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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

April has been a busy and exciting month for our students and teachers. We successfully completed state testing, and our students in the arts and spring sports have participated in a variety of events and competitions. Our teachers continue to provide engaging learning experiences through hands-on activities and field trips. We also enjoyed the participation and hard work of our students and employees at the Island Special Olympics hosted by Orange Beach, where athletes had the opportunity to compete, build confidence, and be celebrated by the entire community. It's an exciting time for GSCS as students benefit from the opportunities at the Gulf Coast Eco Center in Gulf State Park. We are proud to see them actively engaged in the unique educational experiences this facility provides. We've loved seeing so many parents and community members at our special events this month. As we look ahead to summer, be sure to visit the GSCS website to sign up for available camps for your child. As we approach the end of the school year, please remember that regular attendance remains important. Every school day offers valuable opportunities for students to learn, grow, and enjoy meaningful experiences. Our new high school is nearing completion, and we look forward to the ribbon cutting and offering community tours soon. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

MakeWaves!

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Meet Our Student WaveMakers of the Month

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ROSA KENT



Grade: 3rd Grade
Area of Recognition: Kindness and Leadership

I'm a WaveMaker because…
I am honored to nominate Rosa as a leader in our third-grade classroom. She is confident, hardworking, and consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to doing her very best in everything she takes on. Rosa approaches each day with a positive attitude and a determination that sets a wonderful example for her classmates.She is kind, respectful, and always willing to lend a helping hand to others. Whether it's offering support to a classmate who is struggling or encouraging those around her, Rosa helps create a classroom environment where everyone feels supported and capable of success. Her thoughtful actions and genuine care for others truly set her apart.Even in situations where others may not be making the best choices, Rosa remains focused on doing what is right. She shows integrity and maturity beyond her years, never seeking attention or recognition for her actions. Instead, she quietly and consistently leads by example.Rosa is a role model in every sense of the word, and her leadership has a positive impact on everyone around her. She embodies the qualities we hope to see in all students, and I am proud to recognize her for the outstanding leader she is each and every day.~Nominated by Olivia Clark~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – QUINLAN ALTSMAN



Grade: 8th Grade
Area of Recognition: Perseverance

I'm A WaveMaker because…
I am honored to nominate Quinlan Altsman for the April Student WaveMaker Award in recognition of his remarkable perseverance, growth, and positive impact throughout this school year. Quinlan consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to learning by actively participating in class and giving his very best effort each day. He goes above and beyond by volunteering for helpful tasks around campus, always showing initiative, responsibility, and pride in his contributions.Quinlan is respectful and well-mannered, treating both peers and adults with kindness and consideration. What truly sets him apart is his willingness to challenge himself–whether it's building new friendships, stepping outside his comfort zone to try new things, or practicing self-control in every environment. His determination and resilience serve as an inspiration to those around him.Quinlan embodies the true spirit of a WaveMaker through his positive attitude, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to personal growth. He is highly deserving of this recognition.
~Nominated by Jackie Green~

HIGH SCHOOL – EMMA KAKISH



Grade: 9th Grade
Area of Recognition: Leadership
I'm A WaveMaker because…
It is with great pride that I nominate Emma Kakish, a 9th grade student at Gulf Shores High School, as a WaveMaker for her outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, and the performing arts. Beyond her musical accomplishments, Emma is an exemplary student. She maintains straight A's in all her classes, including AP and Honors level coursework. Her academic excellence reflects her strong work ethic, intellectual curiosity, and determination to succeed at the highest level. She is also a member of our Gulf Shores High School Girls Soccer team where she serves as a defender for the Junior Varsity squad.Emma is an active and dedicated member of the GSHS Choir, where she consistently demonstrates exceptional talent, commitment, and leadership. Earlier this year, she earned one of the highest honors available to choral students in Alabama by being selected for the 2026 Alabama Vocal Association All-State Choirs. The All-State Choir is widely regarded as one of the most prestigious distinctions awarded to middle and high school choral students in the State. Along with several of her peers, Emma is scheduled to participate in the 2026 All-State Choir Festival this month at Samford University in Birmingham. Emma's selection is a testament to her remarkable vocal ability, disciplined preparation, and dedication to excellence.Emma embodies the spirit of a WaveMaker. She sets ambitious goals; works tirelessly to achieve them; and represents her school and community with pride. We celebrate her achievements and look forward to all she will continue to accomplish.
~Nominated by Jennifer Tolbert~

