

The MakeWaves Monthly

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



Superintendents’ Message

As the first nine weeks come to an end, we continue to stress the importance of student’s daily attendance and parents checking on your child’s grades. Our “Walk To School” was a success with all of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community participating. The “Fall Harvest Festival” at the elementary school was filled with fun and excitement. Many thanks for the dedication and hard work from our PTSO at all of our schools. Our schools will be participating in “Red Ribbon Week” the week of October 23-27. “Community Conversations” and “Coffee with the Counselors” are an excellent way for parents to get involved and engaged in meaningful information. A “Wave” of excitement is in our fall sports: football, cross-country, volleyball, swimming, and cheering are all making a “splash” getting Gulf Shores City Schools on the map. As always, we stress for our parents and community to be involved and a part of our schools. Our next Tuesday Tour will be at GSMS on Tuesday, October 24th. To sign up, click on the following link: [Take The Tuesday Tour](#) MakeWaves!

Dr. Matt Akin - Superintendent makin@gsboe.org
Dr. Stephanie Harrison - Assistant Superintendent



ELEMENTARY
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Health & Wellness



Athletics



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Meet Our Student WaveMakers of the Month

Elementary School

Emmah Guthrie

Grade - 5th Grade

Area of Recognition - Citizenship



I'm a WaveMaker because...

Emmah Guthrie is a ray of sunshine wherever she goes! She is positive and caring in every way! I have watched her nurture and protect another student at our school for two years. I watched her dry tears from his eyes and talk him into being calm within a minute. She has worked beside him through thick and thin, and her heart is always bursting with compassion! When it comes to academics, she puts her best foot forward and works hard! She is an unsung hero to me!

~Nominated by Stacey Smith - 4th Grade Teacher~

Emmah is compassionate and considerate of others. She's socially aware of the needs of her peers. She not only selflessly lends a helping hand, but she also gives kind compliments noticing a new haircut, neat work, etc. Emmah is a pleasure to teach and a role model for others!

~ Nominated by Kim Pennington - 5th Grade Teacher~

Emmah is a good listener and demonstrates compassion for others every day. She is intuitive and often gives insightful comments to her teachers and peers that radiate positivity and support for others.

~Nominated by Connie Johnston - Special Services Teacher

Middle School

Christian Niculiti

Grade - 7th Grade

Area of Recognition - Leadership



I'm a WaveMaker because...

Christian Niculiti deserves to be recognized as WaveMaker for his exemplary composure and quick thinking during a challenging situation. In his first-period science class, when a seemingly harmless experiment with a small candle flame took an unexpected turn and ignited part of the countertop, Christian's remarkable presence of mind shone through.

Without hesitation, he retrieved the fire extinguisher and handed it to a teacher, actively contributing to the prompt extinguishing of the flames.

While panic and uncertainty gripped many of his classmates, Christian's calm and decisive actions stood out as a shining example of courage and responsibility, making him a truly deserving candidate for the WaveMaker award.

~Nominated by Brittney Reeves - GSMS Assistant Principal~

High School

Clawson Diehl

Grade - 12th Grade

Area of Recognition - Volunteer



I'm a WaveMaker because...

I'm honored to nominate Clawson Diehl as WaveMaker of the Month. Clawson sought me out and volunteered to help at the Dolphin Run. To say he "helped" is a vast understatement. He not only donated drinks and refreshments to the team, but he also continually asked me in the weeks leading up to the race if I needed anything for the race. He meant it.

He accompanied me to Mr. Mixon's room to fetch the portable speaker system and to learn how to use it. On the way, he asked, "Do you want me to film him telling us how to use it?" I replied that would probably be good. I never would have thought to do that. So, he did so. On race morning, I arrived a bit before five a.m., and, wouldn't you know it, he was already there. He had come to the SportsPlex, from Mobile, because as he put it, "I promised I would be there." We proceeded to set up the sound system, and I promptly had forgotten most of what Mr. Mixon had told us. At that moment, I heard our band director's voice behind us, calmly explaining the process. Clawson was playing the video on his phone.

Clawson then worked the front entrance and efficiently directed all of the buses to their appointed spots and managed to direct hundreds of cars to their places (400 to be exact, he counted them). This was no small feat. When it was apparent most of the crowd had arrived, he came to the staging area and pitched in as we finished the races.

When you need a guardian angel and things seem overwhelming, sometimes help appears. It did in my case. It was Michael. Michael Clawson Diehl.

~Nominated by Tim Smith- ELA Teacher & Athletics~

Virtual Academy

Harrison Howard

Grade - 6th Grade

Area of Recognition - Leadership



I'm a WaveMaker because...

I would like to nominate Harrison Howard, 6th grade, for WaveMaker. Harrison has been in our virtual academy since 2020. Since then, he has been thoroughly involved in school and outside activities. Last year, Harrison founded the Gulf Shores Virtual Academy Pokemon Club, which encouraged community building amongst virtual students. He was also a vital team member of the Grant Club, in which students collaborated to select a cause, create a plan, and apply for a grant. Harrison and his team were one out of only 13 teams to receive an interview for the grant. Harrison is now involved in blended learning where he is a member of the GSMS band and a member of the Isibindi house, where he jumped right in and ran for an office position. Harrison's leadership skills have brought elementary and middle school virtual students together, as a community to enjoy learning from one another.

~Nominated by Sarah Beth Green - Virtual Lead Instructor~

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

Meet Our Staff WaveMakers of the Month

Elementary School

Daria Decor

Para-Professional



I'm a WaveMaker because...

