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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

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!
As we close out the 2025–2026 school year, we want to thank our parents for entrusting Gulf Shores City Schools with the education and care of your children. It is our mission to help every student explore their interests, achieve their full potential, and develop lifelong healthy habits. This year has been filled with exciting milestones and memorable experiences. From Bike to School Day and the groundbreaking ceremony for our future Archaeology Lab to the transition of all our schools into new facilities, there is much to celebrate as we continue to grow and innovate. GSCS also offers a variety of summer camps and enrichment opportunities for students. We encourage families to explore the available programs and take advantage of the fun and engaging learning experiences offered throughout the summer.We look forward to welcoming our returning students back on **August 12, 2026**. If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for the 2026–2027 school year, please do so as soon as possible, as class schedules are currently being developed.Thank you for a wonderful school year. We wish you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!
Choose To Be Greater. Become a Dolphin. Make Waves!

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



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Meet Our Student WaveMakers of the Month

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MACI DAVIS



Grade: Kindergarten

I'm a WaveMaker because…

Maci is kind, compassionate, and willing to help others. She consistently goes above and beyond to support students who need guidance or encouragement. Whether on the playground, at Specials (Music, Art, STEAM), or during field trips. She helps everyone feel included and supported. During our Pumpkin Patch field trip, she stepped up, offering help and showing patience, and kindness by helping students and never leaving their side. She always puts others before herself and works to make those around her feel happy and valued. Her caring attitude and selflessness make Maci a wonderful example of a GSMS WaveMaker.
~Nominated by Lindsay Grant & Allison Fralick~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – ARIANNA PROCTER



Grade: 7th Grade

I'm A WaveMaker because…

Arianna consistently demonstrates the qualities of a true WaveMaker through her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to support others. She leads by example in the classroom, treats others with kindness and respect, and approaches challenges with determination and maturity. Teachers and peers appreciate her dependability, encouraging spirit, and commitment to doing her best. Whether participating in class activities, helping classmates, caring for Phin, or representing GSMS with pride, Arianna reflects the values and character we celebrate in our WaveMaker students. We are proud of her positive impact and congratulate her on being named the May 2026 GSMS WaveMaker of the Month!
~Nominated by Whitney Boggus & Ram Talantis~

HIGH SCHOOL – LANDON EVERETT



Grade: 12th Grade

I'm A WaveMaker because…

Landon Everett is a true example of going above and beyond. Despite earning a full scholarship to West Point, he chose to challenge himself by enrolling in AP Precalculus to better prepare for the future. What makes this especially impressive is that he did not come from the traditional advanced math track, yet he embraced the challenge through perseverance and hard work. Beyond academics, Landon balances the demands of both wrestling and football while maintaining a positive attitude and strong work ethic. He approaches every challenge with determination and humility, making a lasting impact on those around him and proving himself highly deserving of WaveMaker recognition.
~Nominated by Wendy Jones~

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – HANNAH MADDUX (FIRST GRADE TEACHER)



I'm a WaveMaker because…

I am excited to nominate Hannah Maddux for Wave Maker of the Month. Hannah consistently creates engaging, hands-on learning experiences that make a lasting impact on students while turning everyday lessons into meaningful, interactive activities that keep students excited and eager to participate. With energy and creativity, Hannah makes learning enjoyable for all students. Hannah is also an incredible team player who collaborates, shares ideas, and encourages others. Hannah's positivity inspires colleagues and helps build a supportive, innovative environment. I am grateful Hannah is part of GSES, and Hannah's dedication makes a difference every day.
~Nominated by Kathy Helms~

MIDDLE SCHOOL – JENNIFER MCCURDY (BOOKKEEPER)



I'm a WaveMaker because…

I am honored to nominate Jennifer McCurdy for May 2026 WaveMaker of the Month. As Bookkeeper at Gulf Shores Middle School, she consistently demonstrates excellence, integrity, and a strong commitment to supporting staff and students. Jennifer is the backbone of our financial operations, ensuring every detail is handled with accuracy and care. She manages budgets, processes transactions, and assists teachers with efficiency. Her positive attitude and willingness to help truly set her apart. She is approachable, patient, and always ready to assist others. Jennifer's work impacts our entire school community, making her highly deserving of this recognition.
~Nominated by Jamie Hill~

HIGH SCHOOL – MELISA EVERETT (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)



I"m A WaveMaker because…

Mrs. Everett represents so much more than her title to those of us at Gulf Shores High School. She is a woman of faith who embodies servant leadership, builds momentum, and creates a culture of support and excellence within our school. She approaches every situation with a genuine "How can I help?" mindset. She is a consistent presence on campus, offering guidance, encouragement, and solutions. She dedicates long hours to sporting events, district meetings, parent conferences, testing, AP programs, ACT support, and instructional initiatives. She supports teachers, advises students, and uplifts staff. She is respected across campus, and her impact is felt daily as a steady, trusted leader.
~Nominated by Ellyson Lawrence and Erica Senkbeil~

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Health & Wellness

Students in Mrs. Klatt's and Mrs. Gunter's classes rode bikes through the state park and to Matt's Ice Cream and received a treat for making their 4th Qrt i-Ready goal!





