

The MakeWaves Monthly

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



Superintendents’ Message

We hope you are having a wonderful summer break spending time with family and friends!

While the traditional school day is not in session right now, our campuses remain filled with students enjoying the numerous summer camps offered by Gulf Shores City Schools. Students are participating in: EcoTourism, Fine Arts, Dolphin Pride 21st CCLC, Scuba Diving Certification, Summer Wave, Reading, Math, and Camp Invention.

During the summer, school offices remain open Monday-Friday from 7:30am-4:30pm. If you have any questions about summer assignments or registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, please contact your child’s school. We look forward to seeing our students on August 8th.

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Dr. Stephanie Harrison - Assistant Superintendent sharrison@gsboe.org



ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL



VIRTUAL
ACADEMY



Health & Wellness



Athletics



Arts Education



Teaching &
Learning



Rising 8th - 11th grade students in [Baldwin County Public Schools](#), [Gulf Shores City Schools](#), Orange Beach City Schools, [FINE ARTS in Baldwin County Public Schools](#), Private Schools, Homeschools, and Virtual Schools. The time is now to start thinking about Singing for Scholarships at the [Annual National Shrimp Festival](#). Contact us today for more information on how you can compete for up to \$1,000 on October 12th!

Cross Trainers went on their last bike ride of the year into Gulf State Park's wildlife preserve and learned about "cat-faced trees". Check out the video that Mr. Reetz put together of their adventure and learn along with them! <https://youtu.be/s6L5R2Tc0Pc>



Mentors needed:

Do you want to make a difference in a student's life? Can you find the time to help support our wonderful school system by being present for a student one hour one day a week on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons during the school year? Volunteers are needed to build a one-on-one relationship with a student through our Kids Hope, USA mentoring program. Help us support our students by contacting Sandi Harris in the Administrative Office at 251-968-9873. She will be happy to assist you.



Gulf Shores Elementary School sent over their 5th graders to tour what will be their new school next year! Students were welcomed by the band, choir, and cheerleaders before hearing from a representative from each club to learn what they could get involved in when they become middle schoolers! Our current students gave them tours around the school showing them all the important things. We can't wait till these students join us next year!



GSMS softball season has officially come to an end with a 4-2 loss to Rehobeth. Thanks for everyone who followed along with our journey this year! What a ride!



Students at GSMS in Schaff's Life Science used the scientific method to explore natural selection. Students wrote a hypothesis to predict which beads (insects) were most and least likely to be "eaten" depending on the color of their habitat. Once all data was collected and calculated, they analyzed their results and shared conclusions about why their hypotheses were supported, refuted, or inconclusive.



GSMS hopes everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day! Art students made these precious vases for the special women in their lives.



GSMS would like to give a HUGE shout out to our incredible Sports Medicine students (current and former), our PT staff (@encore.rehab) and our amazing Orthopedic staff from @theorthogroup for showing up to help with School-wide physicals! This day would not be possible without their time and dedication to our students and school system. GSMS is beyond grateful for their commitment to the Sports Medicine program each and every year.



Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Gulf Shores High School Marching Band Leadership Team and Drumline!



Congratulations to GSHS Peyton Planalp for being selected to represent the South and Gulf Shores High School in the AHSAA North-South All-Star Game.



GOOAAALLF SHORES! STATE CHAMPS!



The Gulf Shores Dolphins celebrate the school's first boys' soccer state championship after a 2-1, double overtime win against the Guntersville Wildcats on Friday, May 10, in Huntsville. It was one of the program's all-time leading scorers and captains, Tyler Galt, who delivered the game-winning goal nearly three minutes into the second extra period. The Dolphins' girls' team, which was also making a record three appearances, earned another first-leg trophy in state soccer. The boys' team joined the Gulf Shores football team in collecting the program's first state title. For more on the AHSAA State Soccer Championships, go to the sports section on B13.

South Baldwin Literacy Council awards 115 diplomas

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Sea turtle nesting season begins

What you can do to help

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See Alabama's beaches on nesting grounds. "Sea turtles are a different species than we humans do," said Mike Bern, executive director of ACF. "These white flashlights that people use for crabbing and other programs really disturb sea turtles, not only turtles that are going to lay their eggs but also a sea turtle."

Did you get a copy of The Islander celebrating [Gulf Shores High School](#) boys soccer team winning state title? The Dolphins secured their first in program history. Copies are available around town and at our office in Foley!

K-Kids Field Trip 2024: Service Projects Included Assisting Angie's Doghouse and Filling Blessing Boxes. Thank You for Your Donations!