I would like to nominate Daria as a Wave Maker for promoting student's physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. She greets each of her students with such joy every single morning and has become a solid figure for them in the classroom. On one particular morning, one of her students was having a difficult time leaving their parent. Daria helped calm the student's nerves and helped them arrive comfortably in the classroom. Afterward, she made a point to also go back and reassure the parent that the child was doing well. She put on her mom hat and encouraged the parent before returning to warmly welcome other students. This is a common sight to see Daria looking out for the hearts of her students. She is an asset to our school culture!

~Nominated by Mary Margaret Phillips~

Middle School

Roger Reetz

Math



I'm a WaveMaker because...

On a day when chaos could have erupted in our school, Mr. Roger Reetz displayed unparalleled bravery and quick thinking. Upon hearing a student's cry of "fire," he immediately rushed towards the danger. Inside a classroom, he found a science experiment gone awry, with a small candle flame spreading on the counter. Without hesitation, he selflessly sprang into action, assisting the teacher, smothering the flames, and ensuring the safety of all present. His unwavering courage and commitment to our school community exemplify the true spirit of a WaveMaker, making him a deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.

~Nominated by Brittney Reeves ~

High School

Melissa House

Lead District Nurse



I'm a WaveMaker because...

As a teacher (and parent of a high school student at that time) Nurse House triaged and administered an epi-pen to my son whom until that day, was not known to have a peanut allergy. His severe reaction and panic limited his communication capabilities, but Nurse House immediately recognized the symptoms. The educator in me was amazed at the structure and calmness in which Nurse House and the administrators handled the situation. The ER doctor praised her quick response asserting my son's situation would not have been as positive had she not recognized symptoms of anaphylaxis. Having both professional and parent perspectives of a school emergency, I believe God truly provided the students and staff of GSHS a blessing with Nurse House. GSHS would not be the same without her. Her sense of humor and positive attitude keeps co-workers laughing and motivated. Her professionalism and love of the job serves as a model to everyone and provides a sense of comfort knowing Nurse House is the best in Baldwin County and she is 'ours.'

~Nominated by Amanda Reffitt~

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Elementary School

Student Lighthouse Team

Introducing the very FIRST Student Lighthouse Team for GSES! We are so excited to see these student leaders guide us on the path to excellence!



High School

Personal Finance: The Stock Market Game

Students recently learned about stocks, stock trends, and diversification of investment portfolios. Each group of 4-5 students applies this information to the management of their respective portfolios. The fall competition kicked off last month and will run the remainder of the semester. May the best team win!



Middle School

MakerSpace Class Is A Success!

6th grade students completed the construction and custom artwork on their skateboard in Mr. Prince's class. They have worked so hard on this project and finally got to take them out for a skate!



Virtual Academy

GSA Creates Musical Circuits

GSES STEAM instructor, Dr. McKinney, taught the Gulf Shores Elementary Virtual Academy students how to make musical circuits with fruits! Bongo drums and pianos were a hit!



Connect With Us! Stay informed on what's happening with Gulf Shores City Schools!

District/Schools Websites. - Facebook - Twitter - Instagram - You Tube

Health & Wellness

This Month: [Fresh Ground Beef](#)

Walk To School Day was a success this year! Students, parents, teachers, staff and the community came out to enjoy the walk from Meyer Park to the schools! MakeWaves!



Join the Walking School Bus or Monthly Bike Ride!

Arts Education

GSMS: Celebrating Art Contest

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Middle School students that were chosen to be published in the Summer national Celebrating Art Contest. This is a huge honor as only the best artwork is chosen for publication out of thousands of entries.

Ava Bettinger, Ava Nelson, and Davis Sinclair



A Job Well Done!

Athletics

Fall sports at GSCS!

Fall sports are all moving up in the ranks. Football is currently 7-0, 1st in 5A and 14th in the Alabama Power 25. Volleyball is ranked 5th in 5A and won 1st in the area. Swimming has won their 3rd meet and currently 15 swimmers have qualified for sectionals. Cross-country has competed in several races and have finished strong. Coach Smith is proud of their hard work. If you have not had the opportunity to go out and support one of these sports, please make plans before the fall season is over! MakeWaves!

[View our Athletics website!](#)



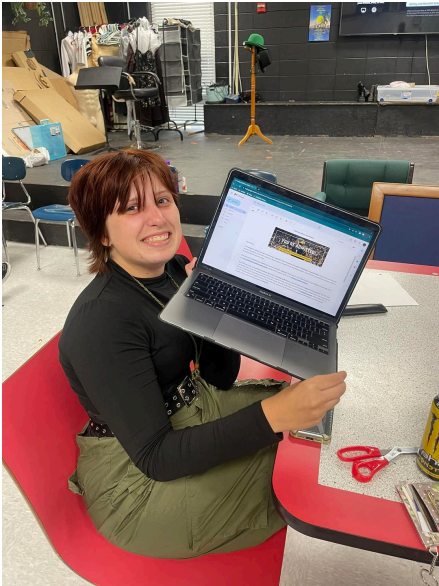
Teaching & Learning

Always learning... our after school Pre-K are constantly engaged

Our littlest learners in Ms. Woodson's After School Pre-K program have been diving into the wonders of autumn with enthusiasm and creativity! Recently, we enjoyed the delightful tale of "Froggy Goes to the Pumpkin Patch," which sparked the imaginations of our young ones! But the adventure didn't stop there - we rolled up our sleeves and got crafty, making rip and glue pumpkins. These activities not only fostered fine motor skills but also encouraged attentive listening and expanded vocabulary. We're so proud of our Pre-K friends for their curiosity, creativity, and dedication to learning.