Athletics

The Gulf Coast Athletic Club recognized their 2025-2026 Male and Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards at Gulf Shores High School's Awards Day program. The winners were Ella Gilbert and Price Stephens. They were honored for their exceptional athletic & academic achievements and will receive this year's GCAC Scholar Athlete Scholarship. Congratulations Ella and Price!



Arts Education

Congratulations to the winners of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster Contest! We are so proud of these talented students and their creative work!

6th Grade Winners
Ava Walker
Haley Vandiver
Marley Ragland

7th Grade Winners
Lia Dunbar
Isabella Dalier
Abigail Murray

8th Grade Winners
Emma Wyn Hang
Eloise Johnson
Norah Grace Lowry



Thank you to all the students who participated and shared their artistic talents in honor of our veterans and service members!

Teaching & Learning

First Graders in Training-Mrs. Shirley's Shining Stars gave their First Grade advice to Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten Class!





Elementary School

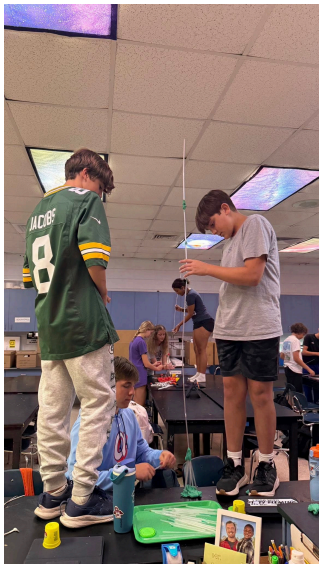
Mrs. Helms' Class had a great time learning about all things plants at the High School Green House!





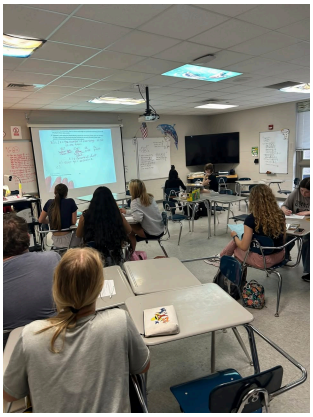
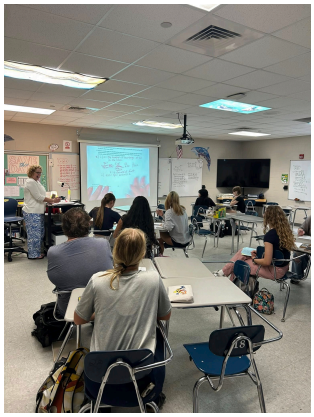

Middle School

Students in 7th grade spent a day of building the tallest towers they could using left over straws and play-dough.




High School

Mrs. Dempsey's dedicated AP Statistics students at GSHS stayed after school for extra study session to get ready for the exam!

Virtual Academy

Gulf Shores City Schools Virtual students had an amazing time during their trip to the Gulf State Park Learning Center!



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Gulf Shores football was proud to host the @City_GulfShores fire chief Mark Sealy and the @GSFR units at practice and show them our appreciation with a crawfish bowl after practice!





GSMS Band are headed to ATL! Going to spend a fun day at the Georgia Aquarium before having dinner at the Medieval Times Dinner Show!



We are thrilled to announce that Lyle Landas has been selected for the highly competitive NPP NROTC Scholarship, securing his place at the University of Idaho in the fall. This substantial $180,000 scholarship will allow Lyle to focus on his education and career as an Officer in the United States Navy!



Shout out and congratulate Matthew Howe!!!!
He is your 2026 6a Boys Pole Vault CHAMPION!!!!!
With a height of 14 feet!



GSMS Spring Choir Concert 2026



Senior student Reaghan Myers was accepted into the Austal USA's Ship Fitter Apprentice Training Program! She will receive on-the-job training with pay at Austal while receiving her Class B Fitter's certification and a paid education at Coastal Alabama Community College and Bishiop State Community College. This award was just received after senior awards day, so we want to recognize her as our first Austal USA Apprentice! Congratulations Reaghan, your hard work paid off!



GSES teachers Mrs. Merchant, Mrs. Fralick, and Mrs. Todd all submitted their NBCT portfolios.
Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Whetstone (not pictured) are their NBCT mentor teachers, helping them and cheering them on!





It is still really surreal that GSCS OWN A PLANE AND HAVE TEACHERS WHO ARE PILOTS AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS!

