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The MakeWaves Monthly

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



Superintendents' Message

Gulf Shores City Schools continues to raise the bar, putting our district on the map in the best possible way! More than 200 students from Gulf Shores High School, Gulf Shores Middle School, and Gulf Shores Elementary School participated in a meaningful day at the beach alongside Dune Doctors. Students installed dune-building plants and learned firsthand about the importance of preserving and protecting our coastal dune ecosystem.

Thank you for making our third annual Gulf Shores Gives Back event such a tremendous success. We are incredibly appreciative of our students, employees, parents, and community members for their willingness to serve, show team spirit, and promote positive energy. Our students would not have the opportunity to develop lifelong habits of community service without the leadership and dedication of our employees—thank you for guiding the way! While many individuals contributed to the planning and coordination of Gulf Shores Gives Back, we would especially like to recognize the Mental Health Advisory/Gulf Shores Gives Back Committee. This dedicated group has been meeting for more than a year to thoughtfully plan and prepare for this special day. If you were unable to participate this year, we hope you will join us next year for this inspiring annual event. We also invite you to visit the Gulf Shores Gives Back page on our website to view photos and videos from this memorable day.

We encourage our students, parents, and community members to stay involved in district events. Full engagement makes our district stronger.

Make Waves!

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

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VIRTUAL ACADEMY



Health & Wellness



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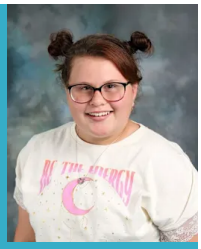
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Meet Our Student WaveMakers of the Month

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – KINSLEY ARMKNECHT



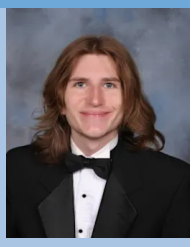
Grade: 5th Grade
Area of Recognition: Character & Citizenship
I'm a WaveMaker because…
I am happy to nominate Kinsley Armkecht for the WaveMaker Award. Kinsley is a kind, hardworking student whose maturity truly stands out. She is often the first to offer help, whether that means assisting a classmate, helping with classroom responsibilities, or lending a hand around our campus. I have had the pleasure of teaching Kinsley in both 4th and 5th grade, and during that time she has been a steady, positive presence in the classroom. I have seen her quietly step in to support classmates who need encouragement, always without asking for recognition. She treats both students and adults with respect and consistently leads by example. Kinsley's strong work ethic, caring nature, and maturity make her a wonderful role model for others. She shines bright every day and truly represents the spirit of the WaveMaker Award. I am proud to nominate her. ~Nominated by Heather Bender~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – MALLORY "MALLIE" BURCHFIELD



Grade: 8th Grade
Area of Recognition: Effort, Kindness & Outstanding Character
I'm A WaveMaker because…
Claire Turner: I would like to nominate Mallory "Mallie" Burchfield for Gulf Shores Middle School WaveMaker. Mallie is a wonderful student who truly embodies what it means to be a WaveMaker. She consistently goes out of her way to make others feel welcome and included. Mallie is a great friend to her peers and ensures that all students feel valued on campus. She is often seen with a smile on her face in the hallways and treats everyone she encounters with kindness and respect. Academically, Mallie always puts her best foot forward in her classes. She demonstrates a strong work ethic and gives her best effort in everything she does. Even when things become challenging, Mallie does not give up. Her perseverance and dedication are evident in every assignment she completes, making her an excellent role model for others.
Blossom Hinyub: Although I will not be teaching Mallory this year, my prior experience with her allows me to speak confidently about her exceptional work ethic and character. She consistently completes all classwork, prepares thoroughly for assessments, and participates actively in class. Both in and out of the classroom, Mallory demonstrates a positive and bright attitude; she is polite, helpful, and consistently upbeat. She truly exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding student and is someone any teacher would be fortunate to have in their class.

HIGH SCHOOL – TIMOTHY "TY" PITMAN



Grade: 12th Grade
Area of Recognition: STEM Excellence, Leadership, Service
I'm A WaveMaker because…
Ty Pitman is an exceptional student whose achievements and character make him a standout representative of the Gulf Shores City Schools core values. He is a foundational member of our cybersecurity teams, a runner-up in the Congressional App Challenge, and the 1st-place winner at the State Tech Fair for his manually coded website. As a founding member and president of the FIRST Robotics team, Hyperwave, Ty leads with maturity, initiative, and a drive that inspires his peers. His dedication extends beyond school events; he has volunteered at youth robotics competitions in both Florida and Mississippi and has represented our programs at the Harvest Festival, Club Trick-or-Treat, and AP Night. Ty's innovation and service also shine through his creation of a functional app for the Special Education Resource Room and the fishing game he submitted for the Governor's App Challenge. Academically, he maintains straight A's, but even more impressive are his leadership skills and willingness to tackle challenges from which others may shy away. Ty's excellence in STEM, his commitment to community outreach, and his natural ability to lead make him a truly deserving candidate for WaveMaker of the Month.
~Nominated by Jamie McClung~

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

Meet Our Staff WaveMakers of the Month

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – JESSIE ENGLISH (BOOKKEEPER)