Congratulations to Robyn Stopp for being accepted into the University of Southern Mississippi Theatre Program!



Congratulations to Mae-Margaret Reed! She was named the 2023-2024 Red Ribbon Week Leader.



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GSES K-Kids Officers for 2023–2024

President-Amelia Autrey
Vice-President-Olivia Lou Bennett
Secretary-Win Spence
Treasurer-Ruby Ryall
Sergeant-At-Arms Remy Wittstruck.

Motto of a K-kid: To develop
competent, capable, caring leaders



GSES

GSES: Mrs. Phillips, the gifted teacher, and Dr. McKinney, the STEAM teacher, attended a professional development by Auburn University at AMSTI Mobile to learn about starting a Science Olympiad team.



Congratulations to Bailey Oldham who was selected as the 2023-2024 GSHS Red Ribbon Leader at GSHS. Bailey is an outstanding young lady who will represent us well. Bailey is a member of HOSA and has chosen Mrs. Murphy as her sponsor.

Ms. James' Leader of the Month, Isla Walker, sharing her show and tell about her recent trip to France!

We celebrated our hard working special education team at GSMS! They have faced many new challenges this year with a positive attitude and have made a difference in the lives of our special needs students. Thank you for all you do!



Gulf Shores City School District announces that Kimberly Pennington has been selected to be a 2023-24 Khan Academy Ambassador

Gulf Shores City Schools is pleased to announce that Mrs. Pennington is a Khan Academy Ambassador for the '23-24 school year. Khan Academy is a nonprofit with a mission to provide a free, world-class education to anyone, anywhere.

Mrs. Pennington is a 5th-grade English Language Arts and History teacher at Gulf Shores Elementary School. She uses Khan Academy to personalize learning by using our mastery system that gives instant feedback and recommendations on which skills to practice next.

Dr. Matt Akin, Superintendent, shares, "We are so proud that Khan Academy selected Mrs. Pennington to be an ambassador. She exemplifies the dedication and creativity we see in our teaching staff here at Gulf Shores City Schools. Students in Mrs. Pennington's class know she has high expectations and gives them plenty of support—so they truly master skills, and learn how to learn."

Khan Academy Ambassadors are ambitious, energetic, and knowledgeable educators who are experts in using Khan Academy within a classroom context. They believe deeply in our mission and are ready to super-charge student practice on Khan Academy throughout their school and community during the 2023-2024 school year.



The Walking School Bus was fortunate to have the Gulf Shores High School volleyball team join them.



Alabama Coastal Cleanup!



Over 20 GSHS student ambassadors and environmental club members came to help [#keepthetrashoutofthesplash](#) at Coastal Clean Up today! One group found 100 cigarette butts! Did you know that cigarette butts are the single greatest source of ocean trash? Other items our team found in abundance today were water bottle lids and an assortment of plastic from beach goers. Be sure to [#leaveonlyfootprints](#) on your next trip to the beach!



Secondary Science By The Shore Team

The secondary Science by the Shore team spent the morning at the Gulf State Park Interpretive Center learning and planning! SBTS Director, Krista Marcum, led the team through fieldwork in which they sifted sand for microplastics using correct research data collection procedures. The SBTS team is working diligently to develop more opportunities to help students become scientists in our local environment!



Miss Shrimp Festival Charity Queens

Almost 9,000 items were collected for Blessing Boxes in Baldwin County by the Miss Shrimp Festival contestants!! The girl that collected the most items per division was crowned Miss Charity! The Miss Shrimp Festival Charity queens are:

Harper Nolan, a PreK Student at Gulf Shores Elementary School.

Catherine McAleer, a 6th grader at Gulf Shores Middle School.

Kaleigh Davis a Senior at Gulf Shores High School.

Thank you for your hard work, love of your community and your heart to help others!! We are so proud of you!!



GSVA: Here To Grow A Garden? Let's Grow!

All hands on deck for the GSVA garden! Thank you parents, students, community members and teachers for coming out to help us create our outdoor classroom! We can't wait for what's in store! GROW DOLPHINS!



Space Camp Week For GSMS

Life Science with A Schaff: I don't want to forget these memories with this curious, fun-spirited, competitive, and kind-hearted bunch! This week, we chanted cadences across the lawns of NASA's Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. We built and launched rockets, and we learned about past and present space exploration. We also simulated the 5 degrees of freedom, axis training, G-forces, and a mock mission. Because of these kids' tenacity, the spirit of Gulf Shores shined brightly this week!



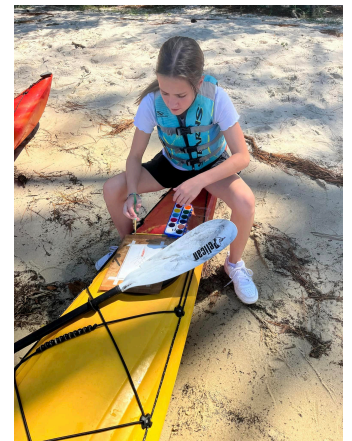
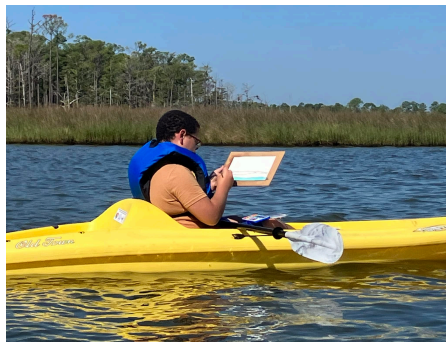
GSHS Environmental Science

Gulf Shores High School Environmental Science students have been oyster gardening weekly this semester. Oyster populations in Mobile Bay have declined and students are raising oysters to help restore natural oyster reefs. Did you know 1 oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day? In addition to filtration, oysters provide habitat for over 300 species. Students have learned how to identify different organisms that live in an oyster garden, conduct small sample population estimates of oyster size and quantity, and how to maintain the gardens for optimal numbers and growth. Thank you to Little Lagoon Preservation Society for mentoring our students and providing a pier for us to raise the oysters!



