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## Lady Gators advance to Quarterfinals

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Lady Gators had a great start to playoffs when they won against the Dutchtown Griffins in a hard-fought 5-4 victory, fueled by strong hitting and a determined defensive effort to advance to the next round.

Dutchtown took an early lead, scoring one run in the top of the first inning. The Lady Gators quickly responded with an explosive performance in the bottom half. Senior Bailey Ducote led off with a hit to left field, and Senior Rylie Causey followed by getting on first. Brooke Rabalais continued her consistent offensive play with an RBI single to tie the game. Shortly after, Sophomore Kyndall Landry delivered a key moment, hitting a three-run home run to give the Lady Gators a 4-1 lead.

The Griffins responded in the third inning by gaining a run, making the score 4-2. However, the Lady Gators once again responded under pressure. Rabalais and Junior Olivia Johnson were both walked and Landry was hit by a pitch to load the bases. In a critical at-bat, Freshman Raelyn Hughes showed patience by getting a walk and allowing Kaylee Roccaforte to score, extending the lead to 5-2.

Dutchtown continued to battle, adding two more runs later in the game to narrow the score 5-4. Despite the late push, the Lady Gators remained composed. Landry, along with a focused defensive unit, helped secure the final outs to get the win. In an interview with the Advocate, Head Coach Amy Pitre states, "In postseason play you don't care how a win looks...super proud of my kids, finding a way to win."



## St. Amant Gators Baseball is off to the next round of playoffs

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On April 17 and 18, the St. Amant High School Gators baseball team delivered an exciting performance against the Central Wildcats in a three game series. The Gators came out on top, in the first two games of the series allowing the third game not to be played. Friday, April 17, the Gator's game went into three extra innings keeping fans, from both teams, on the edge of their seats. However, Saturday's game was a complete shutout, with junior pitcher Tucker Miller on the mound.

Friday night the Gators started off trailing the Wildcats by three runs. However, in the fourth inning Carter Stevens brought in Cooper Babin on a ground hit for their first run. Soon after, Parker Guidry brought in Jaxon Robert by a sacrifice flyout for the Gators second run. In the fifth inning, St. Amant and Central tied with five runs each. In the bottom of the sixth, Central made two runs, leaving the Gators in a tough spot, but they did not fall to the pressure. Instead, the Gators scored two runs, tying up the game. This intense game went into ten innings, with the gators pulling ahead with a run in the top of the tenth, leading them to win.

Saturday's game was completely different from Friday's. The Gators shut down the Central Wildcats, not allowing them to score a single run. The Gators started off this game at the top of the first with Miller on the mound. This did not last long though, after three quick outs, the Gators were at bat and scored four runs. As the game went on, Miller held Central at no runs with the help of the rest

of his team and the Gators finished the game with another three runs scored.

Going into this playoffs sophomore Cooper Templet mentions how these two were "big games" that would get their momentum for this post season going. He also mentioned that they had a week of good practice so their confidence was pretty high. His adrenaline from Friday night's game is what kept him and his team to continue working hard to finish Saturday's game off with yet another win.

Head Coach Caleb Ricca states that it was a "full team effort" but there were some players that stood out. Ricca added that "on the mound Tucker Miller was fantastic; he came in and closed Friday night out. We put him in a spot he hasn't been in all year and then he came the next day and had a seven inning shutout." Tucker's pitching earned the win on Friday night's close game as well as pitching the entire game Saturday. Tucker allowed one hit, and a walk while striking out three batters for the wildcats on Saturday's game. His pitching has been impressive during this post season and he continues to work for the next playoff game. Miller stated that he's "excited to throw in front of a big crowd" and "have fun" this weekend during the next series of games. Today the Gators leave for round two of playoff's against Benton High School. The First Game is at six pm today. Followed by two games on Saturday, April 25, at twelve and two in the afternoon.