The Foley Methodist Church blessing box is filled by GSES K-Kids.





GSHS: 2024 Spanish Awards
 Spanish 3: Julia Rogers
 Spanish 2: Elisa Bruson and Isis Eberly
 Spanish 1: Portia Hollis and Victoria Newman



GSHS: KK Jacks Freshman Student
 Athlete of the Year



Gulf Shores Elementary Virtual Academy student,
 Tristan Adams, is arriving for his first National
 Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) meeting at GSES.





GSHS: 2023-2024 Sports Medicine Students of the Year!!!
 Freshman: Cyarah Hill
 Sophomore: Wynn Buzbee
 Junior: Kylee Griffin



Let's Celebrate



The EL Department celebrated student achievement on the ACCESS test.

We are so proud of these students and their hard work!



KATE CIMINO
 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL
 BASKETBALL | SOCCER
 2023-2024



KEYONA ROYAL
 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL
 BASKETBALL | TRACK
 2023-2024

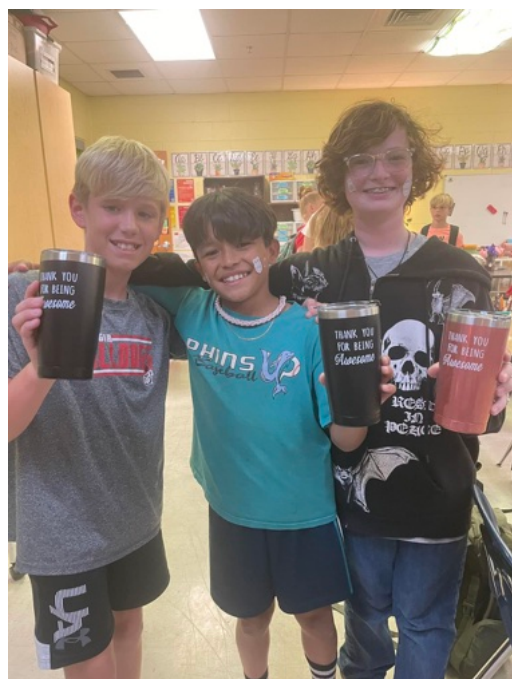





The Student Lighthouse Team at GSES is off for their service learning field trip to the Ronald McDonald House! They delivered handmade cards and bracelets to the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile. As an act of service these students made cupcakes, cleaned, organized, and put together hospitality supplies for guests.



Peer Helpers at GSES ended their year by being presented a small token of appreciation for the many community service hours they performed this year.



Thanks to Coach Prince with the Turbo Dolphins for sharing the GreenPower car with the Walking School Bus! Students enjoyed learning about future opportunities to participate in building and competing with these cars in the future!





Teachers & Instructors are learning about beach safety from City of Gulf Shores' Beach Safety Chief Phillips for our 2024 Eco Summer Camp at GSES and GSMS.



GSES 4th graders finally have long enough legs to ride the bikes! Hello Lake Shelby!



Congratulations to Ansley Warner and Peyton Planalp for being selected to the All Coastal Alabama 1st Team (1A-5A).

Congratulations to Madison Marshall and Mariana Cervantes for being selected to the All Coastal Alabama 2nd Team (1A -5A).



Congratulations to the Gulf Shores High School Class of 2024!



Congratulations to Coach Hopkins, Tia, and KK!





Summer Reading Challenge from Governor Ivey!

Governor Ivey's SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Alabama students, parents and educators:

Our students worked hard this school year, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts in the classroom. As the school year wraps up, and we look ahead to our summer plans, I encourage our students to set aside dedicated time for reading.

I invite all Alabama students to join once again for Governor Ivey's Summer Reading Challenge.

To participate, Alabama students, entering grades K-8th for the 2024-2025 school year, may write a letter to me, sharing what their preferred summer reading book was and why it was their favorite.

Parents and teachers, you can even get in on the action by showing me what our young learners are reading by sharing to Instagram and tweeting me at [@GovernorKayIvey](#) using the hashtag [#GKIsReadingChallenge](#)

The reading fun begins now and ends July 31, 2024, so be sure to mail me your letters by then.

All letters to Governor Ivey should be addressed and mailed to:
Governor Kay Ivey
Attn: Governor Ivey's Summer Reading Challenge
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Students, be sure to include your name, grade you are entering and the school you attend.

I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you about your summer reading book!

Happy reading,

Kay Ivey

Registration is open for Gulf Shores Virtual Academy - Kindergarten through 12th grade. Apply online at gsva.gsboe.org. Email Dr. Nelson at snelson@gsboe.org for more info.