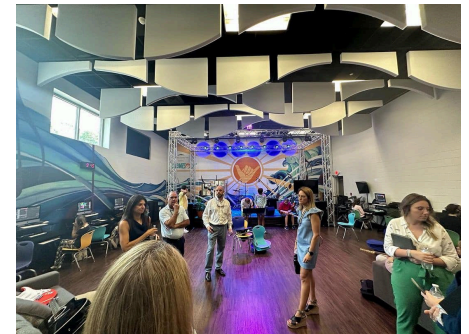
Life Science with A. Staff

Today, we dipped our paintbrushes in Wolf Bay and painted scenes of salt marshes and palustrine wetlands. Before paddling out, Mrs. Jackie taught us that these increasingly precious wild spaces have many functions for humans and wildlife. In addition to providing habitat for many commercially important seafood, these living shorelines protect our neighborhoods by absorbing storm surge. Alabama Department of Environmental Management has rated Wolf Bay as an outstanding body of water. It's not only a sanctuary for incredibly diverse organisms, but it's also safe for us to fish and play. At the end of our day, students said, "I think we should protect nature because we want our kids and grandkids to be able to enjoy these experiences, too." We are grateful for all of the people before us who have protected these spaces for us to cherish today. Special thanks to Mr. Talantis, Mrs. Rachel, Mrs. Good, and Mrs. Sawyer—our parent volunteers—for helping make this trip possible!



GSCS Showcases Their Innovative Learning

Great things are happening across our state. Last week, our friends from the @sabancenter toured @gulfshorescityschools and learned about the innovative ways @gulfshorescityschools has incorporated [#STEM](#) into the curriculum. [#WeTeachAlabama](#) from @drericmackey



MakeWaves Theatre Contribution Program

Please consider purchasing an ad in our Playbill for The Addams Family! The documents to print and return is in the comments. You can send ads and sponsorships to the school via a student or email them to Mr. Landrum at clandrum@gsboe.org

The Addams Family

School Edition

Due Sept. 29th

**MAKE WAVES
THEATRE
CONTRIBUTION
PROGRAM**

Bronze (\$1-\$250)
Any Contribution is appreciated!! Listed in Playbill as a MWT Bronze Supporter!

Silver (\$250-\$749)
2 Complimentary Tickets to The Addams Family! 1/4 Page ad in Playbill.
Plus VIP Seating (Reserved)

Gold (\$750-\$999)
4 Complimentary Tickets to The Addams Family! 1/2 of Page ad in Playbill.
VIP Seating (Reserved)

Platinum (\$1000+)
6 Complimentary Tickets to The Addams Family! Full Page ad in Playbill.
VIP Seating (Reserved all 3 Performances)

GSMS eSports began competitive gaming against other schools in the nation this week. We came up short in our Rocket League competition, but it was a close match with a lot of cheering for our team! We're excited to see where this season takes up!



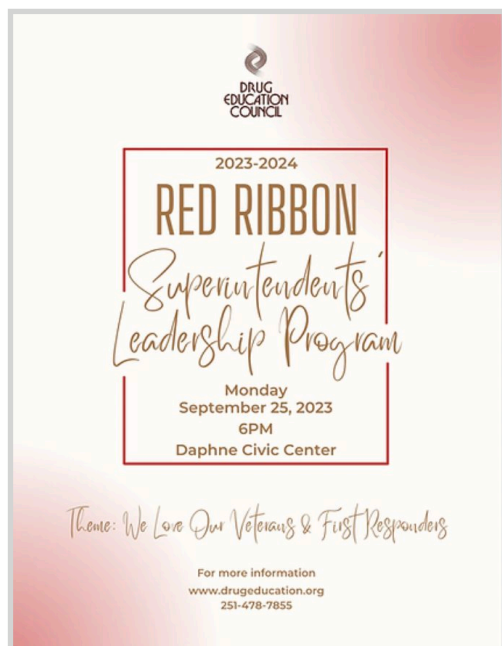
The United Way Spirit Award is given to a company that truly encompasses the spirit of the United Way. This year's spirit award is given to an organization that grew its 2022 campaign by more than 100%! Congratulations to Gulf Shores City Schools. Thank you for your partnership and support!

Jacob Dukes, GSHS teacher brought his students to GSES to check out books. The students had so much fun talking about their favorite book characters and deciding which books to check out. It was nice to see familiar faces and meet new friends.



Drug Education Council's Red Ribbon Leaders

Bailey Oldham (GSHS), Mae-Margaret Reed (GSMS), and Ann Monroe Rynes (GSES) were recognized at the Baldwin and Mobile County Red Ribbon Superintendents Leadership Program. The National Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27, 2023. The 2023 National Theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug-Free." Students are challenged to plan and execute a community service project to help their peers build a connection to the community and encourage healthy lifestyle choices.