I'm a WaveMaker because…
Jessie is a true team player whose presence makes a meaningful difference every single day. She brings a wonderful balance of warmth, professionalism, and positivity to our school, creating an environment where people feel supported, welcomed, and cared for. Jessie is always happily willing to step in wherever she is needed, whether or not it falls within her job responsibilities, and she consistently goes above and beyond to ensure things run smoothly. From receipting and bookkeepers' tasks to pizza days and birthday ice cream celebrations, she handles every detail with care and excellence. Jessie adds genuine joy to the office, along with plenty of laughter, and her calm, easy-going nature puts everyone at ease. At the same time, her strong sense of responsibility and dedication to doing things well make her a true WaveMaker. She works efficiently, follows through on every task, and approaches challenges with perseverance, a positive attitude, and a sincere willingness to learn. Over the past year, Jessie has grown tremendously in her role while building strong, meaningful relationships with students, staff, and parents. Throughout each day, she ensures all bookkeepers' tasks are completed and takes time to answer staff questions with patience, kindness, and a servant's heart. She also supports parents with payments throughout the year, always offering an upbeat spirit and a welcoming smile. Jessie's impact reaches far beyond her role; she is truly a WaveMaker for our entire school community. ~Nominated by GSES Admin Team~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – LARRY SHOEMAKER & CHRISTY MIMS (PTI)





I'm a WaveMaker because…
Our two part-time instructors/interventionists, Coach Larry Shoemaker and Mrs. Christy Mims, exemplify what it means to be Wave Makers at Gulf Shores Middle School. They are consistently flexible in day-to-day planning to meet the evolving needs of our school and students and never hesitate to step in wherever support is needed. They go beyond their assigned roles by checking in on students' academic, emotional, and social well-being and by providing support to any student who needs it. Whether covering break duties, assisting with state and benchmark testing, or saying "yes" to whatever the day brings, they demonstrate an unwavering commitment to excellence and service. Their dedication, positivity, and willingness to go the extra mile make a lasting impact on our school community and instill pride in our school.
Thank you, Coach Shoemaker and Mrs. Mims!
~Nominated by Kelly Green~

HIGH SCHOOL – SHIRLEY LOWE (STUDENT SERVICES)



I"m A WaveMaker because…
It is an honor and a privilege to nominate Shirley Lowe as a WaveMaker. There is not a single day that goes by when she is not talking with, worrying about, or working alongside a student who is struggling to complete their work. She is a vital part of our Special Education Department and consistently goes above and beyond to support both students and teachers by communicating about missing work and academic needs.
Students affectionately refer to her as "Mama Lowe," a true reflection of the care, compassion, and trust she builds with them. We genuinely cannot think of a student who does not have a strong, positive relationship with her. Shirley is always willing to go the extra mile; whether that means making sure a student has a snack when they're hungry, offering a shoulder to cry on, or simply being someone who listens.
Shirley Lowe is truly a WaveMaker.
~Nominated by Zach Goff & Brian Parrish~

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

Health & Wellness

There is no better way to bond and check your wellness than tackling obstacles 28 feet in the air together! We were thrilled to host Gulf Shores Middle School teachers for their training day and a team building program on our Lookout Adventure Course!





Arts Education

Superiors and Solo & Ensemble!!!
Mrs. Barnett's 16 member Gulf Shores City Schools Vocal Ensemble, comprised of students in Grades 6-10, earned a Superior (Highest Rating) at the Alabama Vocal Association's Solo & Ensemble Festival today at Eastern Shore Baptist Church in Daphne. In an additional 17 events, Sound Waves Choir members received 13 Superiors and 4 Excellents (second highest rating). Way to go choir students! You represented Dolphin Nation well!!
Superior Vocal Solos : 6th-Gia Diaz, Maggie Kennedy; 7th-Stella Jones, Maxim Vasilchev; 8th-Lewis Kakish, Hayes Wheat; 9th-Adrianna Dalier, Tinsley Haley, Emma Kakish; 10th-Sophia Bauer, Kaitlyn Venable
Superior Duets: 8/9th-Lewis Kakish & Emma Kakish; 10th-Sophia Bauer & Kaitlyn Venable
Excellent Vocal Solos: 7th-Sean Price; 8th-Maddie Inzer
Excellent Duets: 7/8th- Stella Jones & Maddy Inzer; 9th-Jizelle Davis & Emma Kakish



Athletics

Gulf Shores' Carter Davis now the fastest man in Alabama after indoor track state championship.



Teaching & Learning

Mrs. Blevins' class had a special guest reader today- Sergeant Lambert!



Elementary School

Gracie-Claire and Chloe donated books to Ms. Weekley in the library. The author of both books is their grandmother, Connie R. Goldman!



Middle School

We're excited to share that Gulf Shores Middle School is now serving fresh, homemade biscuits thanks to the hard work and dedication of our amazing GSCNP staff!

A special shout-out to Mrs. Arnold's career exploration classes for lending a helping hand—Charlotte Miles and Glouria Tartabini are pictured assisting behind the scenes as part of this tasty teamwork!
We love seeing our students involved in real-world experiences while supporting our



High School

Our Gulf Shores High School Sports Medicine students have been BUSY.
Mastered and checked off vital signs
Completed hand, wrist & thumb taping skills
Started practicing wound care & splinting techniques
Served our community at the 3rd Annual Gulf Shores Give Back Day
So proud of their hard work, growth, and heart for service. The future of sports medicine is bright in Dolphin Nation!





Virtual Academy

Our 4th–5th grade virtual students as they take important steps in preparing for the spring ACAP!
Students have been working hard on on-demand writing prompts and math practice assessments.
The best part of the week? Getting to see and connect with one another!