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# Track and Field updates

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On Wednesday April 15 at St. Amant Track Stadium, Men's and Women's varsity competed in a series of track and field events with a goal of beating their personal record in their respective events. Sprint events are high explosive acceleration and maximum velocity, including 100 meters, 400 meters. In the 100 meter, junior Clarence Jackson placed 8th and in the same event junior Aiden Broussard placed 10th, in the 400 meter junior Mason Sayas placed second. Middle Distance events include a mix of speed, anaerobic power, and aerobic endurance. In the 800 meter junior Cody Saucier placed 5th alongside sophomore Carmichael Goody who placed 6th, in the 1600 meter senior Mark Carter placed second. Long distance events require speed, efficient running mechanics and strategic pacing, in the 3200 meter Mark Carter placed 1st.

Hurdle track events are special sprint races requiring athletes to maneuver through obstacles at specific heights and distances, in the 110 meter hurdle Freshman Dre Tobart placed 1st and Freshman Antonio Morris placed fourth. In the 300 meter hurdle Tobert placed second and Morris placed sixth. Relay is a team competition where runners take part in completing segments of a track course. In the 4 x 100 relay Juniors Cedric Jones, Clarence Jackson with Freshman Ge'Ron Carter and Senior Rashaad Williams Placed fifth. In the 4 x 200 relay Jackson, Jones, Carter and Sayas Placed fifth. In the 4 x 400 Mason Sayas, Freshman Jace Cola, Freshman Alex Duncan and Carmichael Goodly placed 4th. Lastly in the 4 x 800 relay the Gators placed 1st with Mark Carter, Cody Saucier, Alex Duncan, and Carmichael Goodly.

Shot put is an event where athletes "put" a heavy metal ball as far as possible from a seven foot diameter circle. Sophomore Calhoun Austin placed 2nd with 13.92 meters. Discus is an event where athletes hurl a heavy disc shaped object far, Austin placed third with 38.76 meters. In Javeline, an event in which students throw a spear-like implement for a maximum distance, Junior Kace Brock placed 1st with 45.09 meters, Freshman Mackey Dunbar placed third with 40.46 meters. For High Jump Ge'ron Carter placed first with a height of 5'10,

freshman George Singleton reached a height of 5'6. In pole vault senior Oliver Forrest placed second with a height of 8'0. In the long jump Dre Tobert reached a height of 19'9.5" and Cederic Jones reached 18'4.5". Lastly in triple jump Junior Kayden Thodile places first with a height of 45'9"

In the 100 meters junior Aubry Schmidt placed first with the time of 12.42 with sophomore Madison Cook placing tenth. In the 200 meter sophomore Kayla Obey placed 6th and Freshman Mya Alexander placed eighth. In the 400 meter Freshman Addison Young placed first with a time of 1:03.04 a, Junior Lilly Raffy placed third. In the 800 meter Junior Macee Gore placed 7th. In the 1600 meter sophomore Chloe Oubre placed second with 6:01.52 a, in the 3200 meters Oubre placed 1st. In the hurdle events, Junior Brea Evans placed first in the 100 meter with a time of 15.57 a and Sophomore Ryleigh Brown placed 4th. In the 300 meter hurdle Evans placed 1st once more with the time of 50.00 a, Brown placed 3rd. In the 4 x 100 relay Brea Evans, Kayla Obey, Addison Young and Aubrey Schmidt placed 3rd, in the 4 x 200 relay athletes Kayla Obey, Addison Young, Ally Frazier and Brea Evans placed 1st with a time of 1:46.37 a. In the 4 x 400 relay Kynzi Rodrigez, Lilly Raffray, Estynn Georgeson, and Addison Young placed in fourth. 4 x 800 relay Estynn Georgeson, Chole Oubre, Macee Gore, and Kynzi Rodriguez placed first with a time of 11:11.86 a. In Shot Put Junior Calli Hargrave placed first with a distance of 10.30 meters, In the Discus event Hargrave placed fourth. In javelin Sophomore Averie Foret placed 1st with a distance of 32.26 meters, and Aubrey Schmidt placed second with the distance of 26.29 Meters. In high jump Ally Frazier reached a height of 5'2" gaining her first place, senior Kyleigh Brigalia placed second with a height of 4'10" with junior Morgan Adams placing fifth. In pole vault Sophomore Sophie van metre was placed in third with fellow gator and Sophomore Juliana Baldasare placing fourth. In long jump Ally Frazier placed along with Aubrey Schmidt which followed in fifth. Lastly in triple jump Frazier placed third with a length of 10.44 meters.

