringing smiles to their faces.

Beth's commitment to her work is exemplary, as she seldom takes days and always has a positive attitude.

Observing her beaming countenance each day is a source of joy for me.

~Nominated by Jennifer Hankins - Receptionist ~



High School

Melisa Everett
Assistant Principal

I'm a WaveMaker because...

Mrs. Everett is quite literally the glue holding us all together. She is one of the most hardworking members of our staff at Gulf Shores High School! She is always on the move and is visible to the students, staff, and public all the time. Her support is unwavering and continues to after-school hours. Mrs. Everett is reliable and open. She always lends an ear. She's there to problem-solve issues or to share a good laugh. Her humor and personality are always welcome in our hallways. Mrs. Everett is very deserving of the WaveMaker of the Month award. Her dedication to our school and system is impressive and inspiring!

~Nominated by Amanda Talantis - Hospitality and Tourism Teacher~



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Elementary School

Come See My Genius

The schedule for each event is below....

1st Grade “Come See My Genius” - May 23rd at 10:00

3rd Grade “Come See My Genius” - May 23rd at 1:15

4th Grade “Come See My Genius” - May 24th at 10:00

2nd Grade “Come See My Genius” - May 24th at 1:15

Kindergarten Celebration/Graduation-May 25th at 8:30
(Location: HS Gym) Parents need to go straight to the HS gym to check in.

5th Grade “Come See My Genius” -May 25th at 10:00

High School

GSHS Alabama ProStart State Champs

Our GSHS Alabama ProStart State Champs traveled to Washington, DC, with Chef Madsen to compete in the National ProStart Student Invitational against the nation's top Restaurant Management Teams. After competition, Jewels Driskell, Mary Lindsay Morton, Bella Qualls, & Bella Sallin were able to visit some amazing monuments and museums. Thank you, Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association, Alabama ProStart, and Chef Jessica Henry for all your support through this amazing journey!



Middle School

2023 Baldwin Human Society Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to the four Gulf Shores Middle School students that placed in the 2023 Baldwin Humane Society Art Contest. The theme of the contest was “Shelter Pets are Super Pets.”

Phoenix Wallace- 1st place

Mahleit Derstine- 2nd place

Fiona Douglas- Honorable Mention

Isis Eberly- Honorable Mention



Virtual Academy

Congratulations to Gulf Shores Virtual Academy senior, Kaysheri Haffner!

With a 4.0 grade point average and a 32 score on her ACT, Gulf Shores High School senior Kaysheri Haffner has a lot to be proud of. She also received \$10,000 to help pay for college, thanks to The Wharf Scholarship. She plans to study law at the University of Florida.



CATCH THE WAVE GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

Registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year for grades K-12 will be opening soon. Information will be on our GSCS websites and social media for the opening date.

Health & Wellness

Harvest of the Month: Strawberries

Start your 2023-2024 school year motivated with health and wellness. Monthly, GSCS will feature the “Harvest of the Month”. Here you will find various recipes, along with facts and information about the harvest we are featuring.

Get in shape with an early morning walk to school! Sign up before school begins for the opportunity to participate in the “Walking School Bus” for GSES and GSMS students in grades K-8. Our Walking School Bus is sponsored by Jennifer Shallow at Paradise Re/Max.

Join the Walking School Bus in August!

Arts Education

GSCS Choir Spring Concert

We had an awesome time singing through the decades at our 2022-2023 Spring Concert. These students are truly so very talented! The concert was concluded with presentation of awards and a delicious dinner.



**A Job Well
Done!**

Athletics

Spring sports coming to an end at GSCS!

GSCS spring sports season is coming to an end for the school year. In our June Issue of “The MakeWaves *Monthly*”, we will be featuring all of our spring sports, their accomplishments and highlights for their season at the middle school and high school. MakeWaves!

View our Athletics website!



Teaching & Learning

It never ends... our students are constantly engaged in learning at GSCS!

Our teachers are always learning! Several professional development opportunities during the summer are offered for them to participate in to develop their growth in the areas of teaching and learning. Professional development gives our teachers the chance to enhance their instructional practices with new, exciting and innovative ideas to bring to the classroom.

Get ready for a new school year!



The GSHS Sustainability Academy Scuba Certification Scholarship class is officially underway! Thank you to @downunderdiveshop for partnering with us to provide this opportunity for our students! This opportunity would also not be possible without the grant funds awarded by Gulf Coast RC&D. Check out @gulfshoresms Assistant Principal, Brittney Reeves, working on her certification, too!



