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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

Welcome Back To School! As we wrap up the first month of the new school year, we want to take a moment to sincerely thank our dedicated parents, teachers, faculty, and staff for your enthusiasm, support, and hard work. It has been truly energizing to see our schools come alive with the smiling faces of our exceptional students and families. Your commitment to fostering a positive, engaging, and personalized learning environment sets the tone for a rewarding and inspiring year ahead. We are excited about the opportunities for growth, learning, and shared success that lie before us. As we move forward together, let's continue working hand in hand to provide our students with the very best education and support possible—creating an environment where every child can thrive.Join Us This September! Tuesday Talk, September 8 at 8:30am,Wave Center for Learning, Tuesday Tour at GSMS, September 15 at 9:00am, Join our student ambassadors for the Community Supply Drive starting September 8th!!and Tuesday Tour at GSHS, September 22 at 9:00am

Here's to a fantastic school year filled with achievements, laughter, learning, and lasting memories!

Dr. Matt Akin, Superintendent

Dr. Stephanie Harrison, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Innovation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL ACADEMY



Health & Wellness



Athletics



Arts Education



Teaching & Learning

Health & Wellness

The monthly Bike Train has its ride in August. Join the Bike Train if you are interested in riding to school once or twice a month.Click on the link to find out more and to sign up: Bike Train 2026-2027



Athletics

Congratulations to the GSMS Cross Country team for running hard at St. Paul's Banana Relay in Stockton this weekend. Special shout-out to Kirra Carney for her 3rd place win with a 6:50 second mile time! We are proud of our team and all of their hard work so far this season!



Arts Education

Congratulations to all that came out to Radium Girls Auditions at GSHS! We are so excited to get started on this show.



Teaching & Learning

Mrs. Payne's class loved starting counting collections this week! Working and learning together!





S'mores on the Shore









Lainey in Mrs. Taylor's class was excited to share her Jj day treat: Jello Jellyfish! Yummmm!



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

Dr. Sonya Price, Director of Exceptional Education, presented at ALSDE MEGA Conference 2026. It was an event filled with learning and connecting with educators and colleagues from across the state! It was a pleasure to co-facilitate with educational partners. Here's to a great school year!

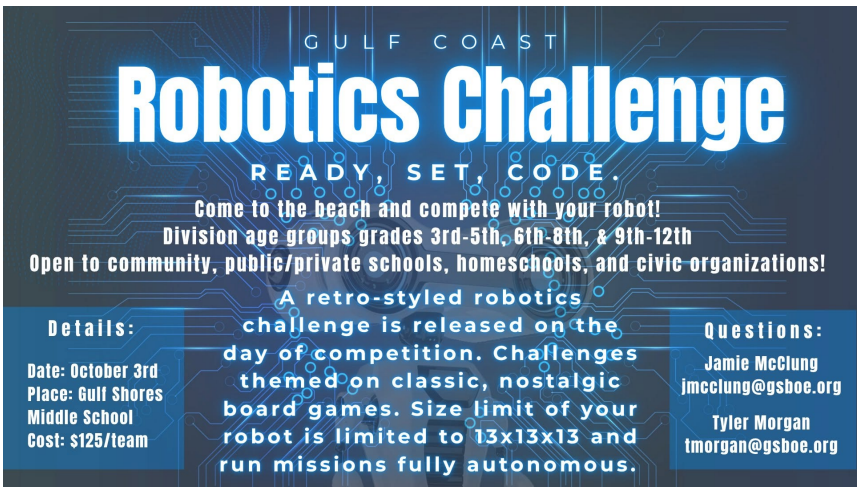




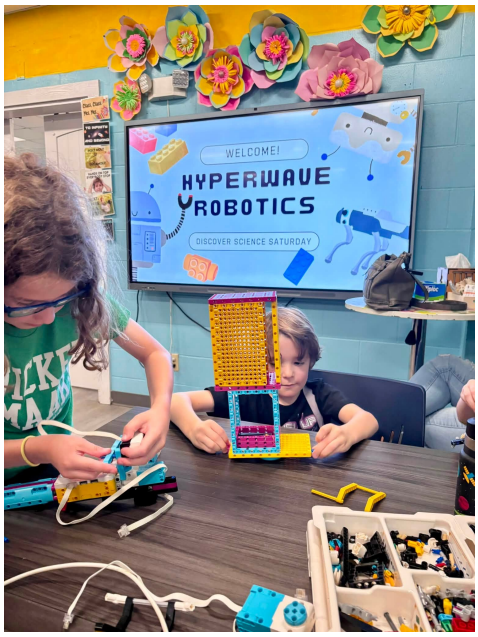
Fresh new NIKE uniforms came in for the GSHS Volleyball players!