So, today, we had our first round of student and staff Discovery Flights today in our GSCS plane with our amazing flight instructor, Brock Harris (my former student!). Though the weather put them behind schedule a bit, two GSMS students, Addison Witt and Sadler Cruitt, and district guru, Dr. Chezley Neth, were able to take off this morning and get a taste of what it's like to be a student in our in-house flight training program.













Three of our seniors signed with companies in partnership with Coastal Alabama Community College for the FAME program, Built By Baldwin Chapter. With over 65 applicants in Baldwin County, only 15 seniors were chosen for this apprentice program. We are so proud of Clay Gordon, Isaac Ingram, and Jacob Ivie who will be receiving on-the-job training with Vulcan Inc. and Ecovery LLC while earning a paid associate's degree in advanced manufacturing. Grateful for this chapter and all of our industry partners and Coastal who have made this apprenticeship possible. Congratulations guys, your hard work and persistence will take you far!





Summer Camp at Gulf Shores City Schools!



















The **Dolphin Foundation for Education & Arts** is EXCITED to announce that our car tags are live for pre-commitments as of this morning, May 1, 2026!! We have 1 year to get 1000 pre-committal's. This is a huge accomplishment and the benefits are even better! We are so excited to be able to use these funds to give back to the Students, Faculty and Administration of GSCS!
Please see below for information on how to get started. Thank you so much for your support! As always, don't hesitate to call, text or message me if you have any questions.
Supporters of your organization, who wish to purchase a pre-commitment for the distinctive license plate, may visit **https://mydmv.revenue.alabama.gov/TAP/**, complete the online commitment to purchase application and pay the $50 additional fee. Please note that applicants will continue to use their current, valid Alabama license plate (no registration changes are made at this point in the process)
MAKE WAVES



GSES BOOSTERTHON 2026! Parks' Little Sparks was the top class to raise the most donations at $95 per lap!! BIG thanks to all the parents a contributors to our incredible school!



GSHS Teacher Receives Technology Innovation Award - Jamie McClung



The Gulf Shores City Council celebrated this impressive group of students as they wrapped their 2025–2026 term on the Junior City Council. Throughout the year, these fifteen young leaders jumped into the world of local government by meeting with department heads, learning how decisions are made, and even organizing community events with enthusiasm and purpose.

Their signature project, a Spring Market featuring more than 20 vendors, was a huge success and a perfect example of their teamwork, leadership, and creativity. We're incredibly proud of the commitment they've shown to civic engagement and the example they continue to set for youth across Gulf Shores.

This year's Junior City Council members included:

Amelia Kozyuk

Satchel Kornegay

Jameson Leaman-Ferguson

Isis Eberly

Graham Archer

Maddie Mattson

Carson McKee

Nora Malone

Ray Pepperman

Kayla Rose

Ella Sanders

Haven Spruiell

Graham Stewart

Ana Vo

Amelie Walker

Guiding the group throughout the year were teacher sponsors Ashley Watley and Owen Corcoran, who play an essential role in mentoring the students and helped them navigate their responsibilities as Junior City Council members.

The City looks for students who are passionate about service, strong communicators, and eager to lead.



GSHS Lady Dolphins Softball 2026 AREA



Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Marching Band Leadership Team!





Bike To School Day
May 6th







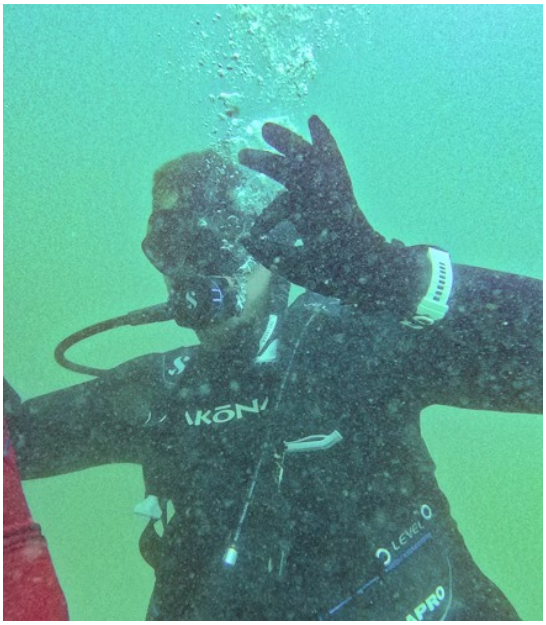










Lots of fun in the last week with our Gulf Shores Middle School and High School. Thanks to **Gulf Shores High School**, Gulf Shores City Schools for offering this amazing opportunity to our local young people. Some have completed their certified and some enjoyed their first post certification dive on our newbie boat trip.