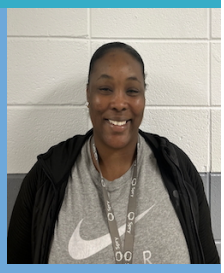
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – KATIE TODD (SPECIAL SERVICES)



I'm a WaveMaker because…

Katie Todd is truly deserving of a WaveMaker Award for the extraordinary way she serves students in the Multiple Disabilities Unit. She consistently goes above and beyond to meet the physical, academic, and emotional needs of every student in her care. What sets her apart is her unwavering belief in her students' potential. She maintains high expectations and continually encourages them to achieve more than many people might assume possible. She approaches her work with the mindset that disability does not mean inability. She believes her students are capable of learning and accomplishing many of the same things as their typical peers when given the right structure, support, and scaffolding. That belief is evident in everything she does, from the way she plans instruction to the way she interacts with her students each day I have been thoroughly impressed every time I have had the opportunity to observe her teaching. Her patience, skill, and dedication are remarkable, but even more impressive is seeing what her students are able to do academically under her guidance. She is making a profound difference in the lives of her students and their families, and she is absolutely worthy of recognition as a WaveMaker.
~Nominated by Dana Walker~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – ALEXIS PALMER (CUSTODIAN)



I'm a WaveMaker because…

Alexis Palmer... It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Alexis Palmer for WaveMaker of the Month for April for GSMS. Alexis consistently goes above and beyond in her role as a school custodian, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to creating a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for students, staff, and visitors. Alexis takes immense pride in her work, and it shows in every corner of the building. From early mornings to late afternoons, she ensures that classrooms, hallways, and common areas are not only spotless but also inviting. Her attention to detail and proactive approach help prevent issues before they arise, contributing to the overall smooth operation of the school. What truly sets Alexis apart is her positive attitude and willingness to help others. She is always quick to lend a hand, whether it's assisting a teacher with a last-minute need, supporting school events, or simply offering a friendly smile and kind word to brighten someone's day. Her presence has a meaningful impact on school morale. She has been especially impactful in her support during our transition of a new custodian at GSMS. Alexis embodies the spirit of a "WaveMaker" by making a difference through her dedication, reliability, and care for the school community. Her work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt by everyone who walks through the doors. For her outstanding contributions and the positive ripple effect she creates each day, Alexis Palmer is truly deserving of recognition as April's WaveMaker of the Month.
~Nominated by Jamie Hill~

HIGH SCHOOL – JENNIFER MURPHY (HEALTH SCIENCE)



I"m A WaveMaker because…

Mrs. Jennifer Murphy is truly deserving of the WaveMaker award. She consistently goes above and beyond for her students. As a dedicated Health Science teacher and leader of our Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) club, she provides opportunities that are unmatched by other schools, opening doors for students interested in the nursing profession and other areas in the medical field. She frequently starts her day at the hospital, visiting her student interns a s they are gaining hands-on, real-world experiences.Last year, all of her students passed the Patient Care Technician National Certification exam, providing opportunities for employment for them after high school. Mrs. Murphy creates even more real-world connections for her classes by bringing in guest speakers and community partners to inform and inspire her students. Through innovation and creativity, she creates out-of-the-box learning experiences that inspire and prepare her students for future careers. Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Murphy is a fabulous coworker! She is the human version of the word joy: always smiling, incredibly kind, and eager to participate in staff activities, from dress-up days to friendly competitions. Her passion, positivity, and unwavering commitment make a lasting impact on both her students and colleagues. Jennifer Murphy is truly a Gulf Shores High School WaveMaker!
~Nominated by Leah Cooper~

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

Health & Wellness

Walk to School 2026 led by the GSHS cheerleaders!



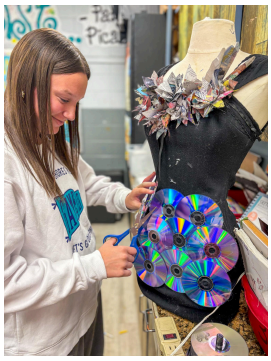
Athletics

Congrats to Joey McAleer on his hole in 1 on Hole #4 in the practice round at Ol' Colony Golf Course in Tuscaloosa.



Arts Education

A lot of hard work went into the incredible Earth Day fashion by GSMS art—take a peek behind the scenes!









Teaching & Learning

Some of Mrs. Clanton's former students at GSHS teaching first grade about the high school greenhouse!