Gulf Shores High School's HYPERWAVE Robotics lit up Discovery Saturday at the Emerald Coast Science Center. Students engineered spinning tops—"Beyblades," as they proudly renamed them—powered by Spike Prime Rippers, and every design brought its own flair and chaos. Even our robo-dog, Phin, was impressed… he spent the afternoon tilting his head in curiosity at their wild inventions.







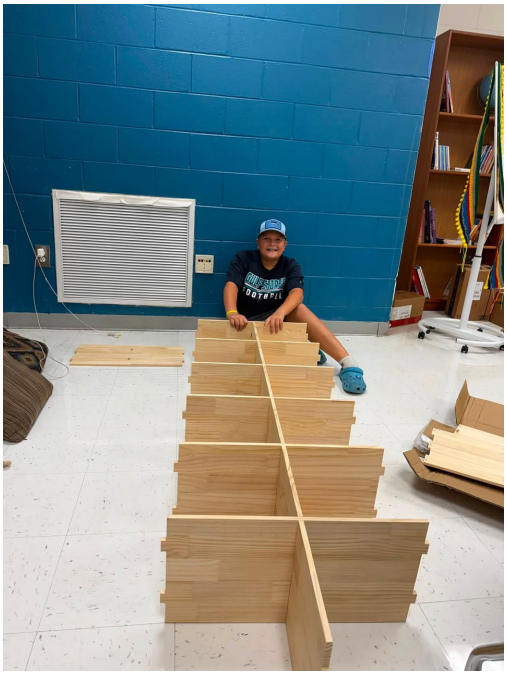






Introducing the Varsity Lineup for School Resource Officers, 2026–2027 Season.
This year, the Dolphin tradition continues with a lineup that blends returning talent, rising stars, and the same Gulf Shores spirit students have come to love.
Sergeant Chad Lambert — returning as the General Manager of the team.
Still the undisputed reigning king of the term “jack wagon,” most likely to show up in cowboy boots with Glen Campbell's Wichita Lineman on his party playlist. Poised and ready to belt out the National Anthem at any sporting event. His fair-weather motorcycle days may be behind him, but his leadership keeps the SRO squad running like a championship program.
Officer Mike Drummond — starting again at Gulf Shores High School.
Last year’s seventh-season veteran is now entering another year of service, still standing at 6'5" and our first pick for any pickup basketball game. Students continue to call him “Big Bird,” and his legendary first-pitch strike reputation remains untouched. Thirty-plus years in law enforcement and still going strong. Don't be offended if he calls you "Buttercup."
Officer Caleb Lyle — now in his sophomore season at Gulf Shores Middle School.
The rookie who once wrestled an alligator has quickly built a following. His enthusiasm, mustache and Coast Guard Reserve/SWAT background made him a natural last year—and this year he’s stepping confidently into veteran territory. His favorite season is summer.
Officer Tony “Three P’s” Pappas — returning for another year at Gulf Shores Elementary School.
His love of directing traffic in torrential downpours while performing his police-whistle cover of Coldplay’s “A Sky Full of Stars” is back for another season. Despite his undeniable musical talent, he has yet to be signed by a major recording label—a fact that shocks absolutely no one more than Tony himself. With 30 plus years in law enforcement and a devotion to Ohio State Football, Pappas continues to bring cardio, crowd control, and charisma to the elementary campus.
Together, this year’s varsity lineup carries forward the community service, and high-energy tradition that made last year’s school year unforgettable.
Gulf Shores students are once again in very good hands.
Go Dolphins!





Rising 6th grader, Anders Kimball, spent his Saturday evening assembling new cubby shelves for GSES teachers. So proud of the culture of service and giving our school district instills in students.



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at Shrimp Basket Gulf Shores for our GSMS Spirit Night!
We loved seeing our students, families, faculty, staff, and community come together for a fun evening while supporting Gulf Shores Middle School. Your support means so much to us!
A special thank you to Shrimp Basket Gulf Shores for hosting us and giving back to our school. We are so grateful for community partners who continue to support our Dolphins!





Congratulations to Gulf Shores High School's math teacher and bus driver, Ms. Brandi Owens for being named the Alabama Bus Driver of the Year AND to Mr. Randy Carlisle for being named the Alabama Transportation Director of the Year! Both awards were given at the state conference earlier this summer. We are extremely blessed to have such a dedicated team transporting our students to and from school each day! Make Waves!