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## Flag football continues success into post-season

BY: JOLIE VILLENURVE  
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The Lady Gator Flag Football Team is greatly significant, not only in diversity but also in giving our ladies an opportunity. Coach Darren Simoneaux says, "We have great female athletes on this campus, and now they get to go out and show how hardworking they are." He also mentioned that since this is such a growing sport it is a must that we expose our lady athletes to new experiences to know if it would be something they could continuously thrive at.

The Lady Gators started their season with a bang with 27-0 against GEO Next Generation and continued the streak ever since. With wins like 15-0 against Madison Prep to the most recent 20-0 against Northeast, the gators have put up 176 total points and allowed zero to be put against them.

Coach Simoneaux would like to give hats off to our incredible defense that has continuously strived to maintain our status along with not giving up a single point to our opponents in 10 games. Junior Aubrey Schmidt is one of our defense players who has brought her interception ability to help the score; along with Sophomore Kayla Obey putting forth an immense amount of clutch moments during the game. He then continued praising the offense, "the ball just gets spread out so much it is like each game so every game it is someone elses turn." Sophomore Rhamsie Georgeson plays quarter back, freshman Emma Schexnayder playing receiver and Natalie Heintz as running back has been a recipe for success these past games with them locking in and pushing through to maintain St Amant High flag football status.

The Ranking of the entire state has not been put out yet, but that doesn't shy away from the inevitable fact that as of right now, in this district the Lady Gators are number one out of 60 teams.

As the team persists into playoffs, they are expected to continue the winning streak and beat even more teams to come. The first round of playoffs started Thursday, April 23rd and with the second round being Monday April 27th. Then later quarter finals are Friday, May 1st and semifinals fall on Monday, May 4th. We are wishing the Gators a productive and booming playoffs. Good luck Gators!



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# Festival Fever, Coachella 2026

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Two weeks ago, the biggest festival of the year took social media by storm from the biggest performances in history to ticket scams and overgouged prices. Coachella has once again taken place in southern California for its 27th year. This year Coachella had huge headliners such as Sabrina Carpenter, Justin Bieber, and Karol G. These artists took over Coachella and pulled in many fans to attend the festival. But, along with the hype of Coachella came with multiple scandals and controversies sparking second guessing Coachella's true intention with continuing to host this festival each year.

Justin Bieber made a huge comeback at Coachella, impressing fans with bringing back his true singing voice that created his career, transporting everyone in the crowd back to 2016. Although Bieber brought his vocals, he failed some fans by the presentation of his set and performance, leaving many saying that it was lazy and unprofessional. Bieber was playing memes on a mac book while performing, but many defended him saying it was very intimate and authentic. Bieber was not the only artist who received hate after their performance. Sabrina Carpenter had to publicly apologize for her mistake in saying she did not like the way a girl in her audience was yodeling. While performing, Carpenter mistook a girl's traditional Arabic celebratory cry for yodelling which left many outraged, "I think I heard someone yodel... I don't like it," Carpenter said in front of thousands. Many of her fans came to her defense saying people are too sensitive and it was a simple misunderstanding.

Many complaints about Coachella's pricing have surfaced all over the internet and many are wondering if Coachella is forgetting what this festival is truly about: the music and culture. So many influencers and others attend Coachella yearly creating a diverse environment. Everyone shares a sense of community as they gather around to listen to their favorite artist play. Music is a form of art and should be shared with all, but many people cannot attend this festival due to the unaffordable prices. Even if you are able to book a hotel, get tickets, and ride shares, prices for foods and drinks at the festival this year were inaccessible. One of the biggest examples was a vendor selling slices of pizza for 25 dollars per slice, leaving people shocked. Coachella is not the only one scamming people out of their money. Overpriced hotels and fake tickets have been talked about over the course of the festival. Hotels and Air BNB's have been cancelling on guests at the last second to raise their prices, leaving many without a place to stay and many brands having to cancel on influencers at the last second. Also, Many were not able to enter the festival because of their wristbands being fake which is devastating due to the amount of money people invest into this experience.