Elementary School

Mrs. Rogers' class had our onomatopoeias practically leaping off the page! Students enjoyed learning about figurative language throughout the year and showing off their knowledge in the Figurative Language Flair Fair today!







Middle School

After School Care...a special place where kids try new things, teachers guide students, and we learn from each other. Teachers and students work hard in our program at the middle school each day to make sure everyone is learning and having fun!









High School

Congratulations to Hayden Cook on Signing to Wrestle at Doane University Wrestling! Hayden is a 200+ career Winner at Gulf Shores City Schools and is working every day to become the best he can be! Congratulations Doane University Wrestling on a great Alabama pickup!!!





Virtual Academy

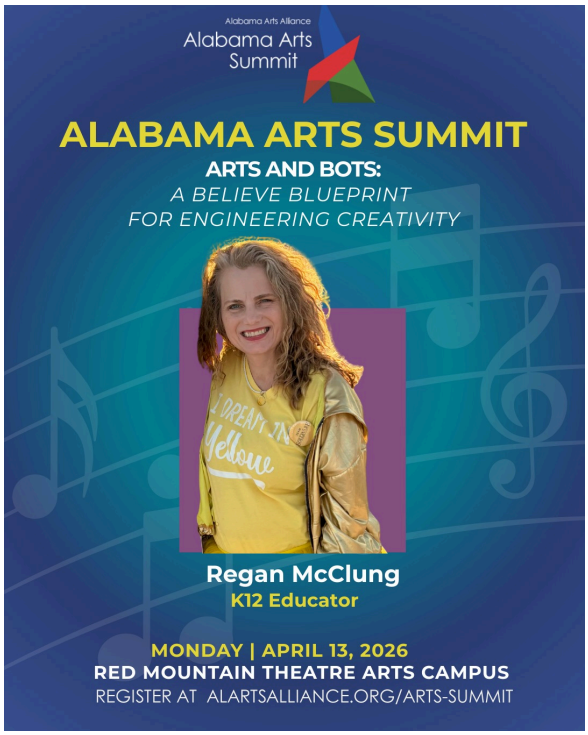
We are so proud of Kingsley Warren! She is running for National Junior Honor Society Vice President, and we couldn't be prouder! She consistently demonstrates strong leadership, responsibility, integrity, and a genuine commitment to helping others. Whether working with her peers or taking initiative on her own, she leads with confidence and kindness.





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

Where creativity meets innovation.
Join Regan McClung (GSMS), K–12 educator with the Gulf Shores City Schools, at the Alabama Arts Summit 2026 for “Arts & Bots: A BELIEVE Blueprint for Engineering Creativity.”
Discover how integrating the arts with technology and problem-solving can spark creativity and innovation in the classroom.

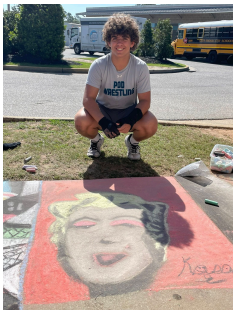


Students in Ms. Pitts’s AP Euro class at GSHS recreated famous artwork they need to know for their AP exam in May. Students had a blast and impressed their peers with their creative abilities.

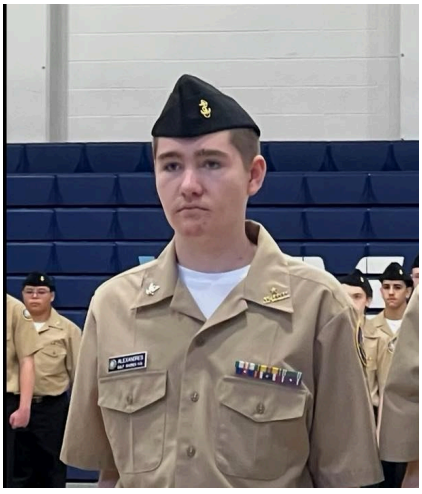








Congratulations to our very own cadets Alexandres and Calvert for being selected for the 2026 Trojan Patriot Academy at Troy University, where a select group of rising high school juniors and seniors from around Alabama will learn more about leadership, civics, and U.S. history. This unique experience will allow students to connect with other young leaders from around the state and grow as citizens ready to make a positive impact in their communities.



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PATRIOTS



Divide and conquer today. Coach Salvant and Coach Raines are leading the FRC robot work at home. The coaches McClungs have taken the future HyperWave members to the University of Alabama Robotics Competition! The waves don't stop!