Kindergarten will spend the next few weeks learning about and caring for ladybugs, ants, butterflies, and praying mantis! This project would not be possible without the support of PTO!



Congratulations to 8th grader Tereza Mojs on winning the 4A-5A Section 1 #1 Singles title. Tereza won 12 straight games to win 6-3, 6-0. Tereza qualifies for the State Tournament in Mobile.



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GSCS

Making Waves of Kindness at the Zydeco Festival! Thanks to all of the amazing volunteers and employees of GS Tacky Jacks who are serving up crawfish to raise funds for the Department of Exceptional Education at GSCS! !



A little green and blue for Earth Day in Mrs. Helms' 1st grade class.



Congratulations to 7th-grade GSMS student, Davis Sinclair, for her poem being chosen for publication in the Poetic Power poetry book! This is a huge honor as only 55% of the entries submitted from across the nation are invited to be published. Davis wrote her poem "Live Oak Trees" in Mr. Schaff's Science class.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month so GSES Peer Helpers made encouraging signs to hold each morning that remind everyone that they matter and that they can conquer any struggle!

Our 7th grade Life Science classes visited the Wind and Water Learning Center in Orange Beach to learn about the experimental design process, Simpson Index of Diversity, decomposition rates of marine debris and litter, microplastics in our clothing, water stewardship, coastal resource management, and more! Students pulled seine nets to identify organisms, wore waders to collect marine debris from Wolf Bay, and collected water chemistry, temperature, and turbidity data as citizen scientists.



Congratulations to Mahileit Derstine! Mahileit was selected as a High Merit winner in the Celebrating Art Contest and was featured today on the Celebrating Art Facebook page.



The Health Science Academy is celebrating Earth Day!! They are educating students and community members on the important role that fruits and veggies play in our daily nutrition! They also showed how much sugar you are consuming in popular drink choices that may not be as healthy as you think!



A huge thank you to the [Gulf Coast Arts Alliance](#)! They presented Gulf Shores City Schools art programs each with a \$1,000 check at the Zydeco Art Festival. Thank you so much for your constant support of our art programs!



Congratulations to our GSMS Alabama Consortium in Technology Education project regional winners! Winners are Somer Stefankiewicz, Kori Hager, Kenadi Hager, Larson Chafin, Carter Jones, Christian Myers, David Cervantes, and not pictured is Woods McElroy.

All these students received third place in their respective categories and are now entered for the State ACTE challenge!



Congratulations to Kaysheri Haffner, Grant Bradford and Beckham Smith on receiving Kiwanis scholarships today at Gulf Shores High School! These outstanding students have demonstrated leadership and have been instrumental in leading this school's Key Club this year.



Mrs. Kristen Madsen's (Culinary Arts Teacher) ProStart team is headed to Nationals! The Layover Restaurant Team has been practicing non-stop to prepare for their competition in Washington D. C. next week. Good luck ladies! We are so proud of you!



Thank you to The [Gulf Coast Athletic Club](#),
 Congratulations to our GSCS Athletes!
 Congratulations Gulf Shores High School Seniors,
 Cameron Cooper & Lily Zlab, for being recognized as
 the 22'-23' GCAC Scholar Athletes of the Year!



8th graders at GSMS had a wonderful time at the 8th Grade Banquet! Thank you to the [Gulf Shores Middle School PTSO](#) and GSMS parents for putting on this event!



The Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Libraries recently had their Annual Island Poetry Contest! Here are the results from our GSCS Students! Congratulations!

5-6 grade

3rd Place: Lexy Malone, "Western Lowland Gorilla"

7-9 grade

2nd place: Kirsten Kelly, "What Good is Sorry?"

3rd place: Anayia McCutchen, "Not a Feeling at All"

10-12 grade

3rd Place: Trishul Patel, "Endless Devotion"



Rain or shine! Hospitality and Tourism students had the best time kayaking. They had a great lesson on Ecotourism from @wind_water_center and kayaked in the rain!



Congratulations to our Red Ribbon Leader, Katelyn Hamilton, who was selected as a prize recipient for her Red Ribbon Community Service that was focused on honoring Veterans in our community with a Heroes' Parade and Luncheon, as well as raising money for Veterans. Katelyn was recognized recently at the Red Ribbon Leadership Program Celebration.



1st Place, Round 1 (Elberta VFW-Baldwin County), 3-D VFW Youth Patriotic Art Contest! State Round - June TBA. Congrats Lauren Calvert and Good Luck at State!