Overall, Coachella has been a hit year after year and only continues to grow in popularity, but is Coachella making people forget what the festival is about?

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The Gators have taken a road trip this season already and have learned a lot from it. Miller shares that they have come a long way since then and improved significantly. This was evident in the games against Central. When asked about how he feels about the game against Benton, Coach Ricca stated "They know how to win, but we know how to win as well."

Gata Data wishes the best of luck to the Baseball team as they enter the second round of playoffs and safe travels there and back home. As Miller, and the Gator fans like to say, "Geaux Gators!"



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY BROOKE PIERCE

# Ask Allie

Dear Allie,  
I keep hearing about attendance recovery. What is it and how do I know if I need it?  
Sincerely,  
A struggling Gator

Dear struggling Gator,  
Attendance recovery is very important during this time of the year. As the school year comes to an end you need to make sure you have no more than five unexcused absences in each of your classes. To find out how many absences you have you need to go into power school and on the bottom right it shows you the total amount of absences and tardies you have. If you click on the number it shows you when you were absent and if it is unexcused or not. If you have more than five unexcused absences, check to see if you have an excuse to turn in and if you have not yet, you can use your parent notes which you have two per semester and one floater. If you have five or more absences in one or more of your classes you should consider going to attendance recovery which is held during behavior clinics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school for an hour and a half. As well as on Thursdays and during tutoring sessions for an hour and a half after school. If you are not able to attend after school, attendance recovery is also held on Saturdays from 8:00-noon. All you have to do is show up during one of these days and sign in.  
Sincerely,  
Allie



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS GATORS!

Regular attendance is vital to student success. Students should attend school every day unless ill or experiencing an emergency. Students can accrue no more than 5 absences in a full-credit class and can accrue no more than 3 absences in a half-credit class. Students who miss more than the maximum number of absences allowed will NOT earn the credit for that course and will earn an F in the class. PLEASE monitor your own attendance to make sure you adhere to this important district policy!

### CALCULATE YOUR HOURS

- Check PowerSchool attendance for EACH quarter to see how many Us you have for EACH block. You are allowed to have 5 in each block per semester.
- Count how many you have OVER 5 in EACH class and multiply that number by 1.5. That is how many hours you owe.
- OSSP days count as unexcused, so count those too.

### ABSENCE REPORT

Total Absences: 8  
Tardies: 5

### ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

- Behavior Clinic any Mon, Tues, Wed. (1.5 hrs)
- Makeup Center Thursdays (1.5 hrs)
- After-school tutoring (1.5 hrs)
- Saturday detention (4 hours, 8-noon)

\*Just show up and sign in

### EXCUSES

- Submit VALID medical excuses (submitting falsified documentation can result in school consequences) within 5 days of absence.
- Submit parent notes to the attendance office (only 2 days allowed per semester; 1 additional day can apply to either semester).

Students can specific questions to kasey.triche@apsb.org or your grade level admin only AFTER you have calculated the hours you owe. Keeping up with attendance is a student's responsibility!

# Gator Gymnastics competes at state

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On Saturday April 18, 2026, the Gator Gymnastics team competed at Baton Rouge Magnet Highschool for their state meet. The gators have been preparing for this competition since the beginning of the season by practicing every week to improve their skills. Both the level four and three teams placed fourth overall as a team and the gators had a placing level four, Junior Bryce Lonidier on Bars with a score of 9.675.

Even though the girls didn't come out on top, they were still successful in doing the best they could do. A reason for this is because they have each other. Sophomore Jewels Darr states, "the team is so supportive and hypes each other up." Adding on, Junior Alexandra Toste comments, "the team pushes one another to do their best." Having their teammates support them when they compete allows the girls to feel confident and motivated to do the best they can. Between the level fours and threes, their team dynamic is definitely strong and their spirits are high.