GSES: Ann Monroe Rynes



GSMS: Mae-Margaret Reed



GSHS: Bailey Sue Oldham

GSHS: Student-Athlete Scholar of the Month

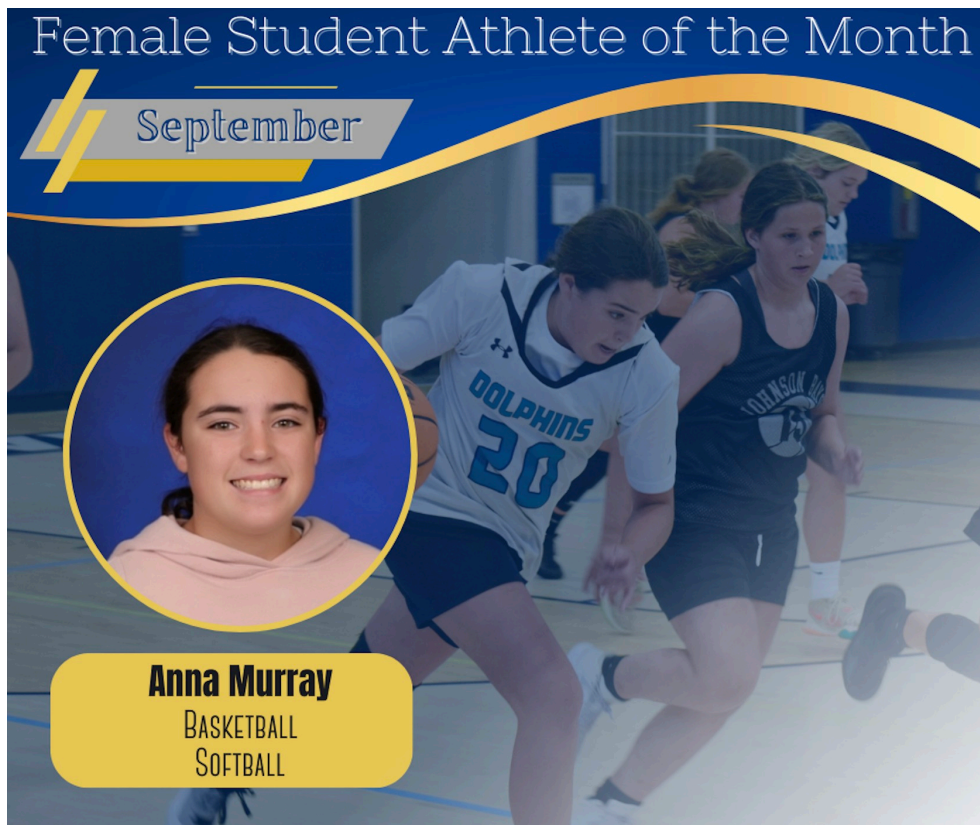
Female Student Athlete of the Month

September



Anna Murray

BASKETBALL
SOFTBALL



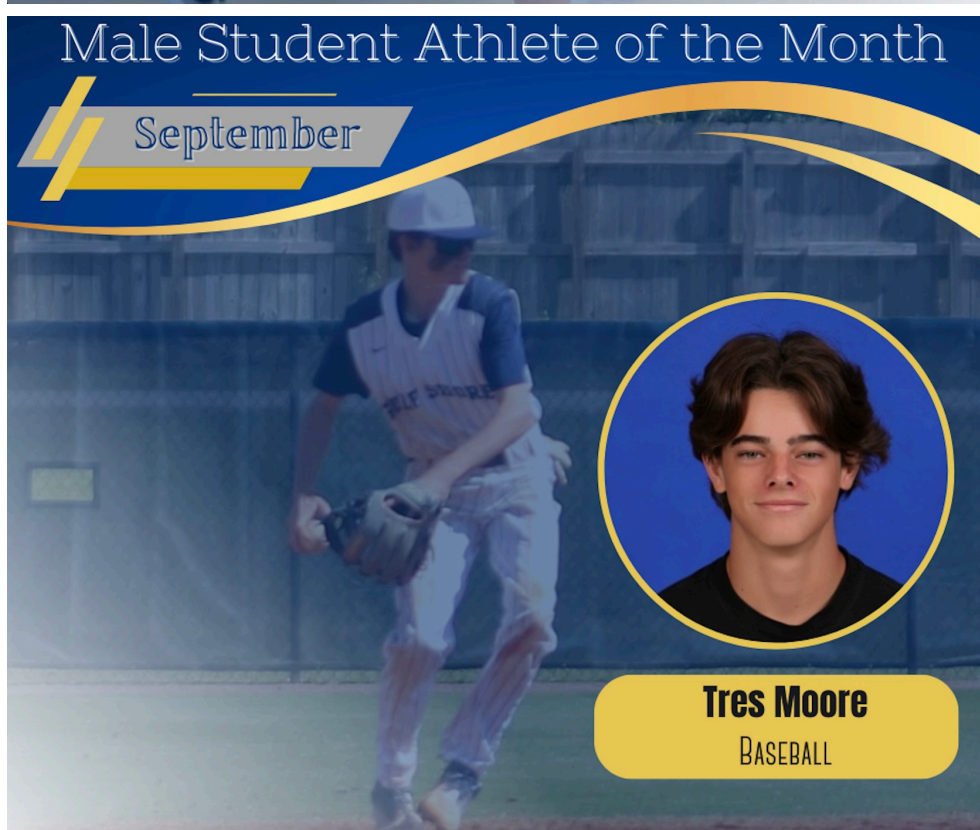
Male Student Athlete of the Month

September



Tres Moore

BASEBALL



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Gulf Shores City Schools Flu Vaccine Clinic

October 20, 2023



Gulf Shores City Schools, in cooperation with HNH Immunizations (Health Hero), will be offering a Flu vaccine clinic in our schools. The clinic will be held on October 20, 2023, and there is no charge to parents for this service. If your child has Medicaid, All Kids or private insurance, HNH will bill the insurance company for the flu vaccine. If your child is uninsured, the flu vaccine will be given free of charge. HNH is unable to provide the flu vaccine for students covered under PEEHIP insurance.