Zero Waste Zoo Bites is officially underway at GSES! Gulf Shores Elementary is proud to take another step toward sustainability! Students are collecting raw, unbitten fruits and vegetables from the cafeteria that would otherwise be thrown away and bringing them to Mrs. Childress's room.The donations then make their way to the AL Gulf Coast Zoo, where they are weighed, photographed, and shared with the animals. Our goal? Feed animals, not landfills! We're excited to see our students turning food waste into something meaningful for our community and our zoo animals!



GSMS loves participating in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census!
Students from Gulf Shores Middle School were on campus identifying, counting, and reporting on pollinator species. Such a great way to get involved in citizen science and get outdoors!







The annual GSHS Club Fair was held and was a huge hit! Ask your students which club interested them and what their next step to get involved will be. We believe that students who are fully engaged in multiple areas at school have a better experience! Thank you to Mr. Schaff and all the club sponsors and members for setting this opportunity up for all students. Go Dolphins! Make Waves!



























Our PCT students took their skills out of the classroom for a little PPE Parade!
Learning the importance of proper personal protective equipment while showing off their healthcare-ready style!
Then it was time to Make Waves at the GSHS Club Fair! Students had the opportunity to explore all the clubs, organizations, and activities available @gulfshoreshs –get involved, connect, make a difference.
Learning, teamwork, and school spirit all in one morning!









GSVA students in grades 3, 4, and 5 gathered together at the Gulf Shores Interpretive Center for a lesson on Alabama Sea Monsters!

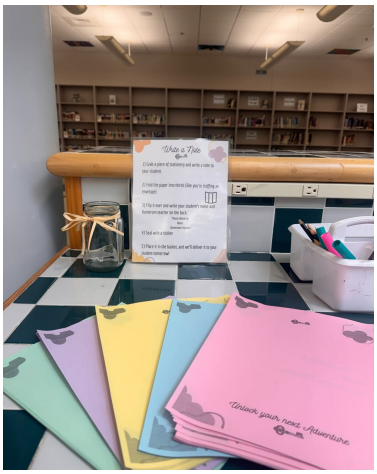






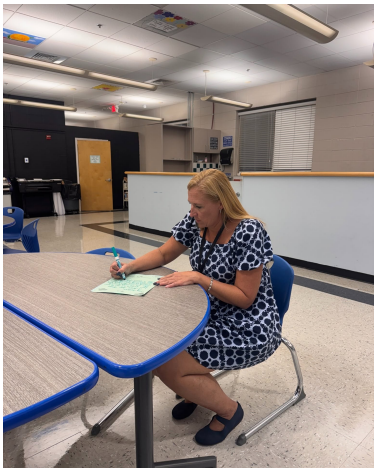
A Little Encouragement Goes a Long Way!
During Open House, our GSMS Media Center hosted a special letter-writing station where parents and guardians could take a few minutes to write an encouraging note to their student.
We are excited to share that 68 letters were written! Each note was filled with words of encouragement, support, and positivity for our Dolphins as they begin a new school year.
Thank you to all of our families who stopped by and helped make this activity such a success! We love finding simple but meaningful ways to remind our students that they have an entire community cheering them on.

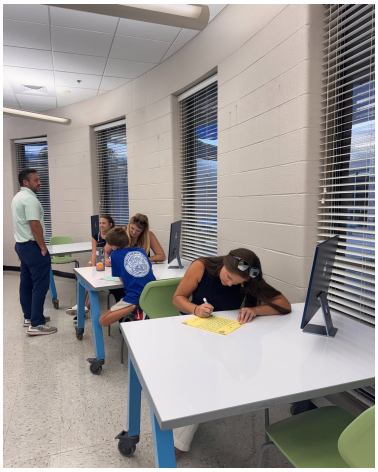












GSES PTO Harvest Fest

Save the Date!
Friday, September 25th
5-8 pm
Upper Elementary Field
You won't want to miss this family fun event!



Gulf Shores Menu Feature: Made-From-Scratch Goodness
Our cafeteria team served up a true comfort classic — homemade chicken pot pie crafted with a rich house-made roux and topped with fresh-baked biscuits. Paired with freshly steamed carrots and a whole McLeod Farms peach, this meal brings together warm flavors, bright colors, and local freshness.





It's TIME!!! Let's Make Waves!! Join us for another unforgettable night with the **Dolphin Foundation for Education & Arts**! New date, new time, new location, same great reason 2026 Make Waves Benefit October 3, 2026!!