GSHS is proud to recognize our Health Science Interns for presenting during this month's Tuesday Talk. You can find a recording of their presentation "Let Food Be Thy Medicine" on our GSCS website.



Thank you to Collins Aerospace and Coastal Alabama Community College's Aviation Center for hosting our students on wonderful tours. They learned about aviation mechanics and the high-demand, hi-wage careers offered in the field. Many are excited to apply for the apprenticeship with Collins Aerospace next year!

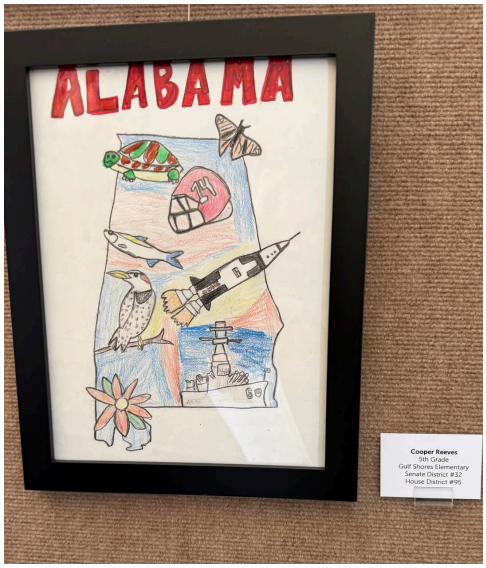








Congratulations to our GSES 5th grade student Cooper Reeves for his Alabama artwork being selected to be showcased in the State Capitol! We are proud of you! The "All Across Alabama" program, supported by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, brings hands-on art experiences to 3rd-5th grade students, with culminating exhibitions in April 2026 showcasing student art from every State House district at the State Capitol. This initiative focuses on themes exploring Alabama's culture and artistic creativity.





A Special Thank You to The **City of Gulf Shores - Municipal Government** Utilities Crew who have helped out several times over the years!





Congratulations to #1 tennis player, Tereza Mojs on winning the 6A Region 1 Singles Championship! Tereza has now qualified for the 6A State Tournament on April 23rd-24th where she will compete for her 2nd State Championship. Congratulations Tereza and Good Luck at State!!






COACH HUD
FOOTBALL CAMP
SAVE THE DATE
JULY 13 • 14 • 15
UPCOMING
2ND THROUGH 6TH GRADE
Skill development, competition, fun & t-shirt!
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DOLPHINS IN TRAINING
Baseball Skills Camp
RISING 2ND - 7TH GRADERS
COME EXPERIENCE HOW THE GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL DOLPHINS TRAIN! THIS THREE DAY CAMP WILL FEATURE AN INSIDER'S LOOK INTO THE PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE GSHS FIELDING DRILLS, HITTING DRILLS, THROWING PROGRAM, AND MORE!
• 5/26 | 5/27 | 5/28 •
GSHS BASEBALL FIELD | 9:00AM - 12:00PM
INCLUDES
CAMP SHIRT AND PIZZA ON THE LAST DAY AT 11:30 AM
WHAT TO BRING
GLOVE, BAT, WATER BOTTLE, BASEBALL PANTS, CLEATS, AND TENNIS SHOES.
WATER COOLER PROVIDED
Cost - $125
CONTACT COACH JACKS --- CJACKS@GSBOE.ORG
REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT VIA GOFAN MUST BE RECEIVED A WEEK BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. SCAN THE QR CODE ON THIS FLYER FOR REGISTRATION/PAYMENT


GSMS
2026-2027
GIRLS BASKETBALL
8TH GRADE
Amelia Autrey
Camille Bauer
Ali Cooper
Bella Garcia
Nellie Mills
Arianna Procter
Adrianna Rodriguez
Sophia Ross
Maileigh Whitaker
7TH GRADE
Eliza Bodenhamer
Ella Burkett
Charleigh Dixon
Carsyn Poole
Harper Ray
Maggie Smith
Kennadi Smith
Piper Steffek
Rilyn Yancey
Pending Try-Out:
Emmalyn Coop
Ariana Leos
Kadence Howard
Carleigh Robinson
Coach: Kurt Prater
Follow us on social media!