Connect With Us! Stay informed on what's happening with Gulf Shores City Schools!
District/Schools Websites - Facebook - X - Instagram - You Tube - GSCS Mobile App

Gulf Shores City Schools robotics programs build with STEAM



Congratulations to our GSMS students on their hard work and incredible accomplishments!

District VII All-State Audition Results

All-State

Andrew Byrom, Percussion
Claudia Kelton, Percussion
Isaac Dejean, Trombone
Garrett Greene, Tuba
Lora Lassiter, Flute (Alternate)

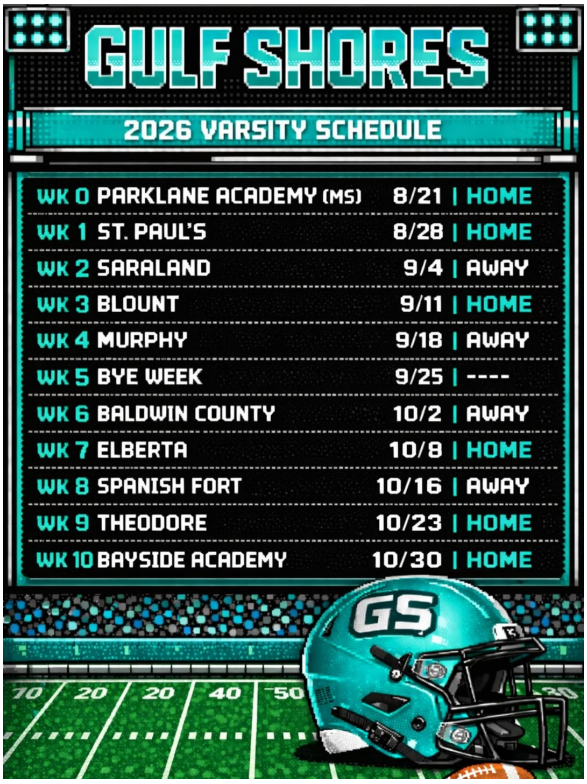
All-District

Jacob McCrary, Percussion
Liam Mixon, Alto Saxophone
Norah Grace Lowry, Flute (Alternate)

Congratulations!

GS BANDS

2026 Fall Football Schedule is out!



Free-Cook-Friday with Madsen's Culinary 1 at GSHS!

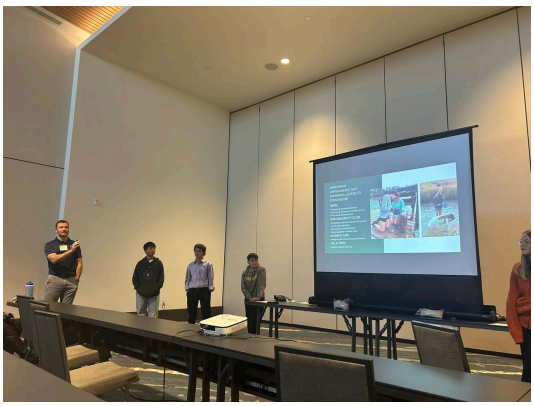






Gulf Shores Middle School students, Remi, JC, Max, Charlotte, Ali, Beck, and Olivia joined Mr. Schaff and Mrs. Morales at The **Alabama Coastal Foundation**'s Sustainability Summit 2026. They shared how outdoor learning experiences have impacted their personal outlook on the environment and stewardship. We are so proud of our students and the important work they continue to do in and out of class!



Congratulations to Landon Everett at GSHS for receiving a Congressional Nomination to the U.S. Service Academy from Senator Katie Britt.
The process of earning an appointment to a Service Academy is a competitive process. In addition to securing a congressional nomination, candidates must meet the rigorous academic, physical, and character standards of each institution. Receiving a nomination is one of the final steps before an academy determines appointments.
Landon will be attending the United States Military Academy (West Point) next year. Congratulations, Landon!



Congratulations to GSHS Price Stephens for being selected as the Region 1 Area 2 Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete! The Bryant-Jordan Foundation Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Scholarship recognizes student athletes who demonstrate leadership and exceptional academics through participation in sports throughout their high school careers and are planning to pursue a professional certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree after high school. Congratulations, Price!



Gulf Shores Gives Back is February 26th! Senior student Portia Hollis joined the Sunny Morning Show to share about this school and city-wide day of service!



Pre-K After school ECO Trip to the Sensory Trail - we enjoyed exploring with all five senses!











Our reading story at GSES is, “Who Are Government’s Leaders?” We have learned about leaders for our country, state, and city. Today we had a guest speaker, Mr. Harris, who is a GS City Councilman. He explained his role in helping the Mayor make our city a great place to live. Our class had lots of great questions to ask and loved his visit, especially his grandson Fletcher!



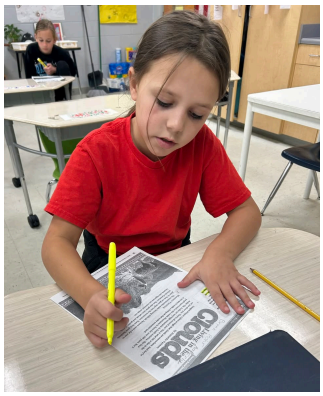


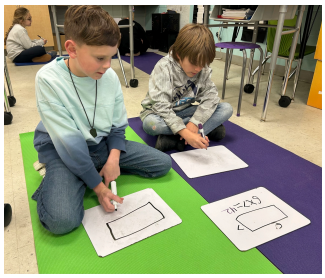


Read Across America SPIRIT WEEK is next week, March 2nd-6th! Dress-up days are all week long!