First home game in the books for the GSHS Volleyball!
We're so grateful for our new, beautiful building and the incredible space it is for our students, teachers, and staff. A huge thank you to the Gulf Shores City Schools Board of Education for your continued oversight and care for our schools, staff, and students. We're thankful for the support that makes nights like this possible. And a special thank you to GSHS Principal Tim Webb for taking the first serve!





The cadets at GSHS took a field trip to Naval Air Station Pensacola to visit the Naval Aviation Museum and watch the Blue Angels.











Make Waves Theatre Junior at GSMS has been talking about the 5 Aspects of Theatre, and this focus represents ENERGY!









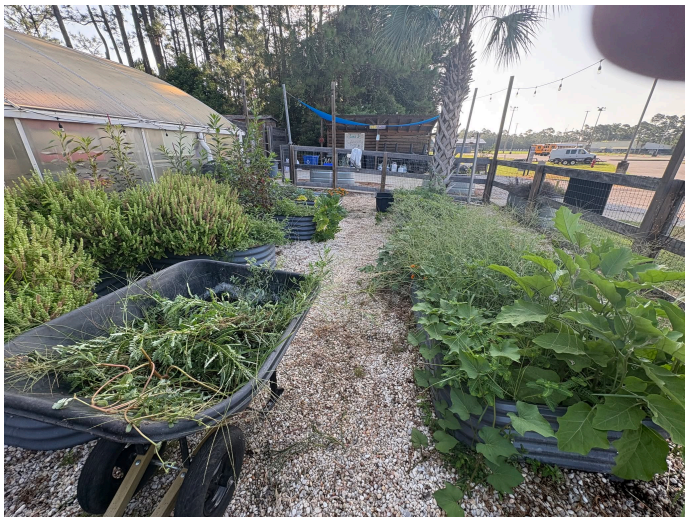


The choir room space at the new Gulf Shores High School is amazing! The acoustics are even better!



GSMS is so proud of Mrs. Morales' Sustainability students! During just the first full week of school, these students have already been hard at work making a positive impact on our campus and community.
Students rolled up their sleeves to clean out our raised vegetable beds and also partnered with the Alabama Extension Office to help count pollinators as part of an important community science project.
Check out a few photos of our Sustainability students in action!













Our 7th grade World History students at GSMS are learning that how we map the world matters! Through hands-on mapping activities, students are comparing a globe to different map projections and discovering how flat maps can distort size, shape, distance, and direction.
One big question we explored: Does a map really show Earth's 71% water and 29% land accurately?
Learning geography is more than reading a map—it's understanding how maps shape the way we see our world!





Our Drivers Education classes at GSHS had a guest speaker this past week. Ms. Kelly Koncsol with the University of Alabama's TRIP Lab presentation focused on preventing teen driver accidents and Minimizing distracted.