Gulf Shores Virtual Academy 2024-2025 OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

*Grades K through 12
*Dual Enrollment and AP classes offered
*Admission dependent on available seats

Apply online at:
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for more info



#MakeWaves



GULF SHORES VIRTUAL ACADEMY
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Congratulations!

WE'RE ALL PROUD OF YOU!

CAILEY MADDOX
AUSTYN MANASCO
MORGAN MCCARTNEY
WYATT WILSON

JOSEPH STEPHENS
CADE WITTMAN
AVA WYCOFF





The Mobile Optimist Club has recognized Beck Montiel as track athlete of the week for his performance at the 5A AHSSAA State Meet held in Gulf Shores, Alabama last week. Montiel placed second in the 800 by running 1 minute and 56 seconds, 3rd in the 1600 running 4 minutes and 22 seconds, fifth in the 3200 running 10 minutes and 1 second, and anchored the third place 4x800 team.



May we present to you our newly crowned MakeWaves Theatre officers!

President: Portia Hollis

Vice President: Maddie Mattson

International Thespian Society Rep: Daniel Dumas

Secretary: Reagan Back

Social Media Manager: M Lawley!

We are so excited to MakeWaves this next school year!



These six decided it was time to hang up their lanyards and badges. We are so thankful for all they have done for Gulf Shores Middle School over the years.

Once a Dolphin, Always a Dolphin!

Cross Trainers finished off their final run of the year, with their annual run to the icy machines at Circle K. We truly hope that you all keep running over the summer and come back even stronger for a great Cross Country season!



GSES admin team Making Waves all year long! Mrs. Sparkman, Mrs. Grogan, Dr. Early, and Mrs. Creel



Congratulations to Cadet Sabanilla, Cadet Dement and Cadet Hicks for being selected to attend Alabama Boys State this year. This is a huge honor as there are only so many boys that get to attend.



June

Summer Reading Program
Kickoff - June 7th
All programs held at the
Adult Activity Center

Percy Jackson
Adventure
Scavenger Hunt
Ask at the circulation
desk

Coming Soon
Graphic Novel Bookclub
"Magic The Gathering" Game Day
Wizarding Wednesday
The Day Beach
Towels

Adventure
BEGINS

ACK About Our **READING INCENTIVE** Cards!!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT THE THOMAS B. NORTON LIBRARY
Deanna Fischer • Youth Services Librarian

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6 10:30AM Adventures in ABC's storytime Jo Billups ABC's of Energy Storytime	7 10:30AM SRP David Stevens Puppeteer
10	11	12 Lego Club 4pm	13 10:30AM Adventures in ABC's storytime "Dinosaurs With Dad" Lego Club 10:30AM	14 10:30AM SRP David Stevens Puppeteer
17 Homeschool Adventures 11AM	18 Crafts Tuesday 4pm	19 Graphic Novel Book Club Ages 4-12 NEW!	20 10:30AM Adventures in ABC's storytime	21 10:30AM SRP Bruce Walstad Magician "What's Your Day?"
24	25	26 NEW!	27 10:30AM Adventures in ABC's storytime Time Traveler Egypt - 4PM NEW!	28 10:30AM SRP Freedom Ranch

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Gulf Shores Public Library has an adventurous summer planned for all ages!

School is out, but that doesn't mean we are slowing down much! Our aviation instructor has been busy flying students, mentors, and special guests on our student-built Van's RV-12. She took GSBOE board member and GSHS parent, Frank Malone, up on an early AM flight today, and she recently flew GSHS alum and current @auburnu student, Sam Long, at sunset. Also, thanks to a donation from @gulf_shores_fire_rescue and to towing services provided by @city_gulfshores, our students will start restoring this awesome Cherokee that was previously going to be used for rescue training!



Congrats to Skylin, Alisha, Lauren, Gage and our other GSCS Creatives! Great representation of our schools and the talent we have! Looking forward to celebrating Skylin, Alisha and Lauren winning at the State and National levels!



Congratulations to Cadet Sabanilla who was elected as a Commissioner and is in the running for Lt. Governor up at Alabama Boys State.



Cadet Hicks was selected for the Flag Detail at Alabama Boys State.



Congrats to upcoming 8th grader Evelyn Lamar on winning the David Musial Open on the Jimmy Green Tour!