A week in the life of a third grader at GSES in Ms. Cocke's class.










DON'T MISS ANOTHER SCORE, SET, GOAL OR RUN!

The Gulf Shores Athletics App is the best source for the latest news, schedules, scores and rosters. Follow every team and club in one mobile app!

START USING THE GULF SHORES ATHLETICS APP TODAY!

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Download the app by visiting the Apple or Google Play app store and search "Gulf Shores Athletics"



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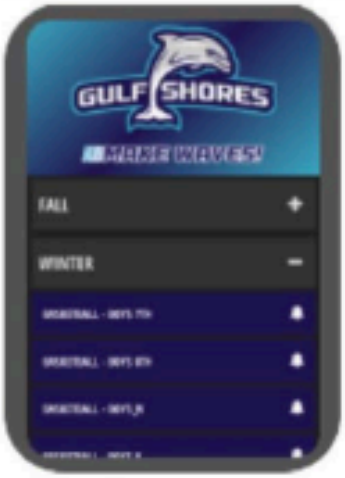
STEP 2:

Sign in with your 10-digit mobile number for login code to access the app...only have to do this once!



STEP 3:

Browse through NEWS, TEAMS and the SCHEDULE. Click on TEAMS and scroll through the list. Tap on the bell icon to follow a team.



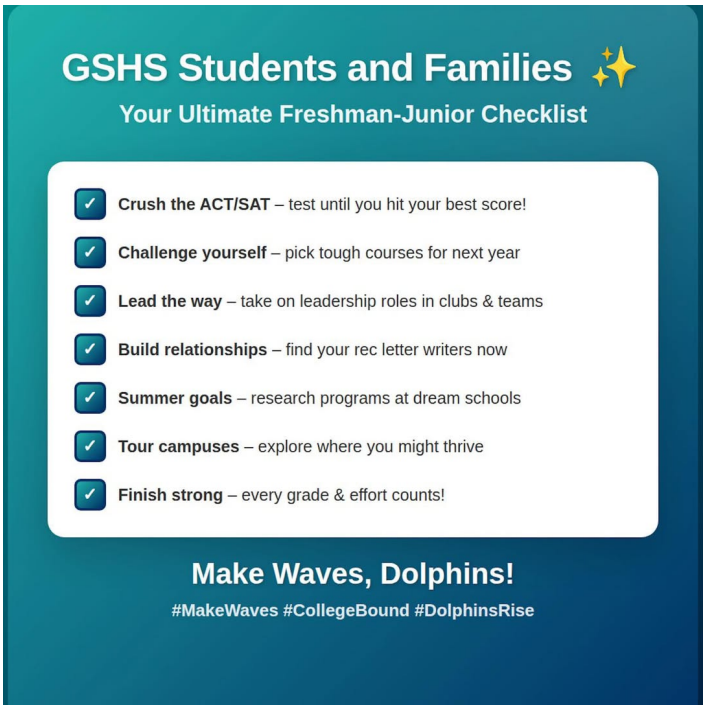
STEP 4:

Tap on teams to view their NEWS, SCHEDULE, SCORES and ROSTER. Select the bell in the top right corner to manage notifications.



GULF SHORES

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STATE CHAMPION ALERT
Congratulations to our first ever BACK TO BACK STATE CHAMPION in wrestling!!! Khloe Henshaw pinned her opponent to win the AHSAA 6A State Title in Huntsville and finished the season with an undefeated record! Let's Go, Dolphins! Congratulations, Khloe!





GSMS wishes everyone could feel the hope that the Sustainability Club kids inspire! We discussed the ecosystem services that oysters provide to our local ecosystems, and we decorated oysters while we learned. Did you know... Oyster reefs act like natural water-cleaning systems by filtering out algae and pollution, improving water clarity and quality. They also build reef habitats that protect shorelines from erosion and provide shelter and nursery space for many fish and marine animals.









Congrats to our awesome GSHS Food Science team for placing 2nd overall in entree at the Super Bowl Showdown, Battle of the Bowls, today! Chef Jon Kastner and Coach Jason Hill provided this amazing opportunity for our students to compete against adult teams in the community, and they rocked it with their cheeseburger dumplings! Congrats to the team, and special thanks to Seaglass Initiative for inviting our team to compete!









Exciting news, everyone! Gulf Shores NJROTC has been recognized for our Cadets' amazing work with Toys for Tots! Lieutenant General Anderson, Commander of Marine Forces Reserve, sent letters to all 64 Cadets and our principal, Dr. Webb, along with a Commander's Award for our service to the community. It's not every day you get a personal letter from a 3-Star General! We are truly grateful to our community for the incredible generosity that made this possible and to the Office of Marine Corps Reserve for ensuring every one of our Cadets received this incredible recognition. This letter will be a great addition to college and ROTC scholarship applications. Huge shoutout to everyone involved—so proud of our accomplishment! BRAVO ZULU!