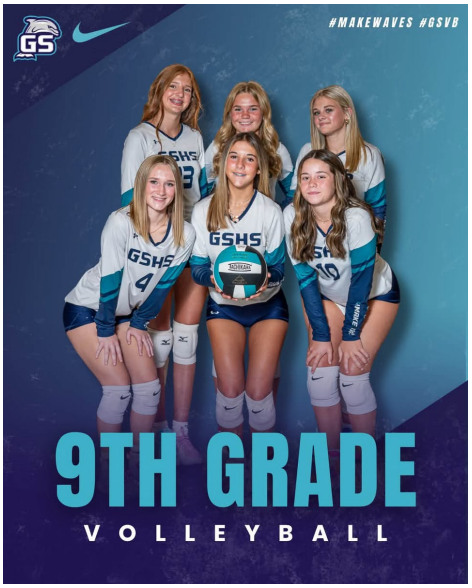




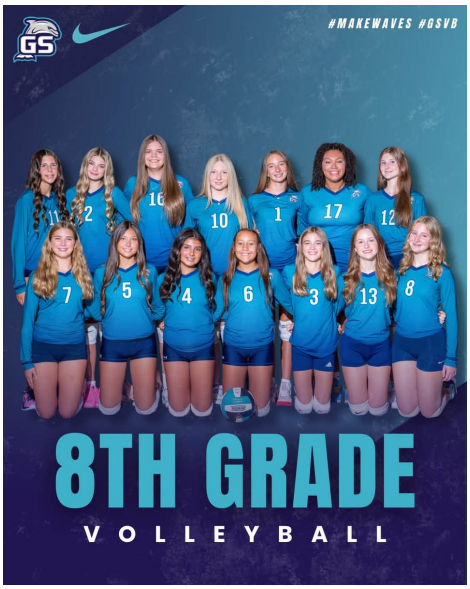


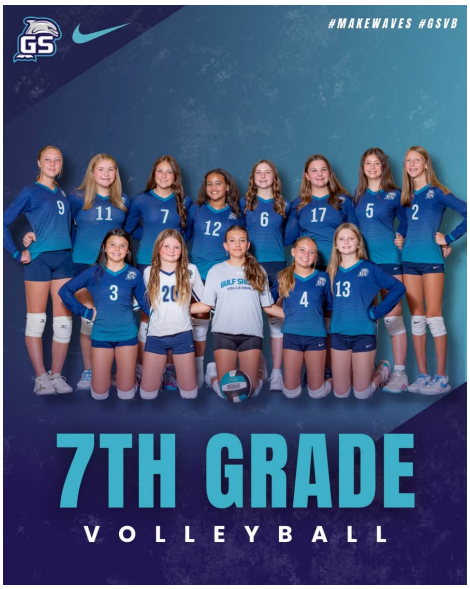






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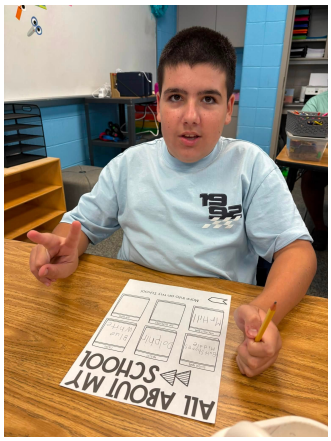


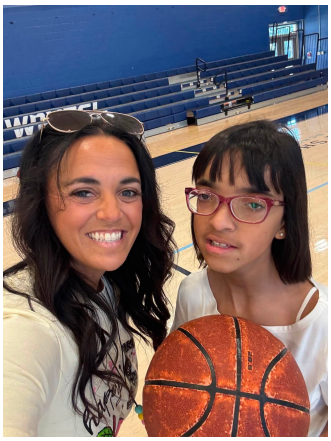
2026-2027 has officially started and Mrs. Canan's class already has so many amazing things going on at GSMS!!! New building, new classroom, new gyms, new friends, and new appliances!!! We hit the ground rolling washing laundry, folding clothes, practicing ratios, enjoying break, learning about our school, reading stories, and enjoying PE to name a few