2026-2027
GSWBB
VARSITY
KENA HAGER
LILY HARRIS
LILA KAISER
ANNA MURRAY
CAITLYNN SEXTON
JASMINE CALDWELL
CHELSEY CARR
OLIVIA MORRONI
OLIVIA PLYS
AUTUMN MILLIKEN
MARIA KATRUK
MANAGERS
LUCA DEAN
MADDIE INZER
JUNIOR VARSITY
ELLA GRACE COOP
ANA LYMON
NATALIE NGUYEN
KATE PIERRE
ANNA CALDWELL
AMELIA HEISE
ALYSSA LEMMING
ANDI PRICE
ASHLYN YANCEY
PENDING TRY-OUT:
TINSLEE BEEBE
GRACE GRISSOM
KINLEIGH ORSO
HADLEY REEVES
GS



Congratulations to Mrs. Courtney Creel for being selected to be our new GSES Principal for 2026-2027!!





2026 6A Area 2 Champions
Your Dolphins (21-11) clinched the 6A Area Championship tonight with a series sweep over McGill-Toolen!
This marks the 5th area championship in the last 6 years for Gulf Shores Baseball — a testament to the hard work and consistency of this program.



GSHS Band at Disney World!



Congratulations to these students on a wonderful performance at the 2026 Alabama All-State Band Festival in Mobile, AL! For the last 3 days, these students have been working hard putting together a concert with 150 of the top band musicians in the state and they sounded AWESOME and represented Gulf Shores with Pride!
Make Waves!
Isaac DeJean, Trombone
Claudia Kelton, Percussion
Andrew Byrom, Percussion
Garrett Greene, Tuba



🌈 **Eat the Harvest Week is HERE!** 🍎🥕🍌🥦🫐

May 4th – 8th **Let's make healthy eating FUN!**

Each day, students will try a fresh fruit or veggie in a different color!

Color Schedule

🔴 **Monday – Red**

🟠 **Tuesday – Orange**

🟡 **Wednesday – Yellow**

🟢 **Thursday – Green**

🟣 **Friday – Blue/Purple**

Let's encourage our kids to explore new flavors and learn the benefits of eating a rainbow of fruits and



Congratulations to 3 of our seniors who are off to play soccer in college! We know you will do great!





To celebrate Earth Day, Mrs. Miller's class at GSES went on a nature scavenger hunt around the school campus. We found some green peas and blackberries







Noah sure was thankful for the mulch the **City of Gulf Shores** workers put out all over campus today. They were working on it when we arrived at 7:00 am this morning and when we walked out before 4:00 pm, he said 'LOOK AT THE MULCH!!! It looks SO good!!' Thank you so much for ALL that the city workers do for our schools every single day!



The K-kids at GSES reviewed their upcoming Special Olympics field trip details during the club meeting and are excited to support the athletes. The meeting ended with a round of hangman. We're excited to showcase our athlete posters.



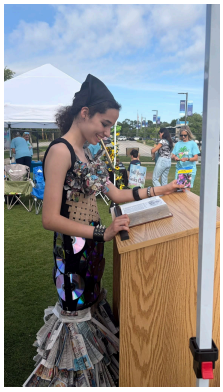
Happy Earth Day From GSCS!







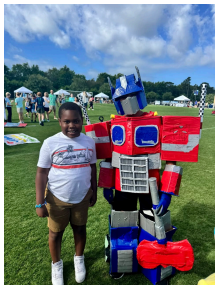








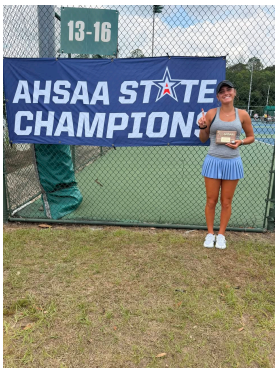



The Fastest Man in Alabama, Carter Davis, came to Coach Shaw's and Coach Robert's club to race 1st graders at GSES!!



Tereza Mojs is the best 6A Tennis player in the state of Alabama!! She beat Trinity Presbyterian, Northridge, McGill-Toolen, Mountain Brook, and Homewood on her way to her 2nd state championship in 3 years. She dominated the entire tournament never dropping a set! Congratulations Tereza!!





Congratulations to the 2026 DAC Scholarship winners:

Ray Pepperman
Portia Hollis
Taylor Bjorgum

The DAC provides scholarships each year to former Dolphin athletes who wish to continue their education after high school, and whose parents have volunteered their support to the DAC. We're proud to present these Dolphins with $1,000 each.