Congratulations to GSMS art student, Isabella Dalier, for earning an Honorable Mention in the Color the Concepts Contest! This contest gives students the opportunity to creatively illustrate economics concepts through art, combining imagination, learning, and design in a fun and meaningful way. We are so proud of the hard work, creativity, and talent that went into this accomplishment!



We celebrate and appreciate our amazing Speech Pathologist at GSES, Mrs. Lacey Childress for the care, patience, and encouragement she gives our students each week. Thank you for helping our students grow in confidence, communication, and success — we are so thankful for you!



Congratulations to our 2026 GSMS National Junior Honor Society inductees! We celebrated the induction of 23 eighth graders and recognized 53 new and returning sixth and seventh-grade members. Your commitment to academic excellence and community service makes us incredibly proud!











We would like to take a moment and say THANK YOU to Clays For A's!!! What a great organization, giving back to the 7 Baldwin County Education Foundations! Your generosity means a great deal to us! We're going to start practicing for next year! Receiving the check is Assistant Principal at GSHS, Cameron Koehler.







Field trip day for K-Kids! They spread the love all over town by delivering supplies to Angie's Dog House & filling Blessing Boxes all over town!















Congratulations to the Gulf Shores High School Class of 2026!



We want to extend a huge thank you to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Magnolia Landfill for providing an incredible learning experience for our Gulf Shores Middle School 6th grade students!
Volunteers from the MEE (Master Environmental Educator) Program—part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and professionals who work at the landfill and give their time to this program—visited our school and led an engaging lesson on recycling. Our students then had the opportunity to take their learning even further with a field trip to Magnolia Landfill. During their visit, they toured the landfill operations and explored the Recycling Education Center, where they saw firsthand the important work being done to manage waste and promote recycling in our community.
We are so grateful for this meaningful, hands-on experience that helped bring environmental education to life for our students. Thank you for investing in the next generation!



























GSHS Lady Dolphins Softball



Gulf Shores High School Baseball



Gulf Shores High School Volleyball 26-27



Gulf Shores Middle School Volleyball 26-27



The Amplify event at the GCAA Gallery showcases the art of Gulf Shores High School students, under the supervision of Art Director, Auston Boyd.

BEST OF SHOW: RYKER ULLERICH, 12TH GRADE, "SMILE" IN ACRYLIC



FIRST PLACE: CONNER MORTON, 10TH GRADE, "JC" IN PEN AND INK



SECOND PLACE: NADIA DAVENPORT, 11TH GRADE, "BLACK PANTHER", ACRYLIC



THIRD PLACE: BAILY HOOD, 11TH GRADE, "DEVON" IN ACRYLIC



HONORABLE MENTION: BREELYN PARKER, 10TH GRADE, "LIKE A TATTOO" IN PEN AND



not shown, is Honorable Mention winner, Mahileit Derstine

New Faces Coming to Gulf Shores Middle School















Coming in New Places at Gulf Shores Elementary







Our middle school dance was full of carnival fun, sweet treats, music, and memories we won't forget! So proud of our students for bringing the energy and making the night amazing!















The end of 2025-2026 school year at GSES!











The much anticipated Big Move to the new high school has begun. Truly, none of this would be possible without the leadership Lt Col Meehan and PO Theodoro and the manpower of the JROTC cadets. It has taken months of planning and a full team effort, and we are finally seeing the fruits of our labor. Thank you to the City of Gulf Shores and everyone who pitched in. We are excited about getting in to our new home! Go Dolphins!

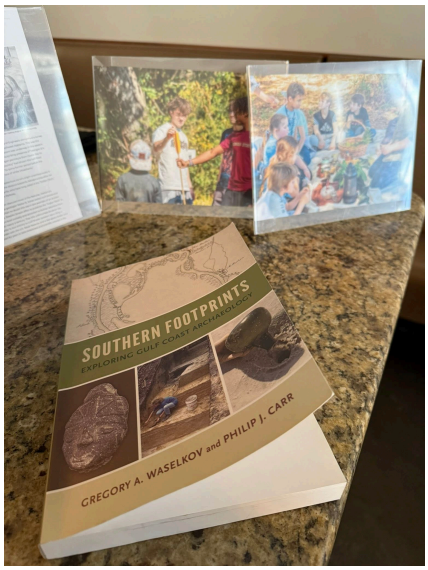







At today's Kiwanis Club meeting we had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Stephanie Harrison (Assistant Superintendent) and Dr. Nicky Gotschall (School Board Vice President) about the groundbreaking of the Archaeology Lab with the Gulf Shores City Schools.
The lab will be located behind Gulf Shores Middle School (near the outdoor kitchen) and will hopefully be completed by the Fall. This lab will be accessible for all students in the Gulf Shores school district. Pictured is Kevin Corcoran, BOE President, Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Nicky Gotschall, School Board Vice President, & Dr. Matt Akin, Superintendent.