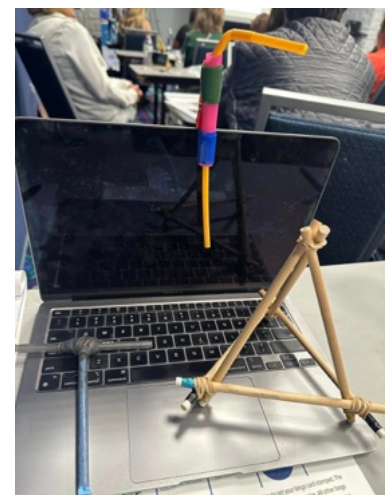


ALL-STATE!

Congrats to Tia, Anna, Anayia, and KK on an amazing season! These girls are very deserving so show them the love they deserve!



Some members of the GSCS Assistive Technology Team are attending the Alabama Educational Technology Conference this week. They made some simple Assistive Tech aides in the Make and Take break out session.



GSHS takes on LSU for 2024 UCA Cheer Camp!
On the first night, we received the Gold Superior Ribbon for Sideline & Cheer Evaluation and on the second night we received Blue Superior Ribbon for Camp Routine Evaluation!

Final Day Championship Awards:

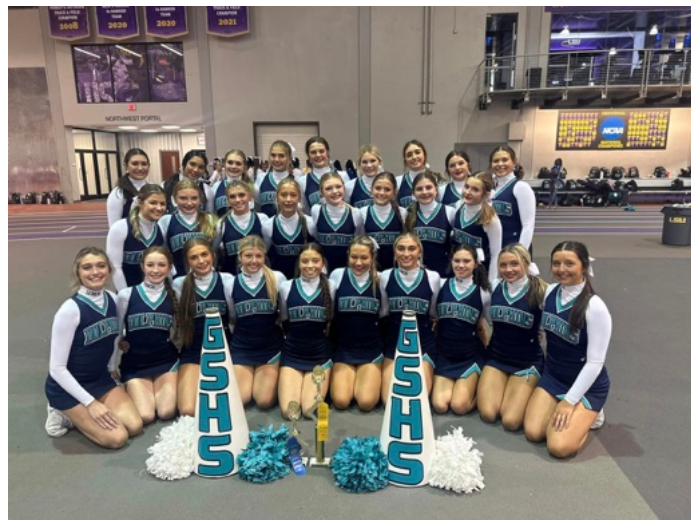
2nd Place- Sideline

3rd Place- Cheer

6 All American Cheerleaders

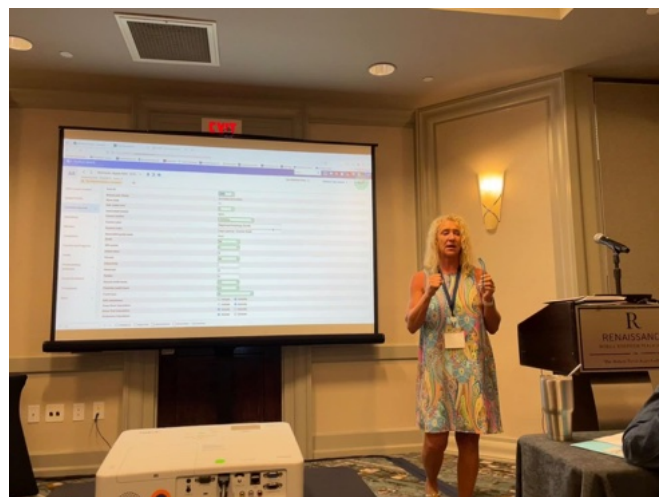
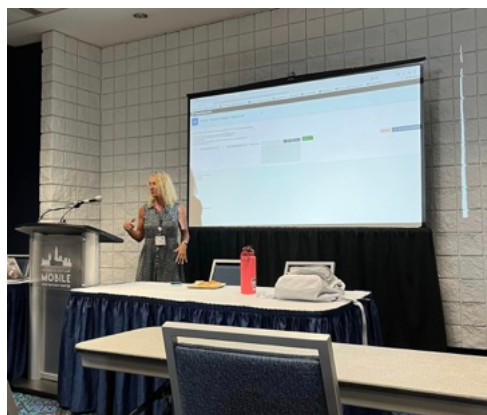
4 Pin it Forward Recipients

And made LOTS of new cheer friends!



Exciting News! Dr. Neth was invited by the ALSDE PowerSchool team to present "Change the Game by using Enterprise Reports" at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference in Mobile, held from June 19-21.

Congratulations to Gulf Shores Girls Golfer Evelyn Lamar, on her second place finish to qualify her to compete at Doral in Miami in July!



Thanks to a Computer Science grant from ALSDE CTE, our school system was able to send four teachers to Colorado to attend the ISTE Live Conference! Mr. Reetz and Ms. Weaver were joined by Ms. Cooper and Mr. McClung, two of our new teachers from [Gulf Shores High School](#). The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) puts on this yearly conference to bring educators from around the world to one location to share knowledge and ideas on the future of technology in the education world. We can't wait to hear all of the ideas they bring back to GSCS!