Way to go Savannah, GSVA 5th grade student - Zydeco 5K Run/Walk winner for her age group!

SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY was celebrated in May for our school food service employees. This was a chance to recognize them for their dedication to their jobs and most importantly, to your children. They are full of passion about preparing meals that their students will choose to eat because they truly love kids! THANK YOU to the best TEAM!



GSES



GSMS



GSHS

Salute to our "Cafeteria Squad"

Gulf Shores City School System received a resolution as 2023 Nominee for the Alabama Green Ribbon Schools Award, State Board District I by Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama Department of Education in Montgomery, Alabama.



Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Middle School students that were chosen to be published in the Fall/Spring National Celebrating Art Contest. This is a huge honor as only the best artwork is chosen for publication out of thousands of entries. Mahileit Derstine received a High Merit award for the competition. The High Merit Award is given to exceptional pieces that are of the top 20% submitted.

Thank you to Thompson Engineering in Orange Beach for awarding a grant to Dr. McKinney and the GSES STEAM lab. The grant will purchase Lego STEAM park curriculum for Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st grade students.



The GSMS Academic Top 10 for 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23.



Summer Band Camps GSHS Band Makes a Difference!

Summer is right around the corner. Don't forget about these very important summer band dates!



GSMS Spelling Bee Finalist - Sophia Bauer

Let's give a round of applause to the GSMS spelling bee finalist, Sophia Bauer! She demonstrated great skill, determination, and intelligence throughout the entire competition, and we are so proud of her.



Statewide Alabama PALS Recycled Art Contest GSMS Makes a Difference!

Congratulations to 8th grade fashion designer Phoenix Wallace and model Ellis Andrews for winning the Statewide Alabama PALS Recycled Art Contest! They placed 1st in the 7th-12th grade Recycled Art Category.



Moana Jr The Musical performed by GSES Dolphin

Moana Jr The Musical was performed by the GSES Dolphin Sound! They all did a great job! There were so many 5th graders interested that there were two full casts that performed! A job well done!

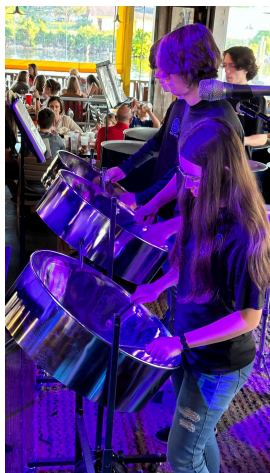
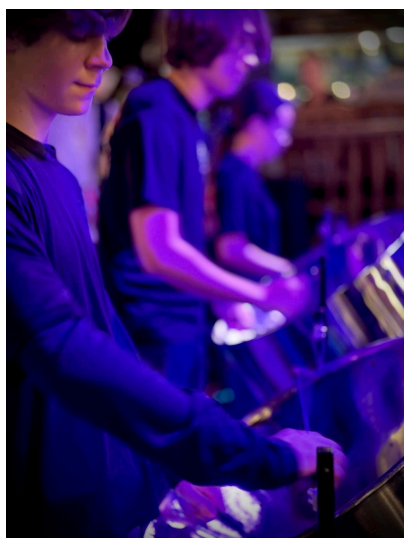


Bike To School Day Was A Success - May 3, 2023



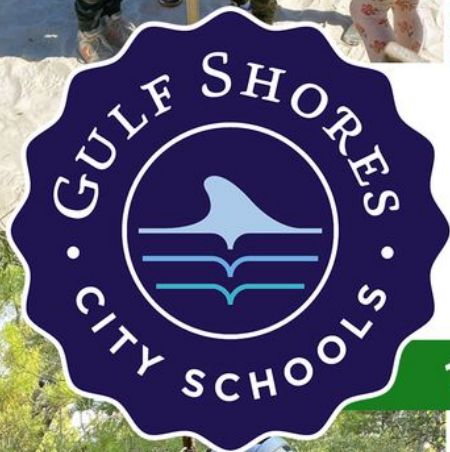
Gulf Shores High School “Waves of Steel”

GSHS steel drum band “Waves of Steel” had a blast performing at LuLu’s for everyone attending including Ms. Lucy Buffett and Mr. Mac McAleer. It was a great night! MakeWaves and Go Dolphins!