Consent forms will be sent home with all K-5th grade students and may be requested at the middle school and high school by contacting the school nurse or printed from home.

Gulf Shores Middle School: Jill Morgan 251-968-8719 or jmorgan@gsboe.org

Gulf Shores High School: April Barnett 251-968-4747 or abarnett@gsboe.org

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY OCTOBER 11, 2023.

Club Day Begins At GSES

STEAM



Disney



Dolphin Sound



Volleyball



Yoga



Directed Drawing





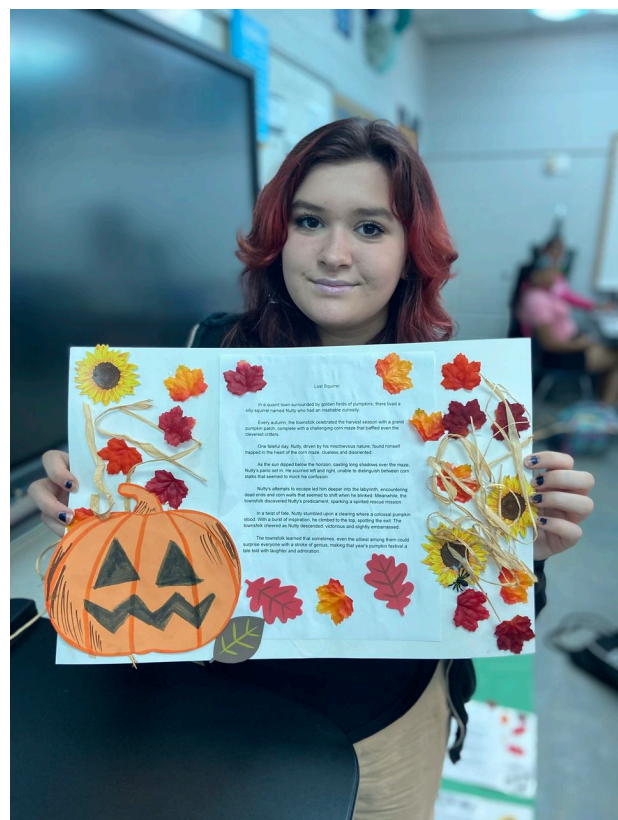
Red Ribbon Week 2023



BE KIND TO YOUR MIND. LIVE DRUG FREE.

Monday October 23	Tuesday October 24	Wednesday October 25	Thursday October 26	Friday October 27
SOCK IT TO DRUGS	PEACE OUT to BAD CHOICES	LEI OFF UNHEALTHY CHOICES	WE "MUSTACHE" YOU to LIVE a HEALTHY LIFESTYLE	WE HAVE TOO MUCH PRIDE TO USE DRUGS AND MAKE UNHEALTHY DECISIONS
				
Wear your craziest socks	Wear TIE DYE or dress like a hippie	Wear a lei or tropical clothes	Wear a fake mustache or any mustache clothing/gear	Wear your DOLPHIN GEAR

Mrs. Roberson's Fall Narrative Essays are complete! We are thrilled to share the incredible work of these students who poured their creativity into crafting entertaining stories filled with dialogue and sensory details. But that's not all! To take things to the next level, they beautifully illustrated their narratives with charming fall decorations, adding a delightful touch of fall magic to their stories.



Dolphin Foundation for Education & Arts



Innovative Learning Experience Provided by The Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts! We are happy to help enhance the learning experience for the students of [Gulf Shores City Schools](#)!



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GSMS: Kids Hope USA

So thankful for our Kids Hope USA mentoring partnership and the work they put into helping our students!



MakeWaves With Aviation

Thanks to our amazing mentors', students', and aviation teacher's dedication and hard work, the first plane is almost finished! The plane will go through a rigorous inspection process before receiving the FAA stamp of approval. Coming very soon! We cannot wait to share the finished product with our community!



GSES: K-Kids Getting Ready For A New Year!

K-Kids' meeting was very productive! Brainstorming our service ideas for the year. We are so blessed to have this group of kids!



GSMS: Art Selected at Baldwin County Fair

Congratulations to the 25 GSMS students that had their art selected to be in the Baldwin County Fair! These students brought home a total of 31 ribbons.



New Faces at GSMS

The Peer Helpers welcomed over 80 new students at the New Student Lunch! We are so excited to have all of these new faces here with us this year. Thank you to the Peer Helpers for always working hard to make everyone feel welcome!



GSVA: Bird Banding and Exploring at Fort Morgan

Bird Banding at Fort Morgan was amazing for the GS Elementary Virtual Academy students. We learned the value of tracking birds, the friendly process of banding them, interesting facts about birds and how to get involved with this organization the Banding Coalition of the Americas! Exploring Fort Morgan and lunch at Tacky Jacks made for a fun end to our field trip!



October 24th & 25th: Big Days For GSCS!

Community Conversations!