Marshals Krewe would like to congratulate McKenzie Miller, Clay Gordon, Isaac Ingram, and Jacob Lemeshynskyy all from **Gulf Shores City Schools** for being selected for our $1,000 each **Marshals' Celebrate Trades of Tomorrow** Scholarship.





A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Bo Howard for visiting our GSMS Sustainability classes and celebrating Earth Day with us!
Our students absolutely loved learning about what sustainability really means, how they can make a difference, and even hearing about how old the planet is —it definitely sparked some great conversations and curiosity!
Your passion and knowledge made such an impact, and we are so grateful you took the time to inspire our students to think about their role in caring for our Earth.





Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores had the privilege of awarding 4 scholarships to Seniors at Gulf Shores High School last week. We are so proud of these young men and women and look forward to seeing them excel at the next level. Congratulations!

Please make plans to attend the parent meeting for the 2026 marching band season!



Upcoming 9th graders getting introduced to 4th block at GSHS!



Congratulations to the Boys Team on winning the 6A Sectional Tournament at RTJ - Capitol Hill.
They will now advance to Sub State in Tuscaloosa to punch their ticket to play in the State Championship.
Go Dolphins!





Congratulations to Evelyn Lamar on Surviving and Advancing to Sub State in Tuscaloosa.
She will look to advance out of there as an Individual to play for a State Championship.
Go Dolphins!

Congratulations to our Red Ribbon Winners from all three schools were recognized at the Baldwin County Red Ribbon Ceremony last night in Robertsdale!
Pictured:
Kennedi Steiner - GSES
Katelyn Hamilton - GSMS
Amanda Larenas - GSHS
She also won a scholarship for her water bottle drive for The Gulf Shores Fire Department that went along with Gulf Shores Gives Back!
GSMS Counselor - Wendy Holmes
Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Stephanie Harrison



Our Lighthouse Team at GSES took to the streets today to personally thank so many of our community workers. We are so grateful for the never-ending support of the **City of Gulf Shores** in our schools!















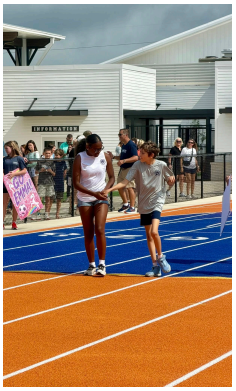
The Island Schools Special Olympics!









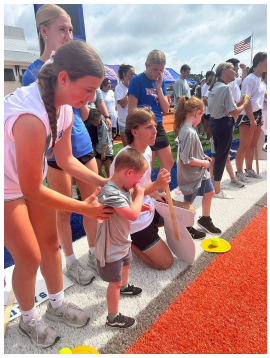



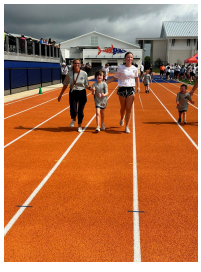
















The Island Schools Special Olympics!

















Gulf Shores sophomore Matt Howe didn't set out to become a record-breaking pole vaulter — it started as a simple decision in middle school. "I'm from Oklahoma, and at that school they were way bigger on track than here (at the time)," Howe said. "My coach needed pole vaulters, and my friend was doing it, so I decided to try it." The Grove, Oklahoma, native moved to the Gulf Coast with his family during his eighth-grade year. Now two full track and field seasons later, Howe is raising the bar — literally — for the Dolphins.

Click the link to read the full story on Matt!
https://gulfcoastmedia.com/stories/raising-the-bar-gulf-shores-pole-vaulter-matt-howe-is-setting-the-dolphin-standard,326767?#//









The last day at The Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism & Sustainability with elementary afterschool for this school year! Pre-K afterschool made their collages and took home the nature journals they made!







Kids Yoga Camp is offered at Glow Yoga this summer for K-5th graders! Click the link for more information about the camp and to sign up.
https://glowstudioandshop.com/pages/events

Have you purchased your DRAWDOWN tickets yet?! Time is running out! Don't forget, the Teacher and student who sell the most tickets will EACH win $500!! YOU have a 1 in 300 chance of winning the grand prize of $5000!! Let me know how many tickets you want and I'll bring them to you!!!



Thank you Paris Ace Hardware for the pallet of waters for the GSES Field Day!!!



The Little Free Library on the Meyer Park walking path is a delightful stop on the way home!



AHSAA Mobile Area Athlete of the Week presented by **Scout Program Management** - **scoutpm.com**
Tereza Mojs - **Gulf Shores High School**
Gulf Shores' Tereza Mojs (15-6) beat Homewood's Rachel French (21-1) in the No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0 to take the honors.