17 December 2025

Dear Cadet [redacted],

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your dedicated support of the Marine Toys for Tots program. Your commitment helps bring joy to millions of economically disadvantaged children in the United States, making their holiday season brighter and fostering hope for a better future. Thank you again for your unwavering support and for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Semper Fidelis,

Leonard F. Anderson IV
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
and Marine Forces South

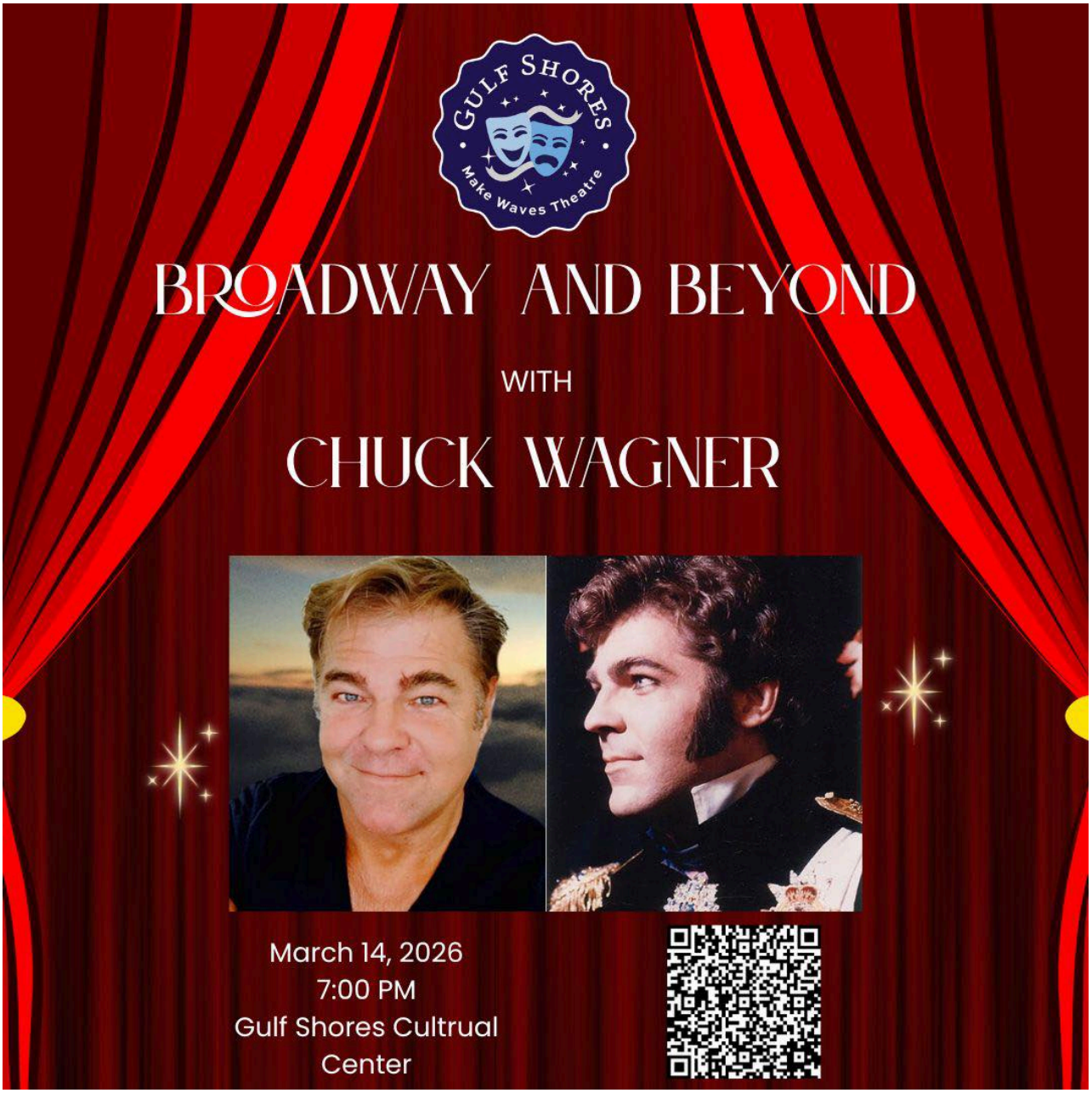


The Gulf Shores Junior City Council is thrilled to announce the return of its Spring Market, scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Waterway Village. The Spring Market will feature a wide variety of items, including local produce, baked goods, products from local retailers, and unique arts and crafts. Guests can enjoy delicious options from onsite food trucks or dining at nearby restaurants. “This event is a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses and experience the creativity and flavors of our community,” said Lindsey Hart, Public Engagement Manager. “We’re proud that the Junior City Council leads this initiative, giving students hands-on experience in civic engagement and event planning.” ! Categories include fresh foods, cottage kitchen items, handcrafted goods, and plants. Vendors must be original producers and comply with all applicable permits and health regulations. For details or to apply, visit Spring Market. The Junior City Council program empowers high school students in grades 10–12 to learn about local government, develop leadership skills, and make a positive impact through community projects like the Spring Market. For more information, visit www.gulfshoresal.gov or contact Lindsey Hart at lhart@gulfshoresal.gov