Tuesday, October 24th
Gulf Shores Middle School Gym
5:30 - 7:00 pm
**Food Trucks at 5:00. This is an event for the whole family!

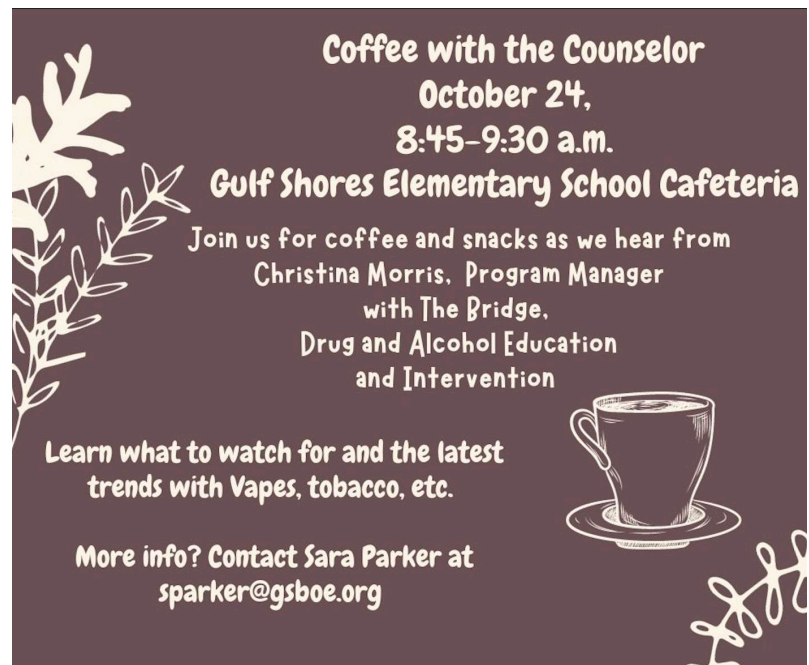
Coffee with Counselors

Drug, Vape, and Alcohol Use
October 25th
9:45 am - 10:30 am
GSMS Library



Coffee with Counselors

Drug and Alcohol Education and Intervention
October 24th
8:45 am - 9:30 am
GSES Cafeteria



Dolphin Foundation For Education and Arts

Please Register for The [ONE Club Gulf Shores Community](https://oneclubgulfshores.com/6th-annual-charity-golf-2023/) Annual Charity Golf Tournament Hosted by ONE Foundation, Benefiting The [Dolphin Foundation for Education & Arts](https://theonefoundation.com/one-foundation-charity-golf.../) and Gulf Shores City Schools! The event takes place Saturday, October 21st at Noon, please follow the link for more details! <https://oneclubgulfshores.com/6th-annual-charity-golf-2023/> All donations will be matched 100% by the ONE Foundation and will be given to The Dolphin Foundation for Gulf Shores City Schools.

Register your Team Today!

<https://theonefoundation.com/one-foundation-charity-golf.../> — at ONE Club Gulf Shores



Zoonami IV will take place Friday October 20th, 7:00pm, at The [Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo](https://thegsdf.org/zoonami-iv)! Ticket and Table Information is now available! <https://thegsdf.org/zoonami-iv>



3rd Annual Boys Basketball Golf Scramble



GULF SHORES BASKETBALL

Third Annual Boys Basketball Golf Scramble

Sponsored by:
ISLAND GRANITE

Sunday, Oct 22nd, 2023
Shotgun start at 1pm
Craft Farms Golf Course

Prizes: Top 3 in Championship, Top 2 in First Flight, Closest To The Pin & Longest Drive, Swag Bags For All Players

4 Person Teams \$500 Per Team

\$5 Mulligans
\$50/50 Raffle
\$5 Putting Contest
\$5 Chipping Contest

Registration: GSHSbasketballgolfscramble@gmail.com

The 3rd Annual Boys Basketball Scramble is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd at Craft Farms. This is an important fundraiser for our program. If you have questions about the golf tournament, please contact me at jtolbert@gsboe.org. MakeWaves and join the Dolphins!

GSCS: New School Year - New Instagram Link



GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS

Important Update!
Gulf Shores City Schools Has
a New Instagram Account.
@gscityschools

Join Now!



Our very own Cadet Douglas will be competing in a singing competition on Saturday October 14th between 10am and 3pm at the Shrimp Festival in Gulf Shores AL. This is a huge opportunity for her because if she places she will receive a college scholarship and Gulf Shores High School will also receive an award.

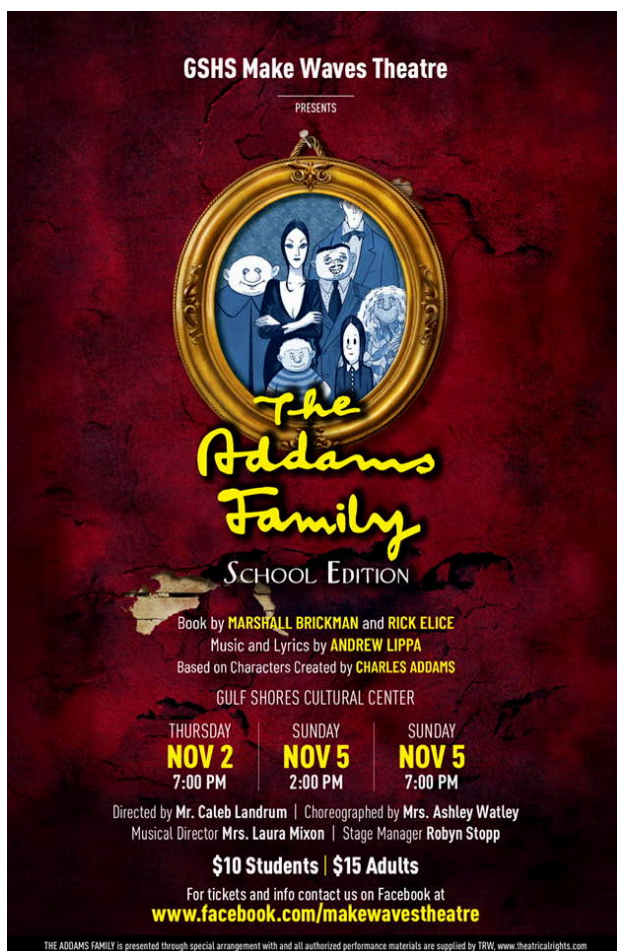
Mrs. Helms' students supporting awareness of childhood cancer wearing yellow!