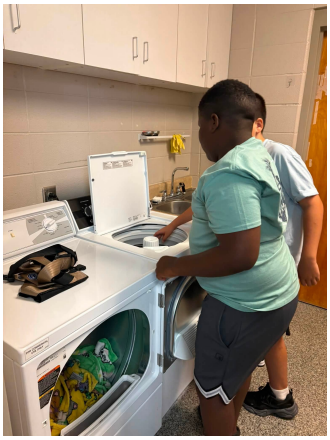




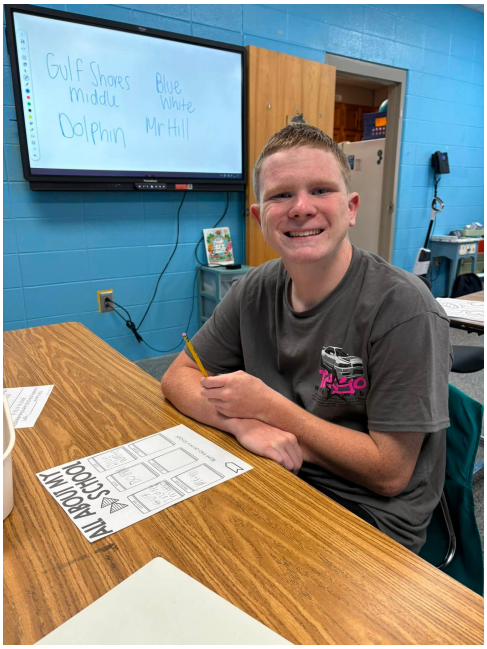


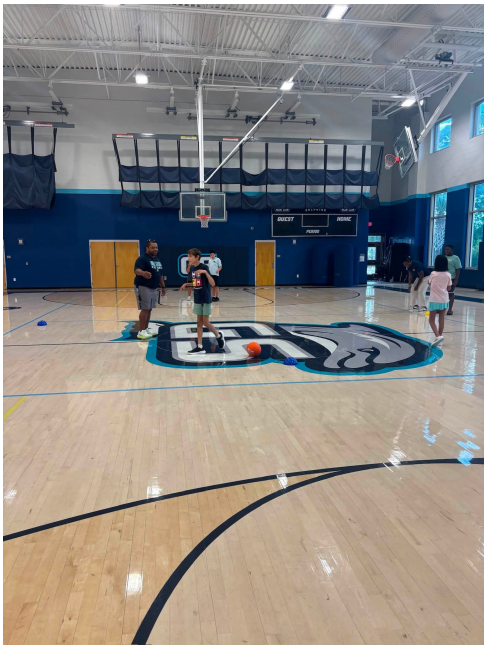
















First Grade Friends are the best in Mrs. Helms' class!

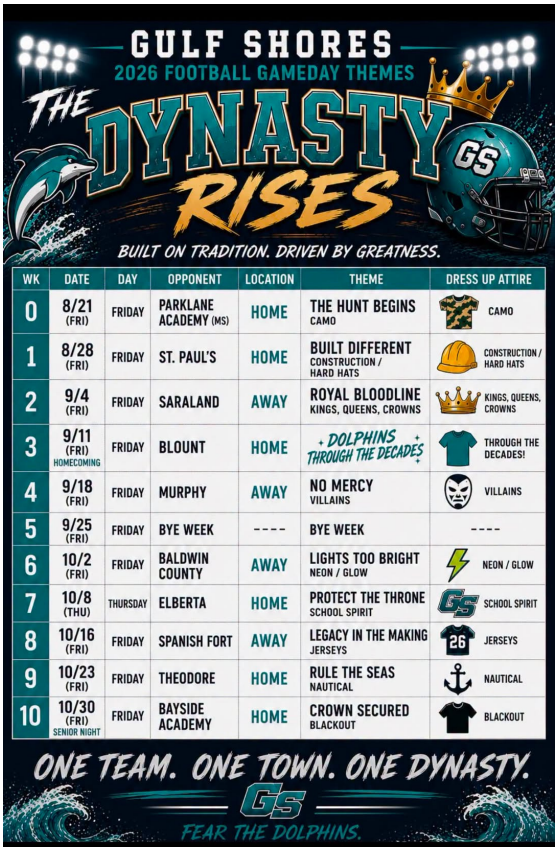


GSMS Cross Country team ran their season opener at Admiral's Twilight in Daphne. We are proud of our strong start to what's shaping up to be a great season! Special shoutout to 8th grader, Cameron Harrell, for breaking our middle school record for the 3k!



Mrs. Todd's Brew Crew, with help from Kadence, Drew, and Kinlee, delivered coffee and treats with a smile this morning. Thanks to Beach Bums Coffee for partnering with us!





WK	DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	THEME	DRESS UP ATTIRE
0	8/21 (FRI)	FRIDAY	PARKLANE ACADEMY (MS)	HOME	THE HUNT BEGINS CAMO	CAMO
1	8/28 (FRI)	FRIDAY	ST. PAUL'S	HOME	BUILT DIFFERENT CONSTRUCTION / HARD HATS	CONSTRUCTION / HARD HATS
2	9/4 (FRI)	FRIDAY	SARALAND	AWAY	ROYAL BLOODLINE KINGS, QUEENS, CROWNS	KINGS, QUEENS, CROWNS
3	9/11 (FRI) HOMECOMING	FRIDAY	BLOUNT	HOME	DOLPHINS THROUGH THE DECADES	THROUGH THE DECADES!
4	9/18 (FRI)	FRIDAY	MURPHY	AWAY	NO MERCY VILLAINS	VILLAINS
5	9/25 (FRI)	FRIDAY	BYE WEEK	----	BYE WEEK	----
6	10/2 (FRI)	FRIDAY	BALDWIN COUNTY	AWAY	LIGHTS TOO BRIGHT NEON / GLOW	NEON / GLOW
7	10/8 (THU)	THURSDAY	ELBERTA	HOME	PROTECT THE THRONE SCHOOL SPIRIT	SCHOOL SPIRIT
8	10/16 (FRI)	FRIDAY	SPANISH FORT	AWAY	LEGACY IN THE MAKING JERSEYS	JERSEYS
9	10/23 (FRI)	FRIDAY	THEODORE	HOME	RULE THE SEAS NAUTICAL	NAUTICAL
10	10/30 (FRI) SENIOR NIGHT	FRIDAY	BAYSIDE ACADEMY	HOME	CROWN SECURED BLACKOUT	BLACKOUT

Visits with Phin in Ms. Van's kindergarten class!