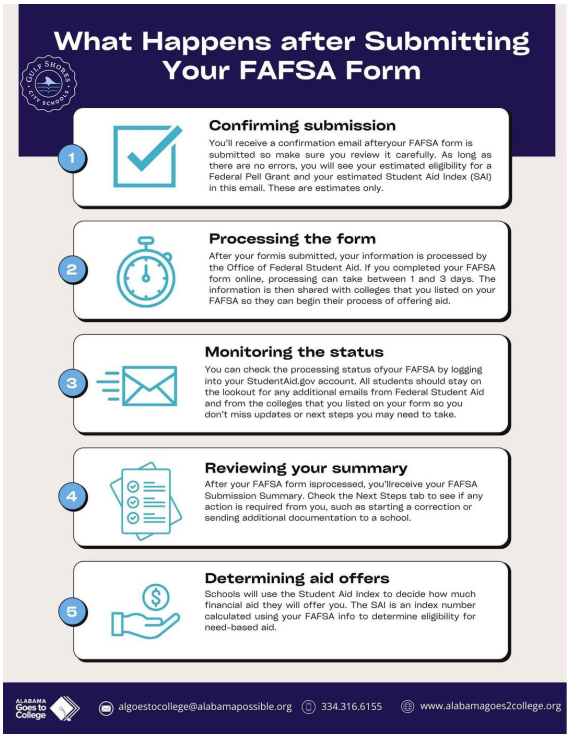
Gulf Shores High School's Make Waves Theatre is excited to have Broadway Veteran, Chuck Wagner, on March 14, 2026 at 7:00 at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center.
Mr. Wagner has starred in many Broadway and touring productions such as: Athos in The Three Musketeers; Rapunzel's Prince in Into the Woods; Inspector Javert in Les Misérables. The Beast in Disney's Beauty and the Beast; Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde in Jekyll and Hyde; General Harrison Howell in Kiss Me Kate; Dracula, Van Helsing, and Quincey Morris in DraculaThe Musical. Wagner also sang the role of Sir Percival Blakeney, aka The Scarlet Pimpernel, in the original concept recording of The Scarlet Pimpernel .
Mr. Wagner will spend Saturday morning teaching a masterclass and rehearsing with our students to get them ready for their production of "Into the Woods". At 7:00, we will have a fundraiser concert with Mr. Wagner and the cast of Gulf Shores High School's Into the Woods.
Please join us for a night of Broadway Music.
Admission Cost is $20 and tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code below or clicking on this link:

https://gofan.co/event/5991619?schoolId=AL19814_2



GS SOFTBALL girls are ready to Roll.





Celebrating Arbor Day in Gulf Shores!
The City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board recently honored the talented 5th-grade winners of the 2026 Arbor Day Art Contest during our City Council meeting on February 9. This annual contest inspires local students to showcase the importance of trees in our community.

2026 Art Contest Winners:
1st Place: Amelia Chissev (Mrs. Gunter's 5th Grade) – Entry sent to State for judging
2nd Place: Crew Rouse (Mrs. Terrell's 5th Grade)
3rd Place: Gracie-Claire Odom (Mrs. Gunter's 5th Grade)



The final round of the GSMS Amazing Shake has officially ended, and our Top 6 finalists did a phenomenal job! The Amazing Shake is a professional skills competition that was created at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. It is designed to help students develop confidence, communication skills, leadership, and professionalism. This year, GSMS brought this experience to our students through four exciting rounds of competition: Work the Room, The Gauntlet, TheHot Seat, and the Fish Bowl.

Over the coming days, we'll be sharing highlights and celebrating the incredible effort, growth, and courage shown by ALL of our 58 participants throughout each round. These students impressed and inspired us with their poise, character, and determination.

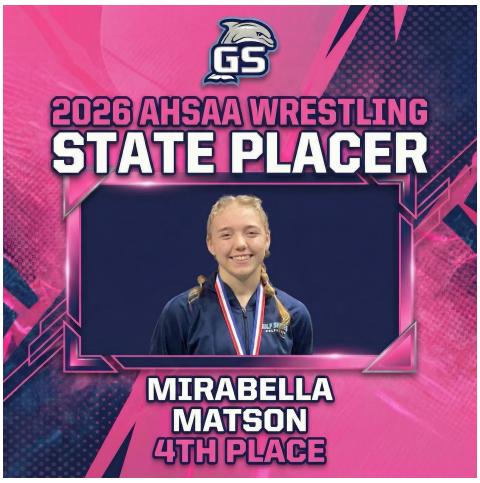
On Wednesday, we proudly celebrate our 2026 GSMS Amazing Shake Champion, Savannah Hancock, and our Runner-Up, Katelyn Hamilton. Both young ladies demonstrated outstanding professionalism, confidence, and grace under pressure, and we could not be more proud of them!

Please join us in congratulating Savannah and Katelyn on this incredible achievement. Next up for them- The Global Amazing Shake in Atlanta!









Congratulation to your Gulf Shores Wrestling 2026 State Placers!!!
Girls State Placers
Sophomore- Khloe Henshaw - 2X State Champion
Freshman - Mirabella Matson - Fourth
Boys State Placers - 7th Place Team
175 - Freshman - Joaquin Salas - Third
126 - Junior - Rhys Coulter - Fourth
144 - Senior - Hayden Cook - Fourth
157 - Senior -Gabriel Goodwin - Fifth



Congratulations to the rest of the team and coaches on a year full of growth! The future is bright for the GS WRESTLING POD!!!