2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Award

The U.S. Department of Education announced Gulf Shores City Schools in Gulf Shores, Alabama is 1 of 11 school districts in the country to be awarded the 2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Award! Gulf Shores City Schools was the only school district in the southeastern United States to win the district award!



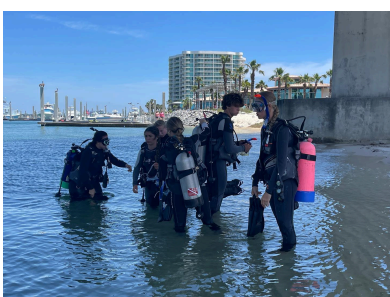
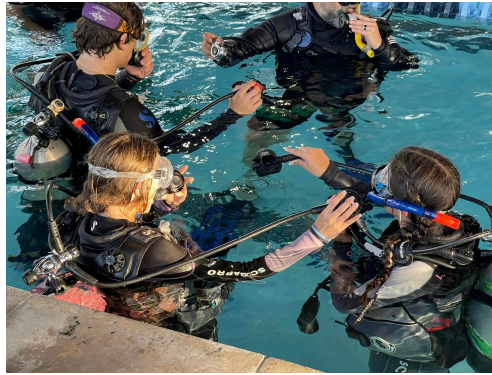
2023 NATIONAL GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 OF 11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE U.S.



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GSES & GSMS Scuba Certification Scholarship Recipients Listed



I BREATHE UNDERWATER

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR GSES & GSMS SCUBA
CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS!

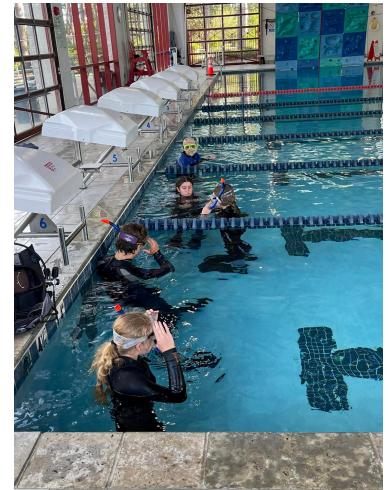
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Kaleb Blain
Kysan Deloach
Konnor Ekberg
Caden Elkins
Kori Hager
Caleb Hamilton
Katelyn Hamilton
Hampton Howard
Dimitri Marin
Tereza Mojs
Mae-Margaret Reed
Kason Smith
Vincent Sprunger

All recipients have received an email from Ms. Reeves with parent meeting details. Please reach out to breeves@gsboe.org if you have not received the email.

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GULF COAST
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COUNCIL

**DOWN UNDER
DIVE SHOP**



Pictured above: GSHS students who received their scuba diving open water certification!

GSMS: Turbo Dolphins

The Turbo Dolphins completed their final race of the regular season this past weekend! The team had a great day getting to race on campus. They even built a new multi-level transport system in the race trailer. Every Turbo Dolphins car has qualified to compete for the National Championship title! The Championship race was held at Talladega Superspeedway on May 6th. The GSMS Turbo Dolphins won third place at the Talladega Greenpower Race. The team is also ranked #3 in the nation! They had a great race season this year and we can't wait to see what they accomplish next year. MakeWaves Turbo Dolphins!

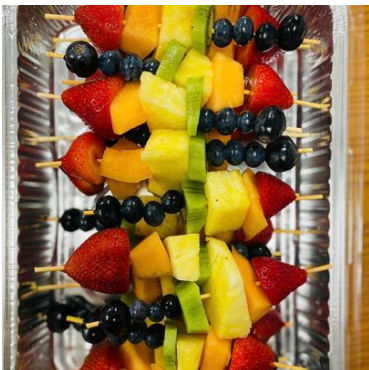


First Pizza Day at GSCS

The CNP staff at GSHS had the First Pizza Day at GSCS! The newly approved (by the National School Lunch Program) pizzas with wheat crust were a huge hit! The Veggie Pizzas sold out first with veggies raised by our very own GSHS "Farm to Table Program"! Thanks to Smash Mouth Pizza for partnering with GSCS! Way to go CNP!



