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ASL Night at Rome Emperors Game

The High School had a fun outing to a Rome Emperors minor league baseball game last week. Many GSD staff also attended. The Georgia Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GCDHH) hosted ASL Night at the game and the special ticket price included a very cool t-shirt with ROME in fingerspelling and the Emperors' penguin logo. GCDHH asked if a student would be interested in performing the national anthem in ASL and senior Raybon Zinn volunteered. He did an awesome job! You can check out the video on our media channels. Everyone who attended had a great time watching the game and socializing. Many thanks to Lara Whitfield-Garfinkel and GCDHH for hosting this event!





HS dorm students and staff; Raybon ready to perform





GSD staff and alumni in the stands; Raybon with Marie; Raybon with the Emperor mascot.





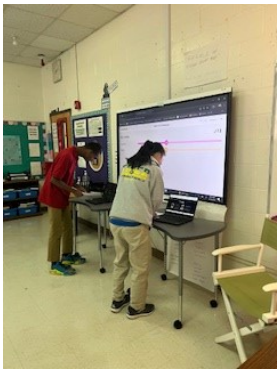


GSD teachers wearing their new ASL Rome Emperors shirts at work on Friday; Raybon on screen at the game; Close up of shirt design.

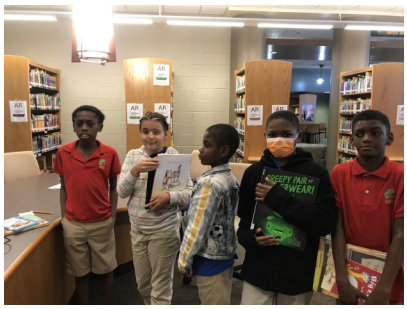


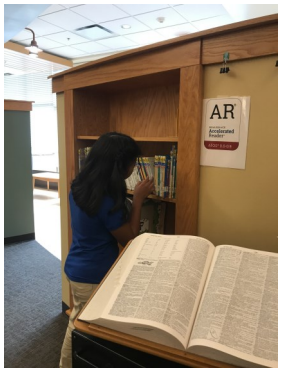
Attention! Tigers at Work!

GSD Tigers of every age have been working hard in their classes. These pictures show just a little of their great efforts!









Students in Mallory Edge's HS ELA classes did Quizlet Live relays to practice their vocabulary in a fun interactive way; Jamie Anderson's Language Arts students learned library skills that will help them find books and follow the library procedures.









High School 101 students are practicing their culinary skills with Graduation Coach Cheryl Beard and parapro Joe Ware in preparation for opening the Tiger Café! Students in the Brain Grow enrichment group practice questions for the upcoming Academic Bowl team try-out.





Sisters Allison and Holly had a great time at Camp Juliena in the summer!

Autumn and Elijah have fun with a dinosaur.

Dr. Jamie Herston, Special Ed Coordinator, made a staff meeting about IEPs fun (and tasty!) by having the teachers make a candy salad (a current social media trend) video in ASL! Look for the video on our socials!



Upcoming Events

- **9/6: Mid-Quarter 1**
- **9/9: Volleyball at Armuchee, 5 pm**
- **9/10: Optimist Club Student of the Month luncheon**
- **9/10 & 11: Dorm shopping**
- **9/11: Volleyball at AASD, 4 pm**
- **9/12: Emerge HS Leadership**
- **9/13 Q1 Progress Reports sent home**
- **9/16-17 ASL-EST assessments**
- **Sat. 9/21: Volleyball at Alabama (travel 9/20-9/22)**
- **9/22 First Day of Fall**





INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH
VISUAL AND HEARING CHALLENGES
TO **"BE LIKE HELEN"**



Camp Courage
A HELEN KELLER EXPERIENCE

Camp Courage is a three-day program designed for students rising into the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades with visual and/or hearing impairments. This unique camp aims to:

- Encourage and inspire children to develop greater confidence in their abilities.
- Form lifelong connections with other students across Alabama.
- Create a vision for their future.

OCTOBER 3-5, 2024



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HIGHLIGHTS:

- THE MIRACLE WORKER CAST'S PERFORMANCE OF ANNIE'S ARRIVAL AT IVY GREEN.
- ARTS, CRAFTS, AND MUSIC.
- SPECIAL PROGRAMS, FIELD TRIP TO 20TH CENTURY FARM, DISCUSSIONS, AND MORE!
- MEAL AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR ALL

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SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE:

- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA PRESERVICE TEACHERS SPECIALIZING IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AS CAMP COUNSELORS
- HELEN KELLER FELLOWS AND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

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All GSD students will graduate with a positive Deaf identity as bilinguals in American Sign Language and English, and will be prepared to make successful life choices.

Sharion Gooden, Superintendent

Jamie Herston, Special Education Coordinator

Dear Georgia State Schools Families,

It is with a heavy heart that we address the tragic events that occurred today at Apalachee High School in Winder, GA. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with all those impacted by this senseless act of violence. In times like these, we are reminded of the sacred trust you place in us every day when you send your children to our schools. We do not take that responsibility lightly.

At Georgia State Schools, the safety and security of our students are our top priority. We are committed to creating a safe learning environment through a comprehensive approach that includes significant investments in security systems, state-of-the-art mass communication technology, exterior & interior access control measures. Each classroom is equipped with robust access control hardware to ensure the safety of our students and staff when in a lockdown situation.

Our staff members are thoroughly trained in various life-saving techniques including CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed, Citizens Response to an Active Shooter Event (CRASE), and Intruder Response. We drill for a variety of emergency-related events on a regular basis. We maintain strong partnerships with local and state law enforcement as well as multiple emergency response agencies. By conducting regular safety drills and training alongside our community partners, we are prepared to respond effectively in any emergency.

We want to assure you that school safety remains at the forefront of all that we do. We are steadfast in our commitment to protecting your children and will continue to take every measure possible to keep our schools safe and secure.

Thank you for your trust and partnership as we navigate these challenging times together.

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