Registration for the 2026-2027 Gulf Shores Beginning Band is Officially Open! Any student CURRENTLY in 5th, 6th, or 7th grade is invited to join! To register, fill out the Digital Enrollment form below!
We will be having an informational meeting this Thursday, March 12th at 6:00pm in the GSMS Lunchroom!
You can find the online enrollment form HERE: **https://forms.gle/Dwrzhx7ejmaiaKECA**
Also, please sign up for the remind. Link here: **https://www.remind.com/join/gsmsbb27**





Today is Gulf Shores City Schools Gives Back Day and while our campus is serving throughout the community, our HOSA crew is serving in a different way.
13 students + 1 very proud advisor are in Montgomery at the HOSA – Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference, “giving back” to the future of healthcare.
By competing, learning, leading, and growing — these students are investing in the patients and communities they will one day serve.
Service looks different for everyone.
Today, ours looks like scrubs, business suits, skills, leadership, and a whole lot of heart.





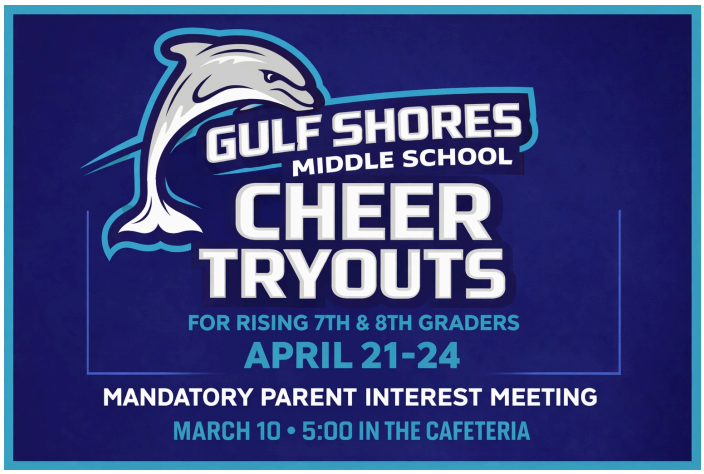
Three Aviation students at GSHS got an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Airbus during Job Shadow Day! These students traveled to Mobile to tour their manufacturing site and met with representatives from 25 different business functions within the company, learning about their day-to-day responsibilities and their career paths to Airbus. From logistics and finance to engineering, apprentices, and flight line operations, the students got an opportunity to learn and ask questions about it all. We are grateful for our partnership with Airbus.





GSHS would like to thank the Marshals Krewe for hosting a benefit dinner for their Trades of Tomorrow Scholarship. Please consider purchasing a ticket and attending. The more money raised, the more scholarships that will be available for our students.





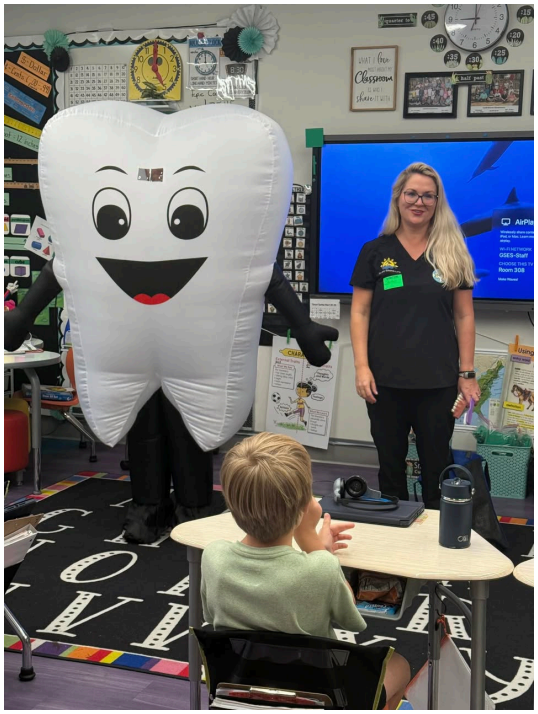
Coach Rodrigue's Driver's Ed students at GSHS got in the lab today with some experiments from the University of Alabama. Students were able to use the driving simulator while other students caused distractions. Also, some students used the "drunk goggles", which gives the effect of intoxication while driving. This day in the lab helps prepare students to be better drivers before getting behind the wheel of a car.





Mrs. Parker's 2nd Grade enjoyed learning about Dental Health with Dr. Long and Mr. Molar!





Over 80 education and industry partners gathered to inform and recruit 8-12th grade students and the GSHS College & Career Fair. This was a great experience for each grade level to engage and ask questions about a variety of programs, apprenticeships, summer jobs, and future careers available in our community and region. Thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to State Representative Frances Holk-Jones for speaking to the students about the importance of community involvement and advocacy. We are truly grateful for the support of our partners!





























Gulf Shores High School
2026-2027
VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Zoey Allison
Kaitlyn Beal
Sara Riley Bennett
Maddy Burkett
Ella Grace Coop
Chancey Dobbs
Alex Foote
Liliana Grandy
Clare Ivy
Peyton Krueger
Sully Kutter
Melissa Montiel
Olivia Moody
Annika Mullis
Sydney Prantl
Ali Romanstine
Caroline Taylor
Rivers Watley
Hannah Willman

Gulf Shores High School
2026-2027
JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Savannah Adams
Claire Anthony
Emma Forehand
Londyn Grandy
Mayson Hixson
Lexy Malone
Catherine McAleer
Andi Price
Tanna Prichard
Ansley Rezek
Emily Roberts
Maddox Tabb
Maddi Thomas

The Gulf Shores Gives Back day commenced with a Color Guard ceremony, followed by a visit to the Veterans Home in Bay Minette. Although Bay Minette is outside the city limits of Gulf Shores, our debt of gratitude to veterans knows no bounds, and we believe that personally visiting them was the most meaningful way to express our appreciation. During our visit, we had the privilege of meeting several remarkable individuals, including a veteran of the Secret Service who had protected three U.S. presidents, as well as several veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
A highlight of the day was the opportunity for our Cadets to engage in conversation with a 101-year-old World War II Veteran. Most of our kids had never met someone born so long ago, no less a military hero from our Greatest Generation. The visit hit these Navy ROTC kids on a level that you don't usually see as there were many tears shed when we had to leave. It was an amazing experience for all of us.