Gulf Shores' Tereza Mojs captured the Class 6A Girls' No. 1 singles title at Mobile Tennis Center.



Our GSHS softball girls racking up the academic awards!



K-Kids had the best time supporting our athletes @ the Special Olympics!!



Congrats to Lucas Waugh & Sherlyn Tellez for being crowned Prom King & Queen this year! Prom was absolutely amazing we have so many people to thank for making it such a big success:
-Leta Stephens, Amanda Reffitt, & Leah Cooper who are the brains behind the whole event
-Orange Beach Event Center for hosting us
-Alpha Lit for lighting up the event with the perfect letters
-Ginny & Lane Gilbert who donated the yummiest charcuterie board
-360 with Me for coming with their 360° video booth
-Chick-Fil-A, BuzzCatz, Crumbl & Publix for delicious foods
-Ollie Prince, owner of shots.by.prince, for coming to capture the King & Queen crowning!
-Awesome parents who came to help decorate Friday: Flavia Kammers, Nikki Hebert, Kayla Beebe, Hope Covington, Deanna Mueller, Liz Grandy, Aleesha Harper
-Teachers Caleb Landrum & James Salvant for all of their assistance in prepping for the big day



The Gulf Shores High School Key Club members came to speak about their projects from this past school year. Ella Gilbert (Key Club President), Jackson Serman and Jackson Nock gave us an insight into what their year looked like with volunteering and fundraising.
We were also incredibly blessed to receive a donation towards our scholarship fund from the late Jim Cash. He was a wonderful steward of the community and always blessed us with his presence when in town visiting. We miss him dearly but know that he's always in our hearts.
And if you know Kevin Corcoran, you know this is his slogan - Free Beer Tomorrow! Billy T made a presentation to Kevin with his own sign!











Discounts cannot be combined

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Grades: Rising 1st - 6th
Campers are grouped by grade
Location: Gulf Shores City Schools
600 E 15th Ave, Gulf Shores, AL 36542
Dates & Time: June 29 - July 3, 2026 I 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Cost: $285 (before discount)
Payment Plans Available up until 5/7/2026
Sibling Discounts at INVENT.ORG/CISAVE
Camp Director: Hilary McKinney I hmckinney@gsboe.org
Only open to Gulf Shores City School Students.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit **invent.org/cisave** for other locations near you.

REGISTER HERE!

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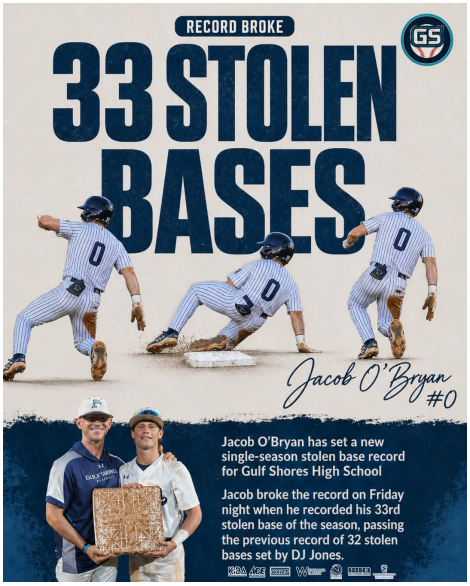

Mrs. Hogue's kindergarten class have so enjoyed having Mystery Readers this semester. Students were excited to be surprised by their parents and grandparents reading some of their favorite books to their class. It was also a treat recently when our GSCS Superintendent and our GSES Principal came to read!



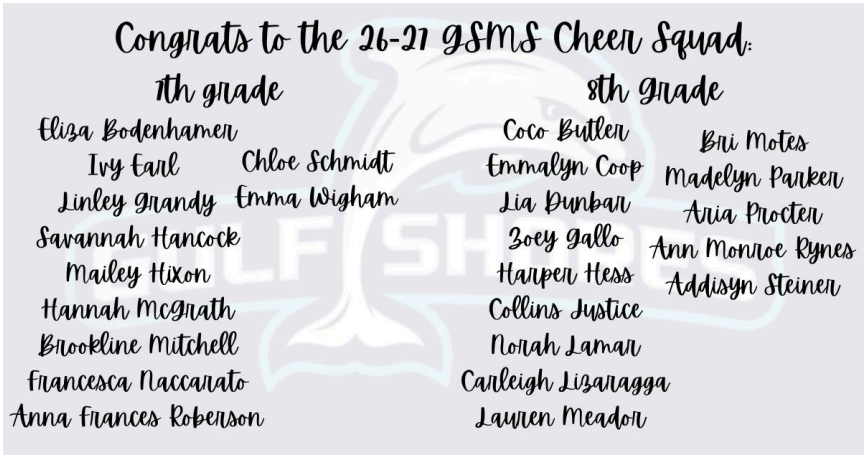








Congratulations to our 2026–2027 GSMS Cheer Squad!