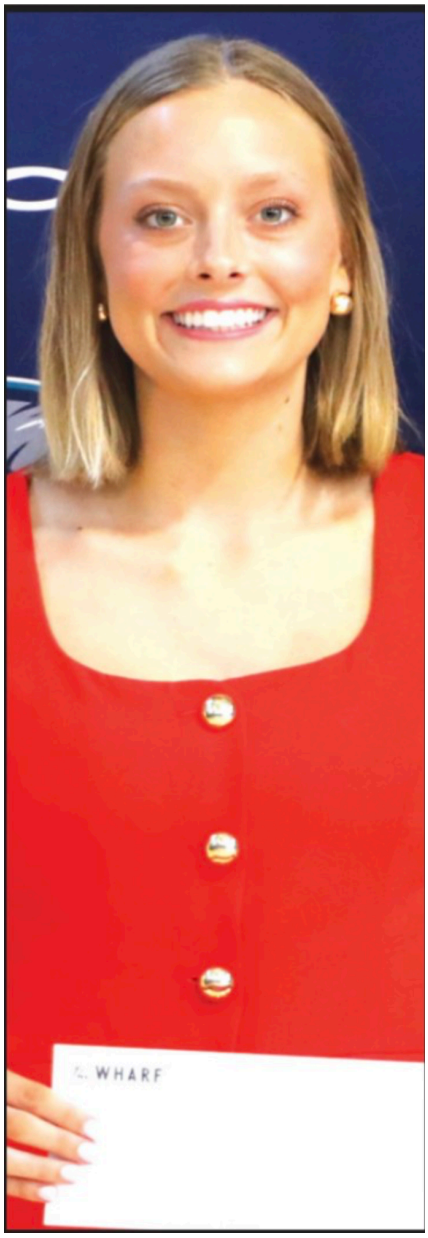




Summer Culinary Camps for Grades 5-8
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The Wharf presented a $10,000 scholarships to Gulf Shores High School senior Portia Hollis in recognition of her academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to community service. She will attend Samford, where she plans to double major in corporate communications and musical theatre with the goal of pursuing a career as a spokesperson for a nonprofit.
She is a member of the National Honor Society, a recipient of the Distinguished Dolphin Award and earned the AmeriCorps Presidential Volunteer Service Award twice. She also received the Distinguished Young Women of Alabama Community Service Award and a Certificate of Recognition from Governor Kay Ivey for her kindness and dedication across Alabama. She is also a published author and has performed in numerous musical theatre productions.



Fun activity in Ms. Kimball's 3rd Grade Class!







On The Job Training!
Rising senior Ellyauna Adams spent the day with us as part of her career exploration. She shadowed detectives from our Criminal Investigations Division, processed a mock crime scene, and learned firsthand how our investigators work cases from start to finish.
We appreciate Ellyauna's enthusiasm. It's always encouraging to see young people passionate about serving their community.
A special thank-you to Career Coach Tyler Morgan for coordinating this opportunity and supporting students as they explore their interests and future career paths.





Special Ed team members at GSES decompressing after an amazing year together…full hearts, tired brains, and so much gratitude for the difference made every single day.



Gulf Shores City Schools hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Coastal Connections Archaeology Lab on Tuesday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. The lab will be located behind Gulf Shores Middle School, near the outdoor kitchen, and is expected to open near the beginning of the upcoming school year.

The archaeology lab is the result of a growing interest in local history sparked by the district's Coastal Connections committee. This initiative focuses on creating meaningful, place-based learning experiences through lessons and field trips centered on the rich history of the Gulf Shores area.

Throughout the past year, students and teachers have explored several significant local sites, including the oldest known Native American trading canal in North America, located in Gulf Shores, as well as the remnants of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) fireplace, Fort Morgan, and the Gulf Shores Museum. These experiences deepened student curiosity and led to an increased interest in archaeology to better understand the region's past.

"This lab represents an incredible opportunity to bring history to life for our students," said Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instruction. "By engaging in hands-on archaeological practices, students will not only learn about our local heritage but also develop critical thinking and scientific inquiry skills that will serve them far beyond the classroom."

Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin emphasized the broader impact of the project on student learning. "This archaeology lab is a testament to what can happen when innovative instruction meets community support," Akin said. "We are proud to offer our students unique, immersive learning experiences that connect them directly to the history and culture of their own community."

Once completed, the archaeology lab will be available to all Gulf Shores City Schools teachers and students. Gulf Shores City Schools has contracted with archeologist Rachel Hines to support cross-curricular learning at the lab as well as to provide teachers with engaging lesson plans and field trip opportunities.

Special Thank you to Mayor Robert Craft, City of Gulf Shores Directors, State Representative Frances Holk-Jones, and State Senator Chris Elliott for attending. State Senator Chris Elliott was also able to raise the funds needed for this project!