Gulf Shores High School Teacher, Krista Fleming, wins Presidential Innovation Award from EPA! Congratulations!



Aidan Holdsworth was chosen as the Alabama Gulf Youth Ambassador and received a grant from Gulf Reach Institute to grow marsh plants to help restore shoreline in Little Lagoon. He, along with the Summer WAVE Marine Biology class, planted the black needle rush in Little Lagoon this week! Aidan will continue monitoring coverage of the shoreline and the biodiversity of species living in front of the shoreline to document changes. Thanks again to the Gulf of Mexico Alliance and the NASEM Gulf Research Program for supporting our Gulf Youth and for providing the Gulf Reach Institute the opportunity to keep expanding our work with youth in STEM, health, and advocacy.



Mrs. Smith and Ms. Burleson at GSHS have been in Trussville at the Year 2 A+ College Ready E3 training!



GSHS Rayla Pierce finished 2nd in the Alabama Shipyard Open at Springhill Golf Course!

31 POD Wrestlers are at University of Nebraska Camp!



GSHS cheerleaders put on a cheer clinic for summer camp students!



Windbags in STEAM Camp illustrate the Bernoulli principle!



Mrs. E. Davis' reading camp students enjoyed the folktales genre study!



A fusion of Marine Science and Chemistry of Food in the Summer WAVE when Eric Bradley from Navy Cove Oysters discussed strategies for growing oysters in the Gulf, the benefits to our ecosystem, and the benefits for our health. This was followed by jointly preparing oysters on the half shell (raw and roasted). The students learned about invasive species of the Gulf, like lionfish, and prepared red snapper ceviche.



Math Camp - working hard in the area and perimeter construction zone. Our students worked hard in our Math Camp and we are so proud of them!





GSHS HOBY Ambassadors, Portia Hollis and Ty Pitman, have arrived at Troy University for the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference! Go Dolphins!



Invent Camp from the Inventor's Hall of Fame

Invent Camp from the Inventor's Hall of Fame is coming to Gulf Shores again this year!

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention> or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th (this is the student's current grade for 23-24)

Location: Gulf Shores Middle School 450 E 15th Ave, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Date: July 8 - 12, 2024 Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM \$270 (before discount)

Please send all questions to

Camp Director: Hilary McKinney hmckinney@gsboe.org

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This is limited to students in the Gulf Shores School District.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camps](https://www.invent.org/camps) for other locations near you.

Scan to secure your spot today!

Camp Invention is a nonprofit program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

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Helping the next generation of innovators
through hands-on STEM challenges and mentorship.

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GSES: Back To School - Order Supplies Online

School Supplies for 2024-2025 school year to be delivered to school. Deadline July 12th!

<https://olenskybrothers.wixsite.com/back.../gulf-shores-elem>

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Back to School

ORDER YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES ONLINE & HAVE THEM DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO THE SCHOOL!

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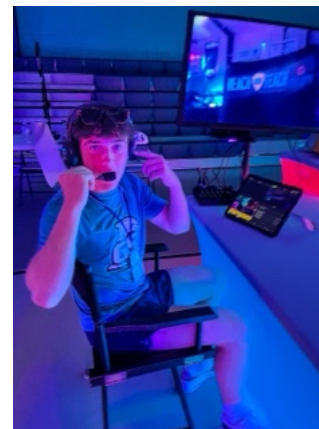
DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JULY 12TH!

PACKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO GULF SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EMAIL COURTNEY@OLENSKYBROTHERS.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

GSMS: Reach and Teach Concert

GSMS students had a blast at our Reach and Teach Concert featuring Jimmy Mowery and the Scratch Team! The advanced art classes made neon glow in the dark posters for the band. The band loved them so much, they had to take some of the posters home with them.



GSHS: Spring Football

Thank you Gulf Shores City/School VIP's and 1st Responders for being our guest at practice. Championship city, high school and team!



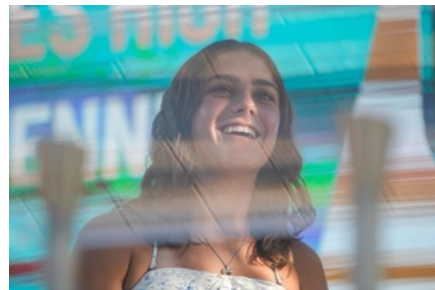
GSHS: Baseball

Congratulations to these two Dolphins! The Lagniappe 2024 All Area Team Class 1A-5A includes Connor Gehr (Pitcher of the Year) and Joseph Stephens (First Team)!