GSES is so excited to welcome our Mentor Math Specialist, Mrs. Andrea Robinson! As we launch our new roles as OMI Building-Based Math Coaches, we are excited about the opportunity to learn, grow, and make a difference in math instruction across our school. With Mrs. Robinson's guidance, support, and expertise, I know we are going to MAKE WAVES! Together, we will strengthen instruction, support our teachers, and ultimately make a lasting impact on student learning.
Here's to a new chapter, new opportunities, and making waves together!





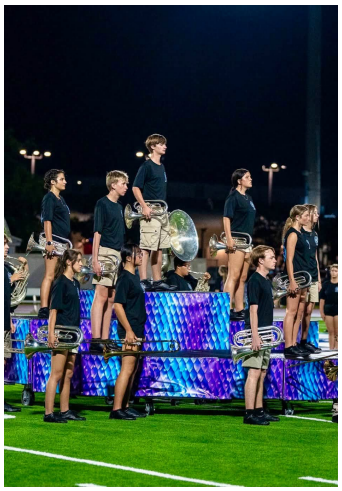
We Proudly Recognize Our Newest Wellness Community Partnerships!
We're excited to celebrate the incredible local businesses partnering with Gulf Shores City Schools to support employee wellness and build a happy, healthy community of learners! These partners are offering exclusive discounts, special memberships, and wellness opportunities for you!
A huge thank-you to our inaugural partners: Bodenhamer Recreation Center • COR Wellness • Glow Studio + Shop • Iron Fortress Strength & Conditioning • MVP Fitness • MVMT Pilates • Mattox Johnson MVP Fitness • Neighborhood Barre Gulf Shores

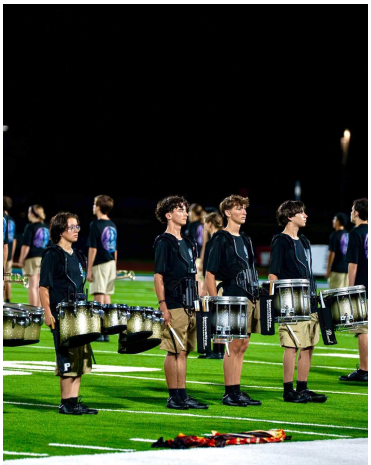




Our GSHS Band ready for the 2026-2027 season!







Thank you, First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores for passing out icy pops to our walkers leaving school! We appreciate you opening your parking lot to our families so that children can have a short walk from the school to their parents in the afternoons.







Learning is fun in the book boat named the LeaderSHIP!
-Mrs. Shoemaker's Sailors

Class of 2027 started their day with their traditional Senior Sunrise bright and early!



In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation but also with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Written with warmth and humor, Radium Girls is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece for 10 actors, who play more than 30 parts—friends, coworkers, lovers, relatives, attorneys, scientists, consumer advocates, and a myriad of interested bystanders. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth and the commercialization of science.
Any student at Gulf Shores High School can come audition for this amazing play!




ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2026
BACK
to school
Welcome Back
DOLPHINS


FIRST DAY


Welcome Back
DOLPHINS


Welcome Back
THE FUTURE 2026 IS NOW


WELCOME
MAKE 2026 WAVES



Joseph and Mrs. Gerald are clearly enjoying their lunchtime!



Our Dolphins are shining and ready to welcome students back to Gulf Shores Middle School!



Traditional Bagel Rolling with Baking & Pastry!

Welcome back students! Our Walking School Bus had a great first walk to school! A kid's dream - playground fun before school - is not only possible but healthy, too!





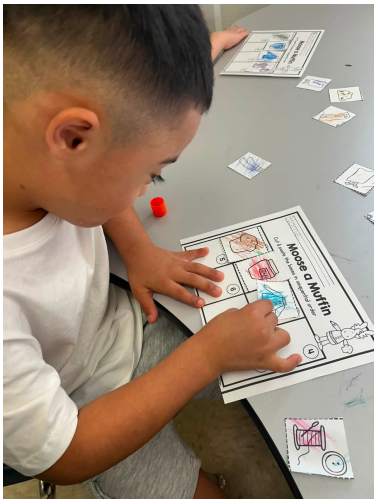








If you give a moose a muffin.. you might just learn the letter M at GSES!





This team “Balls At The Beach!”
Introducing your 2026 Gulf Shores Dolphins!



Middle School girls were putting in work during 7th period!