Our Assistant Principals, Ms. Reeves and Mr. Talantis, have recently concluded an enriching three-day experience at the Marzano High Reliability Schools Institute. They had the invaluable opportunity to network with distinguished practitioners who have pioneered transformative initiatives within their own educational institutions and districts. Their participation in the Institute led to a deep understanding of research-based practices to improve student achievement, insights into a standardized instructional model to enhance teaching and learning, the acquisition of a comprehensive curriculum implementation process district-wide, and the ability to use quick data for monitoring and sustaining successful school practices. Our Assistant Principals are deeply committed to the principles of lifelong learning and continuous professional growth. We are enthusiastic about the potential impact of these learnings on both our students and educators!



GSHS Homecoming Is Almost Here!



GSHS MakeWaves Theatre

“The Addams Family”

Make plans to attend!

GSCS Tuesday Tour: Middle School

If you are new to our Gulf Shores community or to our Gulf Shores City Schools, we invite you to join the Tuesday Tour. Gulf Shores City Schools is providing the opportunity for our community members, parents, etc. to tour each of our schools to see the wonderful things going on in our classrooms. **Our “Tuesday Tour” will take place on Tuesday, October 24th from 9:00-10:30 at Gulf Shores Middle School.** Visitors will have a chance to look inside our classrooms and experience the culture and innovation of Gulf Shores City Schools.

To sign up, click on the following link: [Take The Tuesday Tour](#)



BOE attends Conference in Montgomery

Our GSCS BOE reinforcing our Core Value of “Life Long Learners”. Spending their day in Montgomery to continue making strides on the path to excellence! MakeWaves!



Meet Our Director of Exceptional Education: Sonya Price

Sonya Price is an experienced school leader with a passion for fostering relationships with stakeholders to support student learning. Sonya has served students on Elementary, Middle and High School campuses for more than 20 years in the role of Assistant Principal, Instructional Coach, Special Education Department Chair, and Special Education teacher.

Her greatest goal as a teacher was to support every learner to reach their highest potential. It is that drive to success that took her from the classroom to the role of Instructional Coach where she provided curricular and pedagogical support to teachers. As a Coach, Sonya learned first hand that students are more successful when teachers feel supported. She honed her skills in research based curriculum and practice, and took these into her position as Assistant Principal at Gulf Shores Elementary School. She is now the Director of Exceptional Education for the district. Sonya is a National Board Certified Teacher, and serves on the Leadership Team of the National Board Cohort for our school district. She holds an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration of Elementary and Secondary Education from Auburn University, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from University of South Alabama, a Masters Degree in Library Media from University of West Alabama, and a Bachelors Degree in Elementary and Special Education from the University of West Florida. She is due to complete her doctoral studies at Auburn University in 2022. Sonya lives on her family farm with her husband, her children, and her pets.



Happening at GSCS:

District
Elementary School
Middle School
High School
Virtual Academy



10/4 GSCS: Walk To School Day
10/5 GSVA: Outdoor Classroom and Butterfly Garden Construction 10:00am
10/5 BOE: Work Session 4:00pm
10/11 BOE: Regular Meeting 5:00pm
10/12 GSCS: End of Q1
10/12 GSCS: Early Dismissal 11:30am
10/13 GSCS: Holiday
10/16 GSCS: E-Learning Day
10/20 GSCS: Zoonami IV
10/24 GSCS: Tuesday Tour - GSMS
10/24 GSES: Coffee With The Counselors
10/24 GSCS: Community Conversations: Vapes, Drugs, Alcohol
10/25 GSMS: Coffee With The Counselor
11/2 & 11/5 GSHS: The Addams Family
11/4 GSCS: Tuesday Tour - GSES
11/8 GSES: Veterans Day Program
11/9 GSMS: Veterans Day Assembly
11/10 GSCS: Veterans Day
11/20-24 GSCS: Thanksgiving

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Stephanie Harrison - Assistant Superintendent
Sandi Harris - Office Manager
Chad Green - CSFO
Marcelina Parrish - Human Resource Manager
Chezley Neth - Data Management & Reporting Analyst
Paul Wilson - Athletic Director
Joey Drews - Director of Educational Technology & Student Support Services
Beau Roode - Director of Operations
Sonya Price - Director of Exceptional Education
Carrie Barragan - English Second Language
Tanya Hill - Child Nutrition Program Coordinator
Randall Carlisle - Student Engagement, Transportation and Safety Coordinator
Jessica Sampley - Career Tech Coordinator
Karen Pearson - District Testing Coordinator
Sara Parker - Mental Health Coordinator

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Do you have a suggestion or comment you would like to share with us?

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