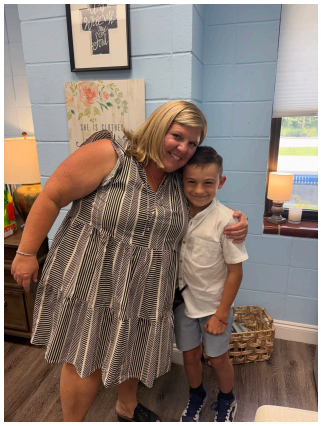


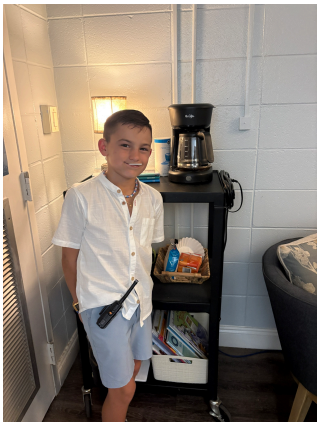







Baylor was Principal of the Day at GSES! He had varied duties as our principal today including making an announcement, helping complete assignments around the office, enjoying lunch with a friend, checking on the teachers he had in the past, and he found out where the coffee station was located!

Camp McDowell showed us a version of learning that felt deeply human, deeply joyful, and impossible to forget. On the surface, **Gulf Shores Middle School** students were canoeing, chopping logs, planting and harvesting vegetables, sifting compost, collecting eggs, feeding livestock, milking goats, singing songs around a campfire, hiking to waterfalls, cooking together, and dancing to the pulse of lightning bug flashes.
Moreover, we walked away with a newfound respect for all of the work and resources that go into producing the food we eat. We learned how interconnected our food systems and the natural resources they depend on are with each other. We felt how good it is to serve others. We cherished real conversations and laughter in the absence of screens and internet. We learned that rain doesn't delay work or play–with the right gear and mindset... it can add magic to the moments.
Most importantly, we learned how to speak softly, listen carefully, and live mindfully. There is so much wonder in the humdrum of our days–can we slow down enough to appreciate it?








And just like that, our Kindergarten class graduated and are now headed to first grade! What a great celebration!





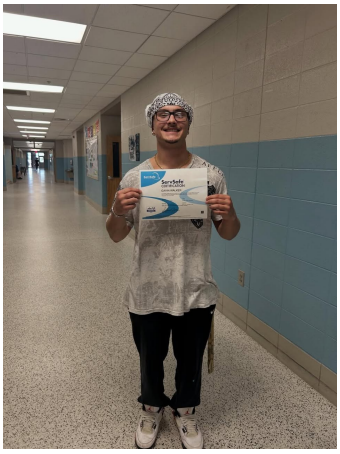




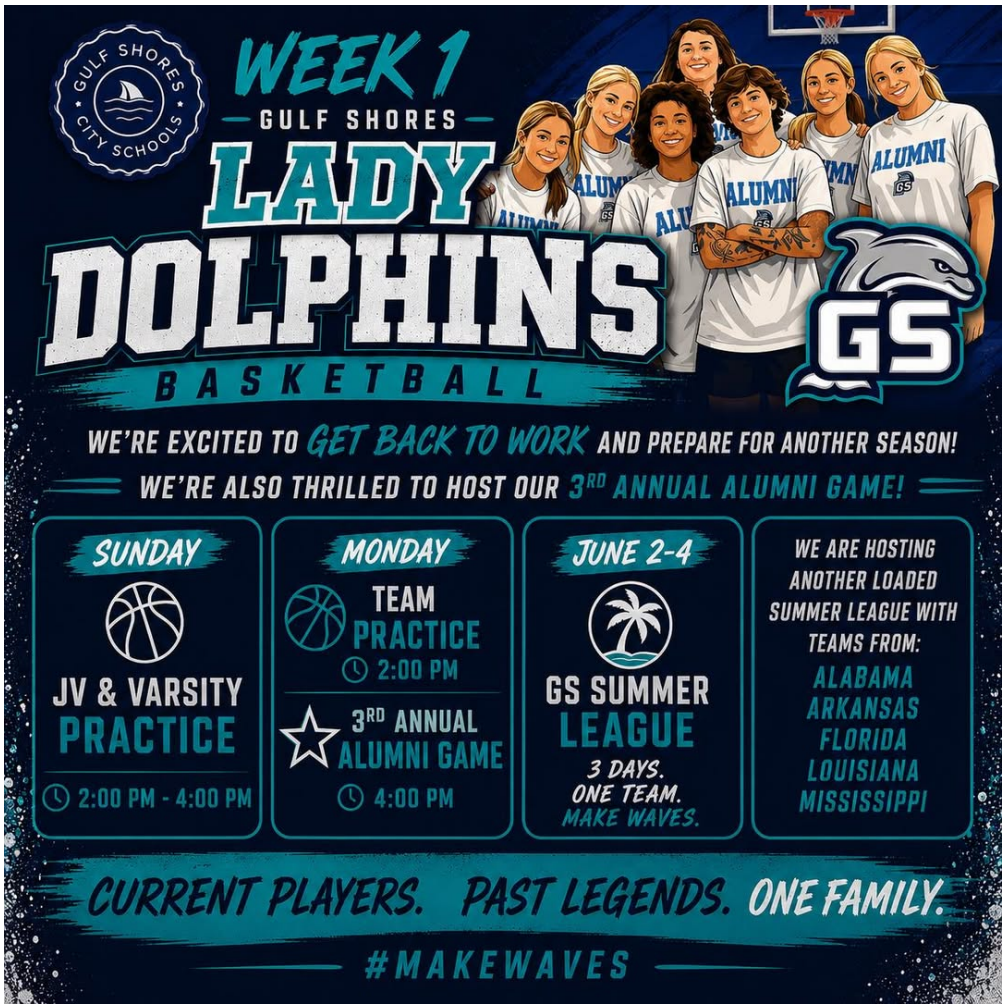
Support the GSMS Cheer Squad and show your Dolphin spirit by grabbing your official Pod Squad t-shirt! Shirts are $20 and available for pre-sale now through June 8.
Order yours here: **https://gulfshorescityal.csiepay.com/Views/Payment/Pay.aspx**
• Click "Athletics"
• Then select "Middle School Cheer"
Shirt pickup will be at Gulf Shores Middle School on June 29.
Thank you for supporting our GSMS Cheerleaders! Go Dolphins!