At state, Toste gained her two highest scores on floor and vault with her score being a 9.05 on floor and a 9.35 on vault. The scoring for state becomes more difficult since now they have two judges on each event which means more eyes looking on the gymnast. At the other meets before, the girls only had one judge, but having two judges makes it hard to score higher. However, this didn't stop the girls from staying focused and improving. For Darr, she felt that her

"Vault was more consistent and Bars I improved the most over the course of each meet". The girls have been working hard at each practice to make sure they fix any corrections they receive in order to do their best at the state competition.

Now that this season is over, the gymnastics team has to look towards next year. The goal for next year is to keep improving and hopefully make their way on top of the podium, but of course that means working even harder at practices and supporting one another. We congratulate the girls and their hard work this season!



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# Teachers outside the classroom: Our resident gamers: Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. Bray

BY: HAYDEN LOUPE

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While socially teachers and students are seen differently, many teachers still enjoy doing things that you could find teenagers doing such as gaming. Teachers like Mrs. Bray and Mr. Gilmore share a hobby of gaming.

Mrs. Bray started this hobby during her first year here at St. Amant. Mr. Gilmore was the one who actually sparked her interest in gaming when he was starting a gaming club back in 2016. She started her interest in games like Fortnite. Mrs. Bray finds gaming to be fun for her because it gives her an opportunity to still hangout with friends from her home state. "It was very fun for me to be in Louisiana and be able to hangout with them," said Mrs. Bray. Being able to do this is what really started her gaming life. Mrs. Bray, with her new found love for gaming, built her own PC with the help of Mr. Gilmore. Some of her favorite games consist of League of Legends, Overwatch, Fortnite and Year 11 of Stardew Valley. Sometimes, Mrs. Bray and a few other staff members, such as Mr. Green, will play online board games.

Mr. Gilmore not only games but paints figurines with the board games he plays. His hobby of

playing board games is what sparked the paintings when he was playing a game and realized that many of

the pieces were not painted. Mr. Gilmore paints figures for all sorts of games, even games that he plays with his son. He shares a bond with his daughter by painting the figures. He paints for games like Lord of the Rings:

Journey to Middle Earth, Star Wars games, and more.

His favorite thing about this hobby is that he has a healthy balance of individual tasks that is also a social task. He enjoys being able to paint alone but also still finds that social skill with playing with others.

Both Mrs. Bray and Mr. Gilmore finds joy in playing games with friends because of the connection it brings, whether they are in person or thousands of miles away, they are still able to hangout and socialize with friends.

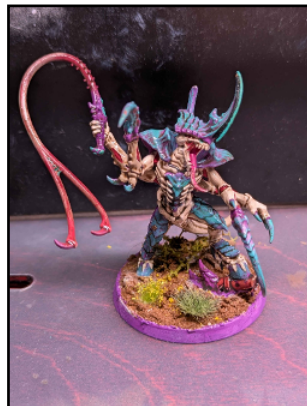


PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MR. GILMORE

# NASA Artemis II Successfully provides knowledge and inspiration

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On April 1, 2026, Artemis II launched from the NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The crew included Commander Ried Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, and Mission Specialists

Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen. wasn't necessarily just Earth. It was all the blackness around it...Earth, you are a crew."

Now that the astronauts are back on land, NASA's next step involves Artemis III, which will test out commercial lunar landers, targeted to occur in 2027. The trip has collected significant data that can be further used in NASA, but can also act as an extremely inspiring and motivating trip for current and future generations. In the words of Hansen, "We are a mirror reflecting you. If you like what you see, then just look a little deeper. This is you."

Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen.

Their goal was to travel around the moon to validate life support systems in deep space. The journey spanned 10 days, and successfully landed April 10 after being in a 40 minute communication blackout. Alongside proving Orion spacecraft systems success and seeing areas of the moon that were until then claimed unseen by unaided human eye, the crew also reached 252,756 miles from Earth, breaking the previous distance record set by Apollo 13 in 1970.

The trip gave these astronauts unforgettable experiences that many do not get the chance to have. "The gratitude of seeing what we saw, doing what we did and being with who I was with, it's too big to just be in one body." Glover said on CNN following the crew's return. Additionally, Koch added "What struck me



## SENIOR SUNSET