GSHS: State Champions Live Here!

Plenty of Gulf Shores Dolphins (@gulfshoreshs) brought home hardware in their sports this year and they were celebrated by the community at LuLu's (@lulusgulfshores). Individual champions from tennis (Tereza Mojs) and wrestling (Landon Everett and Tia Titi) joined the soccer teams that just returned from their second straight Final Four. The boys' team captured the program's first Blue Map trophy and the girls' squad earned another Red Map trophy as runner-up. They were all given a champions welcome the only way the Gulf Shores community knows how: loud and proud on the water.



K-2 EcoCamp

Mr. Travis Langen introduced our K-2 Eco Camp students to Gulf State Park today. Our school is one of the only schools in the world with a state park across the street!



GSHS Aviation Academy Students Complete First Plane

Gulf Shores High School Aviation Academy students have completed building their first airplane, and it has received FAA approval. Students and school officials celebrated the first public flight of the student-built airplane on May 1 at Gulf Shores International Airport at Jack Edwards Field. Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama State Superintendent of Education, was the passenger on the first flight. Students, partners, administrators, mentors, and teachers were on site to showcase the aircraft and offer tours of the hangar labs.

The Gulf Shores High School Aviation Academy is open to all high school students and includes courses in the mechanics of flight, aerospace engineering, and aircraft maintenance. Students in the academy have the opportunity to earn their drone pilot certification and prepare for the written exam of the FAA private pilot license.

Aviation Academy Instructor Haley Kellogg is a former Gulf Shores High School student who went on to become a commercial pilot. Upon returning to Gulf Shores, Haley joined the Gulf Shores High School faculty with a passion for inspiring students, particularly young women, to pursue a career in aviation. Most of the courses that Haley teaches meet at the hangar labs at Gulf Shores International Airport at Jack Edwards Field. She immerses students in hands-on learning activities ensuring that academic content is connected to real-world career experiences.

Gulf Shores Aviation Academy partners and mentors provide generous and ongoing support for students and the aviation program. Partners and mentors include local expert residents who are passionate about aviation as well as organizations including Gulf Air Center, Gulf Shores International Airport, AeroPro, and Tango Flight. More info: jsampley@gsboe.org.

Pictured: Aviation Academy guests, instructors and students preping for first flight.



GSMS: 8th Grade Banquet/ 6th&7th Masquerade Dance

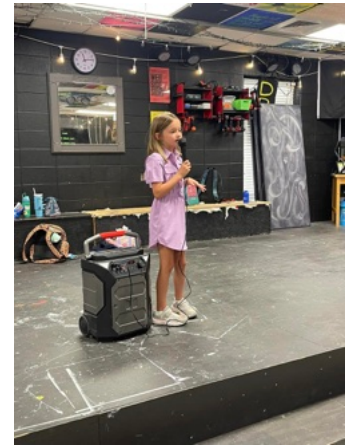


GSE Virtual Academy

GSE Virtual Academy ended the year with Kindergarten Graduation in the morning and our Book-Signing Celebration in the evening for our “Plants Have Parents Too” book! Happy Summer 2024!



Fine Arts Camp



STEAM Summer Camp

Students are learning how to code Sphero robots in summer camp!



GSCS Welcomes New Athletic Director

Gulf Shores found its athletic director to help assist in the return to Class 6A. Jason Watts has spent the last nine years leading Class 7A athletic departments in James Clemens and Sparkman.

Welcome

JASON WATTS - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Coach Watts is originally from Sumiton, Alabama. He and his wife, Shannon, have 2 children - Kendall (17) and McKlain (14).

Coach Watts is a graduate of The University of Alabama where he received his undergraduate degree. He received his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Samford University and his Educational Specialists Degree from The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In his educational tenure, Coach Watts has taught math for 13 years at Homewood Middle School, coached football, track and wrestling, was the Assistant Principal for 2 years at Bragg Middle School, was the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for 4 years at Sparkman High School, and the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at James Clemens High School for 5 years.

We are excited to have Coach Watts and his family join the Dolphins and are looking forward to another championship year in athletics. Go Dolphins!