Congrats to these students certified in ServSafe Manager. So proud of their hard work!!



GSHS Girls Basketball is excited to get back to work and begin prepping for Summer.
We are also thrilled to host our 3rd Annual Alumni Game on Monday at 4:00 PM. This has become one of our favorite traditions and a great opportunity to celebrate the players who helped build our program while welcoming the next generation of Lady Dolphins. We'll finish Week 1 by hosting another outstanding Summer League, bringing more than 20 teams from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi to Gulf Shores for days of great competition and hoops!
We look forward to seeing everyone back in the Tank!



Congratulations to the Gulf Shores City Schools Greenpower USA F24 race teams on an outstanding performance at the National Championship held at Talladega Superspeedway!
Our high school team, Loki Car #552, earned 3rd place in the Advanced Modified Race Division, while our middle school team, Captain America Car #450, earned 2nd place in the Intermediate Modified Race Division.

Our students demonstrated hard work, teamwork, and dedication throughout the event while proudly representing Gulf Shores City Schools. We are so proud of our race family for bringing home banners for both our middle and high school programs!









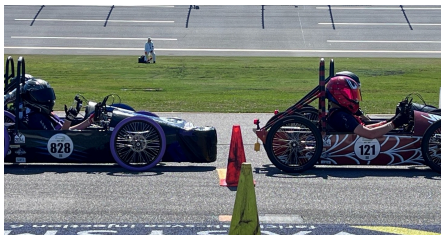














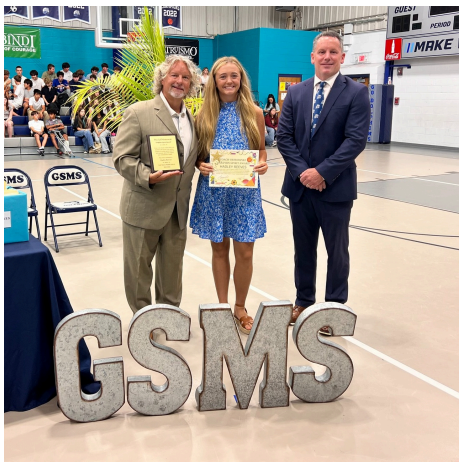
Congratulations to our GSMS 8th Grade students recognized during the Awards Ceremony! We are incredibly proud of your hard work, accomplishments, and dedication throughout the school year.
We look forward to seeing all that you will achieve in the future as you continue to grow and succeed. Thank you to all of the families, staff, and community members who attended and helped celebrate our students and their achievements!

















GlenLakes junior golfer, Benny Plybon fired a smooth (76) at the 6A High School sectional tournament at RTJ/ Senator course! Benny is one of the up and coming stars of the Junior Program at GlenLakes--- and just in the 8th grade!
Way to go, Benny! He advances to the Sub-state Championships.





Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Color Guard!