GSCS: Eat The Rainbow Week

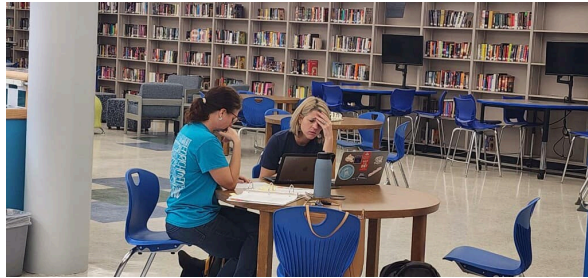
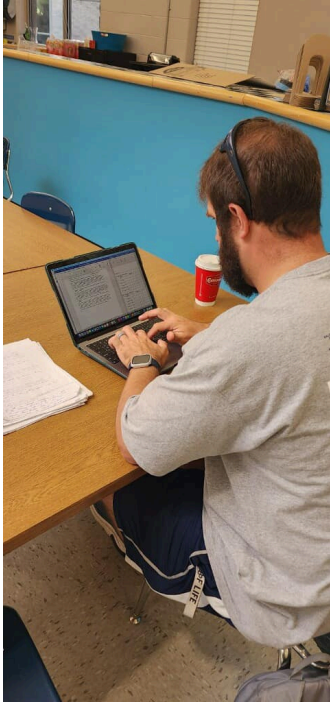


Mango Smoothies were a hit with our GSMS students! It was the perfect way to wrap up [#rainbowweek](#), where we learned about new fruits and veggies and how they help our growing bodies stay healthy. A big shoutout to Mrs. Sparkman, the GSCS nutrition committee, and Mrs. Talantis and her GSHS Hospitality class for making this possible and serving up such a delicious week! Let's keep eating the rainbow and living our best lives!



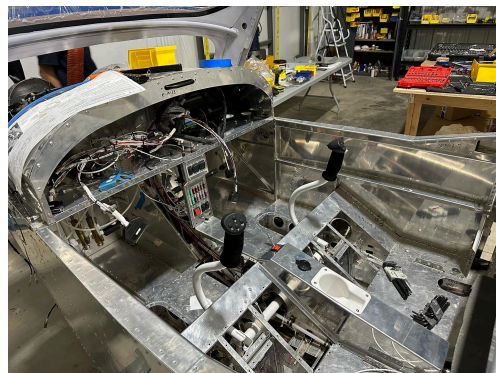
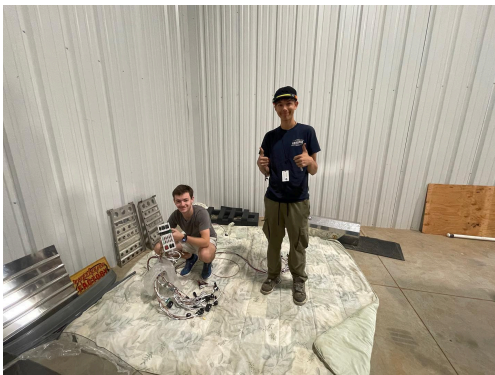
Working Towards National Board Certification

Our teachers are amazing! They spent their Saturday at school working hard towards achieving National Board Certification. They are preparing to submit many components in about a month! We are so proud of their dedication to enhancing their craft and ultimately improving the educational standards of our schools. Thank you for devoting so much time and effort towards this important goal.



GSHS: Tango Flight Program

Introducing Ethan Kazman and Cody Rhoades - two graduating seniors in our Tango Flight program—who are dedicated to finishing our RV-12is project before they graduate. As aviation students, they have been working tirelessly after hours to make it happen. Ethan, a mechanic at the Aeropro maintenance shop at Gulf Shores International Airport at Jack Edwards Field, is training to become a certified Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanic. His experience in the shop has proven invaluable, allowing him and Cody to complete detailed work that cannot be accomplished during regular class hours. Cody, a recently certified Private Pilot, works as a server in Gulf Shores to fund his flight training. He flies with mentors in his spare time and is studying for his ratings with the aim of becoming a commercial pilot after graduation. Thanks to their expertise and dedication, the RV-12is project is progressing at an accelerated pace. Ethan and Cody are working on intricate tasks such as avionics installation, harness routing, electronics connection, and engine controls. We can't wait to see the program's finished product take flight!



Earth's Day Celebration April 2023

Gulf Shores High School Culinary and Hospitality and Tourism students are hard at work preparing for Friday's, April 21st, GSCS Earth's Day Celebration! They are making eco-friendly snacks from scratch and organization the entire event!



Proudly introducing the "Trash Collection". Mrs. Michaelson's Advanced Art class used donated clothing and recycled material to create these beautiful pieces of art for Earth Day



GSES and GSVA students enjoyed the fun at the Earth's Day Celebration!