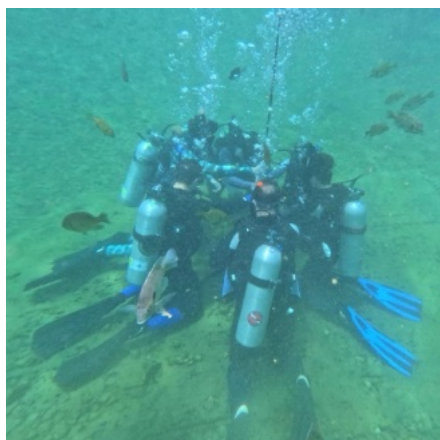
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GSHS: Down Under Dive - Summer Wave

Gulf Shores High School Summer Wave Program students successfully completed their PADI Open Water Dive Certification at Vortex Springs last Sunday!

They were guided by PADI instructors Bryan Eslava and Ethan Davis, alongside dive master candidates Kai McCullins and Hunter Eslava.

Captured in stunning detail by the talented Nicolette Meade, these images document the dedication and achievement of these students in mastering essential diving skills. Congratulations to all on this significant milestone in their underwater exploration journey.



GSHS: Summer Wave Marine Science

Students in Summer Wave Marine Science created a GSCS Time Capsule through our artificial reef design as a way to explore positive human impacts to marine environments. This reef was created in partnership with Reefmaker and will be sunk in the Gulf at a later date.



GSMS EcoTourism Camp

The weather has us day dreaming about our beautiful beach day! Our EcoTourism campers went to the interpretive center where they listened to a presentation on the importance of recycling. After learning how to help our environment, they went down to enjoy some time on the beach!



GSHS: Summer Wave Chemistry of Food

In the wonderful world of Summer WAVE Chemistry of Food...

Students cut up whole chickens and brined them for cooking. The brines were buttermilk and water gradients, equilibrium brine and dry brine. All brines are aqueous solutions that depend on molarity and the solubility rules. They also learned about the nomenclature of simple organic alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes so that we can investigate sugar chemistry!



GSES Dolphin Pride Program in June



Congratulations to GSMS Cheerleaders!

They had a blast at UCA Cheer Camp making memories and new friends and learning new skills to bring home for their season.

Throughout the week they earned many awards!

Blue Superior Ribbon for Sideline & Cheer Evaluation.

Blue Superior Ribbon for Camp Routine Evaluation

The UCA BANANA!

The St. Jude Spirit Award

4 All American Cheerleaders

3 Pin it Forward Recipients

On their final day, they competed and received:

1st Place in Sideline Routine

2nd place Camp Routine

2nd place in Spirit Performance

We are so proud of these girls and their coach for representing GSMS so well! We can't wait to see them perform on the sidelines this season!



GSMS Girls Basketball

Wrapped up our second middle school play date today! 6 games under our belts and got some great experience with our 2 new coaches! Missing a few girls today, but very excited to watch this group grow. Can't wait to get everyone back this fall. Big things ahead! Trust the process, love the grind!



GSMS Yearbook Pickup Dates

The 2023 - 2024 yearbooks can be picked up on the following days. Extra yearbooks will only be sold during scheduled pickups, not during the June or July pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Weaver!



All Athletes Participating in Sports at GSCS

Any student participating in a sport for the 2024-2025 school year must complete the participation and concussion form electronically on DragonFly. This is a new and updated form. If it was signed for the 2023-2024 school year, it will have to be completed again before students can participate in their sport.



GSMS: Themed Camps

Registration has opened for our July Camps. Each week has different options for students so make sure to see all that is offered and click on the link below to sign up before all the spaces are filled!

<https://www.ezchildtrack.com/gsboe/parent/>

**GSMS
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8AM - 12PM**

WEEK 1: JULY 8 - 12

A World of Art

Dive into a vibrant palette of creativity at our 'A World of Art' camp! Unleash your imagination as we journey through various mediums, crafting self-portrait collages, intricate zentangle dragonflies, capturing moments through photography, mastering the ancient art of Japanese tie-dye, and molding clay into decorative dishes. With each stroke and shape, you'll explore the depths of your artistic expression. Cap off your week with an Art Walk where proud parents can marvel at your masterpieces on display, showcasing the culmination of your artistic journey!

Dip Your Toes into the Gulf of Mexico

Get ready to dip your toes into the crystal-clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico! Embark on an immersive exploration of our coastal paradise as we delve into ocean zones, uncover fascinating habitats, and encounter the diverse species that call this stunning region home. From sandy shores to vibrant coral reefs, every splash unveils a new world of wonder and discovery. Let's dive in together and unlock the mysteries of our coastal ecosystem!