GSMS Bands in spring concert!







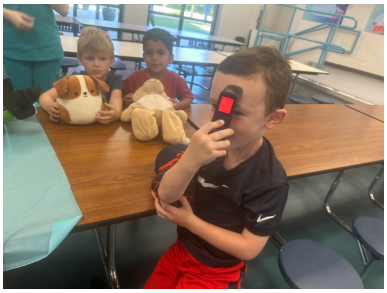
Pre-K students brought their favorite stuffed animals to school today for a free health check by medical professionals from GSHS Health Science classes!























The new $137 million Gulf Shores High School is set to open this fall, and we got another look inside to see the progress they've made since we showed you the building under construction last October.
Spread across 90 acres with 28 standard classrooms, 11 collaborative flex spaces and 6 science labs covering everything from chemistry to marine biology, the new school will be state-of-the-art. There's also a 753-seat performing arts center, a blackbox theater, a music production studio, a video production studio and specialized labs for aviation, biomedical sciences, robotics, culinary arts and finance.

Student-athletes will see a major upgrade too, with a brand-new field house, competition gym, weight room, film study theaters and a covered practice facility all on campus.
Superintendent Matt Akin said the building was designed around student needs, not just capacity. Every classroom is equipped with cameras, audio and video technology, and many rooms feature retractable walls that open into shared collaborative spaces. The school will open with room for 1,000 students and is expandable to 1,800 as Gulf Shores continues to grow.
Though no date is set, the district plans to hold an open house later this summer.
Video Available Here: [New GSHS]



National Bike to School Day – Wednesday, May 6

Students and parents are invited to take part in supervised group rides to school from two convenient starting points:

- **Johnnie Sims Park (Kids Park Playground) – Departs at 7:15 a.m.**
- **Meyer Park – Departs at 7:30 a.m.**

The Gulf Shores Police Department will escort riders to ensure safe travel along the routes. Return rides will also be offered after school. Helmets are required for all riders.







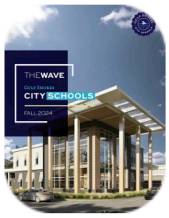
5/1 GSES & GSMS Career on Wheels (Grades 3-7 Career Exploration Event)
5/1 GSHS: Sophomore Class Awards
5/4-8 GSCS: Eat The Rainbow
5/6 GSCS: Bike To School Day
5/7 BOE: School Board Work Session (GSCS Wave Center for Learning) (Public Event)
5/7 GSES: Kindergarten Cap/Gown Pictures (Prepay Only)
5/8 GSHS: Theatre Banquet/Thespian Inductions
5/8 GSMS: Roshambo Celebration/ HOUSE Sorting Day
5/8 GSES: Field Day
5/11 GSHS: Mandatory Marching Band Parent Meeting (Cultural Center 6:00pm)
5/12 GSCS: Sound Waves Choir (MS & HS Choirs Spring Concert 7:00pm)
5/12 GSES: Boosterthon Run
5/13 GSMS: Awards Day
5/14 BOE: School Board Regular Meeting (GSCS Wave Center for Learning) (Public Event)
5/14 GSHS: Senior Walk
5/15 GSMS: AU Nutrition Bus
5/15 GSMS: Field Day
5/18 GSHS: Graduation (Public Event 7:00pm The Wharf)
5/19 GSES: 1st Grade Come See my Genius 10:00am 3rd Grade Come See my Genius 12:45pm
5/20 GSES: 4th Grade Come See my Genius 10:00am 2nd Grade Come See my Genius 12:45pm
5/21 GSES: 5th Grade Come See my Genius 10:00am
5/21 GSES: Kindergarten Celebration/Graduation 10:00am
5/22 GSCS Last Day of School/Early Dismissal at 11:30 (Q4 & s2 Ends Report Cards Goi Home)

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

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