GSMS: National Junior Honor Society

On April 18th, 2023, twenty-one 7th and 8th-grade students were presented with their National Junior Honor Society Certificates after completing sixteen hours of community/school service! Another thirty-three new candidates were inducted into NJHS for the 2023-2024 school year.



GSSES Dolphin Pride 21st CCLC Program

We just wanted to give a HUGE shoutout to our incredible after-school care staff! These amazing folks work hard all day long, and yet they still manage to bring the energy, positivity, and love that our students need in our after-school care program.

Our staff provides an awesome safe and structured environment that gives our students a sense of stability and security. And that's not all! They also offer homework help and academic support, social and emotional learning activities, physical fitness opportunities, and they even foster positive relationships with our students!

We are absolutely blown away by the hands-on STEAM activities they design and implement, too! These activities encourage our students to think outside the box and develop a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Parents, we want you to know that your children are in the best of hands and are having an absolute blast in our after-school care program! So, let's give a huge round of applause and THANK YOU to our amazing after-school care staff for being such a vital part of our Gulf Shores Elementary School community!



April Barnett	Traci Barnes	Lisa Branscomb	Amanda Byrom	Erin Davis	Betsy Dozier	Carrie Ellis
Meredith Fredrickson	Dana Guthrie	Emma Harvey	Courtney Hogue	Brennan Howard	Jack Hyde	
Gay James	Jennifer Knight	Vicki Miller	Renate Moczynski	Lacey Musgrove	Peyton Parker	
Payton Parnell	Stephany Rodriguez	Lindsay Taylor				

GSHS: Senior Awards Day

Congrats to all our seniors! Thank you to all community organizations and colleges/universities that awarded our students scholarships! Also, thank you to Kelli Adkins, Melisa Everett, and Valerie Kaye for all their hard work planning this ceremony! We couldn't have done with it all without the setup and tear down crew, NJROTC, too! Great job, everyone!



GSHS: National English Honor Society

GSHS had the pleasure of inducting a few juniors and seniors into the National English Honor Society. These students have maintained a 4.0 GPA in their English classes and a 3.5 GPA overall while taking the highest level English courses the high school has to offer. These classes include Honors English 9, Honors English 10, AP Language and Composition (11th grade), and AP Literature and Composition (12th grade).



GSHS Students Host Field Trip

GSHS students host field trips for kindergarten and 1st grade students. They taught the younger Dolphins about hydroponics, composing, raised beds, and planting.



Meet Our Board: Dale Jernigan

Dale Jernigan earned her bachelor's and master's degree from UAB and worked in critical care nursing. Her teaching experience began when she started the first hospital-wide education program at SBRMC, teaching new employees required skills and ensuring continuing education of the medical personnel. Her extensive background also includes Director of Nursing Services and Health Care Consultant. She was a governor's appointee to the Alabama Board of Nursing for four years, has written two textbooks, and published numerous periodicals on subjects including conflict resolution, mental health, testing, and human resource management. In 2012, she began teaching at GSHS. She established The Health Science Career Academy at GSHS. She added an emergency medical response program, integrated with the GSFR, and later integrated a dual enrollment EMT course through Coastal Community College. Mrs. Jernigan mentored students and provided learning opportunities to promote success in their chosen medical careers. She also established a certified life-guard course, and trained students to teach CPR in the schools. Every freshman student was certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by her student CPR instructors. During her time at GSHS, she obtained a grant to become a mental health first aid instructor, and taught students and teachers the basics of managing mental health emergencies. Mrs. Jernigan also collaborated with USA Medical center to provide real life learning experiences through robotic simulation.



Happening at GSCS:

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GSCS: National Bike To School Day (3)
 GSES: Kindergarten Cap/Gown Pictures (3)
 BOE: Work Session (4) 4:00pm
 GSCS: Choir Spring Showcase (4) 6:30pm
 GSES: 5th Graders Moving Up To 6th Grade
 Welcome Meeting (4) 5:30pm GSMS Gym
 GSES: Field Day (12)
 GSMS: 8th Grade Banquet (13)
 GSHS: Senior Celebration (15)
 GSMS: 6th Grade Awards (15) 9:30am
 GSMS: Spring Art Night (16)
 GSHS: ACT 30+ Brunch (16) 9:30am
 GSMS: 7th Grade Awards Day (16) 9:30am
 GSMS: 8th Grade Honors Night (16) 6:00pm
 GSHS: Band Concert (18) 6:00pm
 GSHS: Graduation (22) 7:00pm
 GSCS: Last Day of School (26)

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