SkateCraft: STEAM Skateboard

Embark on a week-long adventure at our STEAM Skateboard Camp where students dive into the realms of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to build their very own skateboards from scratch. From shaping the deck to engineering the trucks and wheels, participants will delve into the physics of balance and motion while exploring their creativity through custom grip tape designs. Once their creations are complete, campers hit the pavement to test their boards, mastering new tricks and conquering obstacles with the thrill of adrenaline-fueled excitement. Whether beginners or seasoned skaters, this camp promises a blend of learning and fun, fostering camaraderie and unforgettable experiences on wheels.

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WEEK 2: JULY 15 - 19

All Things Science

Gear up for a whirlwind adventure through the wonders of science! From biology to earth science and everything in between, prepare to roll up your sleeves and dive headfirst into a series of mind-bending experiments. Grow plants, build contraptions, and even sample some daring culinary concoctions—all in the name of scientific exploration! With each discovery, you'll ignite a spark of curiosity and unleash the scientist within. Get ready to get messy, get curious, and get scienced!

Calling All Readers

Attention all bookworms and literary enthusiasts! It's time to bring your favorite stories to life in our immersive 'Calling All Readers!' camp. Dive into the pages of your most cherished books as we create maps of fantastical worlds, craft costumes inspired by beloved characters, whip up delectable meals or snacks straight from the pages, and perhaps even embark on a thrilling literary field trip. Let your imagination run wild as we celebrate the magic of reading and storytelling together!

RC Rev-Up: Build and Drive

Gear up for a week of high-octane excitement at our RC Car Build and Drive Camp! Dive into the world of remote-controlled vehicles as you design, assemble, and customize your very own RC car from the ground up. Delve into the realms of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics as you learn about circuits, motors, gears, and aerodynamics. Unleash your creativity through custom paint jobs and personalized decals, then buckle up and hit the track as you race against fellow campers in thrilling competitions and obstacle courses. Whether you're a novice enthusiast or a seasoned pro, this camp offers an electrifying blend of hands-on learning and adrenaline-pumping fun that will leave you revved up for more!

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WEEK 3: JULY 22 - 26

Archeology and the Alabama Indian Canal

Embark on a journey back in time to uncover the secrets of Gulf Shores' ancient past! Join us for a week of archaeological exploration as we delve into the fascinating history of the Mississippian Indians who once inhabited this very land. From ancient artifacts to sacred sites, each dig reveals a new chapter in our region's rich cultural heritage. Get your hands dirty and your minds engaged as we unearth the mysteries of the Alabama Indian Canal, connecting past and present in a thrilling archaeological adventure!

Game On: Virtual Arena eSports

Step into the virtual arena and level up your gaming skills at our eSports Camp! Get ready for a week-long gaming extravaganza where you'll dive into the worlds of Rocket League, Fortnite, League of Legends, and more, alongside thrilling virtual reality experiences. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or just starting out, our expert coaches will guide you through strategies, teamwork tactics, and individual techniques to help you dominate the digital battlefield. Engage in heart-pounding matches, hone your reflexes, and collaborate with fellow gamers in a supportive and immersive environment. With state-of-the-art equipment and cutting-edge technology at your fingertips, this camp promises an electrifying fusion of competition, camaraderie, and endless fun. Get ready to game like never before and unleash your inner champion!

Live Your Best Life

Get ready to embrace the power of wellness and live your best life at our energizing camp! Explore the fundamentals of nutrition, decode food labels like a pro, and uncover the secrets of how diet and exercise fuel your body and mind. From invigorating workouts to scenic walks and bike rides, each day is packed with opportunities to move, groove, and feel your best self. Get ready to unlock the keys to a healthier, happier you—and unleash your full potential!

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SAVE the DATE

5/27-31: GSHS: Fine Arts Camp (8:00am-3:00pm)
 5/29-6/28: GSMS: EcoCamp (8:00am - 12:00pm)
 5/29-6/28: GSES: Dolphin Pride Summer Program (7:30am-5:30pm)
 6/3-7/25: GSHS: Summer Wave
 6/6: BOE: Work Session 4:00pm
 6/8/: GSHS: ACT
 6/10 -13: GSCS: Bus Driver Education Training at HS (8:30am-1:00pm)

6/13: BOE: Regular Board Meeting 5:00pm
 6/17-21: GSCS: CNP Conference at HS (8:00am-5:00pm)
 6/27:BOE: Special Calle Meeting 1:00pm
 6/24-28: GSHS: Color Guard Camp (1:00pm - 8:00pm)

GSCS Board Meeting Round Up: Too busy to attend school board meetings, but still wanna know more? Check out the episodes of **“Board Shorts”** to stay up-to-date.

Happening at GSCS:

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The 2024-2025 school year begins on August 8th. Have you registered to become a Dolphin? Now is the time! MakeWaves!

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