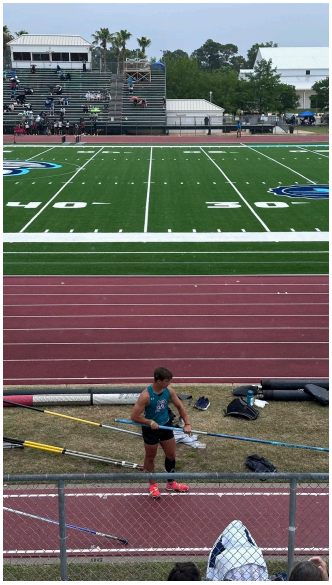
Mrs. Helms's Class attend the Archeology Lab Ground Breaking! We are excited to learn in this new space!



Matthew Howe showed up today! Came in at 12'6"-cleared, 13'-cleared, 13'6"-cleared, 14'-cleared all first attempts! Matthew took FIRST place at the STATE OUTDOOR track meet! Matthew is the 6A POLE VAULT ALABAMA STATE OUTDOOR TRACK CHAMPION!



Anthony Howe had quite the day!! Bar opened at his PR of 10'6". He not only cleared 10'6" he then went on to fly over 11' and THEN with a little encouragement his new PR is 11'6"!!! His attempts at 12 feet were solid-just not enough. Congratulations Anthony!!!







The Ribbon Cutting and Open House at The Wave Center for Learning!



A huge congratulations to our National Board candidates for their hard work and dedication during our writing workshop! Your commitment to professional growth and excellence in education is inspiring, and we are proud of all the effort you are putting into this process.

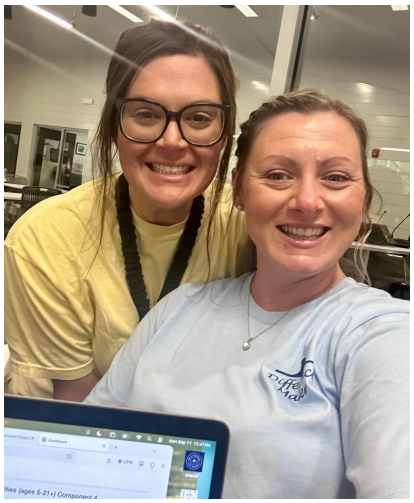
This year, our 29 candidates submitted an incredible 59 components! What an amazing accomplishment and testament to the dedication and perseverance of our teachers.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Barr Group Mortgage for generously donating lunch for our teachers on Monday, Sarah's Homemade for providing lunch on Wednesday, and The Lodge for donating pastries each morning. Your support and encouragement mean so much to our educators!

We also want to give a very special thank you to the Dolphin Foundation for funding all candidate components this year and to GSCS School Board and Administration for their continued support of our National Board candidates and commitment to educational excellence. We are incredibly grateful for a community that continues to invest in and support our teachers.

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NASA Cyber Technology Camp Awards **Gulf Shores City Schools** and **Gulf Shores Middle School** Student Zaden Bautista Elite Scholarship!
Out of thousands of applicants each year, only a few hundred are selected to attend—and only a few dozen earn scholarships. Zaden didn't just get accepted.
He was awarded a full academic scholarship through NASA and to top it off, he was chosen as 1 of 9 students inducted into the NASA Space Camp Hall of Fame.
Because of this honor, Zaden won't be attending the standard program—he has been selected for the Advanced Cyber Technology Camp, an opportunity not offered to other applicants.
Congratulations, Zaden!



Congratulations to GSHS Golfers, Grey Goodman and Evelyn Lamar on punching their
ticket to Miami!
Both Golfers won the Optimist Tournament today!
Grey won with a 72
Evelyn won with a 73
They both advance to Trump Doral for the World Championship!

Go Dolphins!



GSHS student, Daniel Foster, signed to compete on the next level at the University of Mobile! We cannot wait to see all you accomplish in this next chapter. We wish you the best of luck!



First Grade enjoyed the First Ever Invention Carnival-they learned about different inventions like play doh, side walk chalk, paper airplanes, jump ropes, hula hoops, and water blasters-the students had a Blast!!!













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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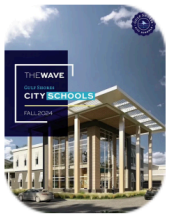
6/1 Camp Shred Begins: Summer Surf & Skate
6/1-26 GSES Aftercare Summer Camp
6/4 BOE: School Board Work Session (4:00pm)
6/6 Little Lifeguards Program Session 1 (9:00am)
6/8-11 Summer Sport Camp (Basketball) First Baptist Church GS
6/8-12 GSCS: Summer Culinary Camp (Mexican 9:00am)
6/11 BOE; School Board Regular Meeting (5:00pm)
6/13 Little Lifeguards Program Session 1 (9:00am)
6/15-18 Summer Sport Camp (Volleyball First Baptist Church GS
6/20 Little Lifeguards Program Session 2 (9:00am)
6/27 Little Lifeguards Program Session 2 (9:00am)
6/29-7/3 GSCS: Spark Summer Fun at Camp Invention (9:00am)

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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