Our very first **Next Wave** event, highlighting all of our elective classes and extracurricular programs. It was such a special opportunity to showcase the creativity, talent, and hard work happening beyond the core classroom.































GSCS Joins The Mardi Gras Parade







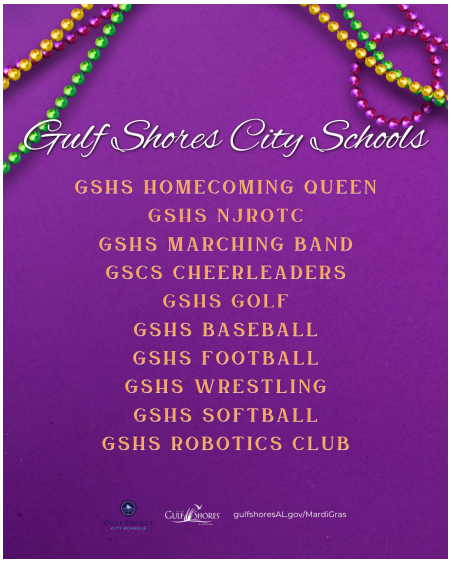
















Read Across America Days at GSMS!
Join us March 4th–6th as we celebrate the joy of reading with fun spirit days!
-Wacky Wednesday (March 4th): Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched!
-Thursday (March 5th) – 1 Fish, 2 Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish: Wear red or blue!
-Friday (March 6th) – Oh, the Places You'll Go: Wear your favorite college team shirt!
Let's celebrate reading and show our Dolphin spirit!



Mon-Tues: PSAT-Testing



Next Wave AND Gulf Shores Gives Back! McClung & Company BELIEVES in IMPACT. We apply what we learn to improve our world! Two showcases this week! Gulf Shores Gives Back allowed us to showcase for every single 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader in 90 minutes! Next Wave brought hundreds together to celebrate all things extracurricular and plan for next year!







GSMS Art students did an incredible job bringing the ESS Art Contest theme to life: “Imagine a day at school where toys come to life. What would your day look like?"







The Walking School Bus enjoyed special walking guests Friday as the kiddos brought their furry friends!



Coastal Contractors was honored to be part of something that makes this community special. Proud to support the **Gulf Shores High School Football** team as they tackled Gulf Shores Gives Back 2026 — restructuring the shoulders of the trail on Tortoise Road. This is exactly why we love this community.



Dune Restoration at the Beach















Gulf Shores Gives Back 2026









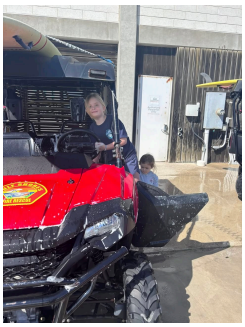























Join Us for a Special "Tuesday Tour" at Gulf Shores Middle School!

We're excited to invite you to a unique opportunity to explore the heart of Gulf Shores City Schools! On Tuesday, March 24th, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, come take a guided tour of Gulf Shores Middle School and see the innovative learning happening in our classrooms. It's a chance to connect with our amazing educators, experience our vibrant school culture, and see firsthand the incredible things your community is doing for our students. We'd love for you to join us and be a part of the journey!

To sign up, simply click on the link below:
Take The Tuesday Tour

Come see the difference at Gulf Shores City Schools—we can't wait to show you around!
MakeWaves!





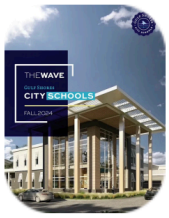
3/2-6 GSES: Read Across America
3/4-6 GSMS: Read Across America
3/5 BOE: Work Session 4:00pm Wave Learning Center
3/10 GSES: Spirit Night (Texas Roadhouse)
3/12 BOE: Regular Meeting 5:00pm Wave Learning Center
3/13 GSCS: End of Q3
3/13 GSCS: Early Dismissal 11:30am
3/13 GSES: Pre-K Registration Lottery on Facebook 1:00pm
3/14 GSHS:Broadway and Beyond: an evening with Chuck Wagner (Public Event with ticket) Cultural Center
3/24 GSCS: Tuesday Tour Gulf Shores Middle School 9:00am
3/25 Farm to Table (Public Event with ticket) 5:30am
3/26-29 GSHS; Theatre Musical Production (Public Event with Ticket) Thu-Sat 7:00pm Sun. 2:00pm Cultural Center

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:

[District]
[Elementary School]
[Middle School]
[High School]
[Virtual Academy]

Gulf Shores City Schools has a new magazine - The Wave! Extra copies are available in school offices, most city offices, the visitors center, and the Chamber of Commerce! Get your copy today!



Gulf Shores City Schools have a new GSCS Mobile App! Available in IOS and Android Stores, the GSCS mobile app will give you immediate information! Download yours today!

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