GSES Getting Ready For A New School Year























Members of the Gulf Shores Middle & High School Choirs began their school year a little early, and made history by being the first group to perform in the new high school theatre. The choir sang the National Anthem to a packed audience attending the Gulf Shores City Schools' Institute for teachers and staff, and then participated in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony, officially opening the new high school. Way to Make Waves!





1st grade with Meet the Teacher on their minds! It was a great day!



The third grade team ready to meet their kiddos and have the best year EVER!



Our Enrichment Team is ready to Make Waves and have fun!



Our fabulous Kindergarten Team is now all in the same building!



Look at our 2026-27 Pre-K Team!
We are so thankful for our Pre-K program to be able to expand to seven classes this year! Each Pre-K classroom has a teacher and an auxiliary aide.



WELCOME TO GULF SHORES ELEMENTARY 2026-27



Jessica Burkett
Pre-K
MD Aide

GULF SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Julia Waters
4th Grade
Teacher



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Nikki Wilson
2nd Grade
Teacher

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Jordan Sexton
Pre-K
Auxiliary
Aide

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2026
HELLO
FOURTH GRADE







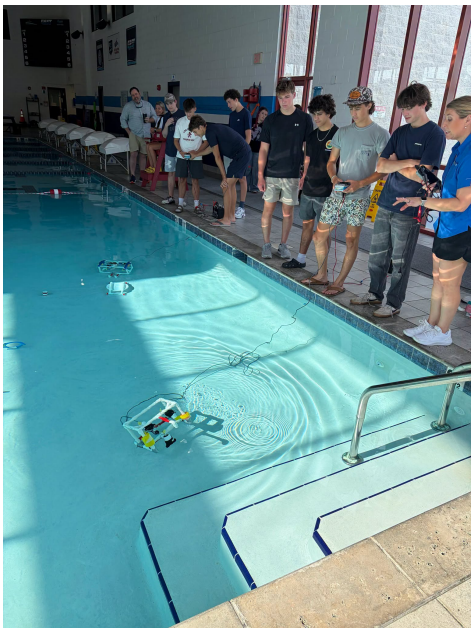




We have Dolphin Spirit ~ Mrs. Helms' 1st grade!



Something exciting is happening at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center's pool!
Bodenhamer Rec Center is collaborating with the **Gulf Shores High School Place-Based Science** program this fall! Students will engage in hands-on activities in our pool, such as scuba lessons with Down Under Dive Shop, snorkel sampling, and testing the ROVs they built in class. Check out their projects!







Support Gulf Shores Athletics by purchasing a BJ's membership!



Hospitality & Tourism classes working on knife skills & prepping potatoes for GSHS and GSMS school lunches!





















Join our student ambassadors at GSHS for the Community Supply Drive starting September 8th!!



Learning, Laughing & Making Waves!
We've packed a LOT of learning and fun into this week at GSHS! Our students have been busy building skills in so many different ways. We played basketball with Coach Sexton in Adaptive PE, learned some weight-training skills, enjoyed some sunshine and bubbles outside, and had a wonderful visit with our pet therapy friend.
Today, we wrapped things up with one of our favorite activities—cooking! Students followed a recipe to make grilled cheese sandwiches for snack. We worked on following multi-step directions, kitchen safety, fine motor skills, independence, teamwork, and cleaning up after ourselves…with a pretty delicious reward at the end! These are the kinds of days we love—learning important life skills, staying active, building independence, and having FUN while doing it!







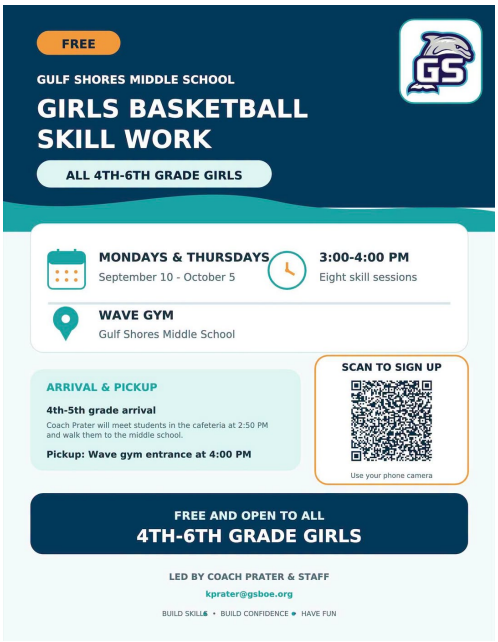




Mrs. Blevins' class at GSES says "M is for mustaches!"





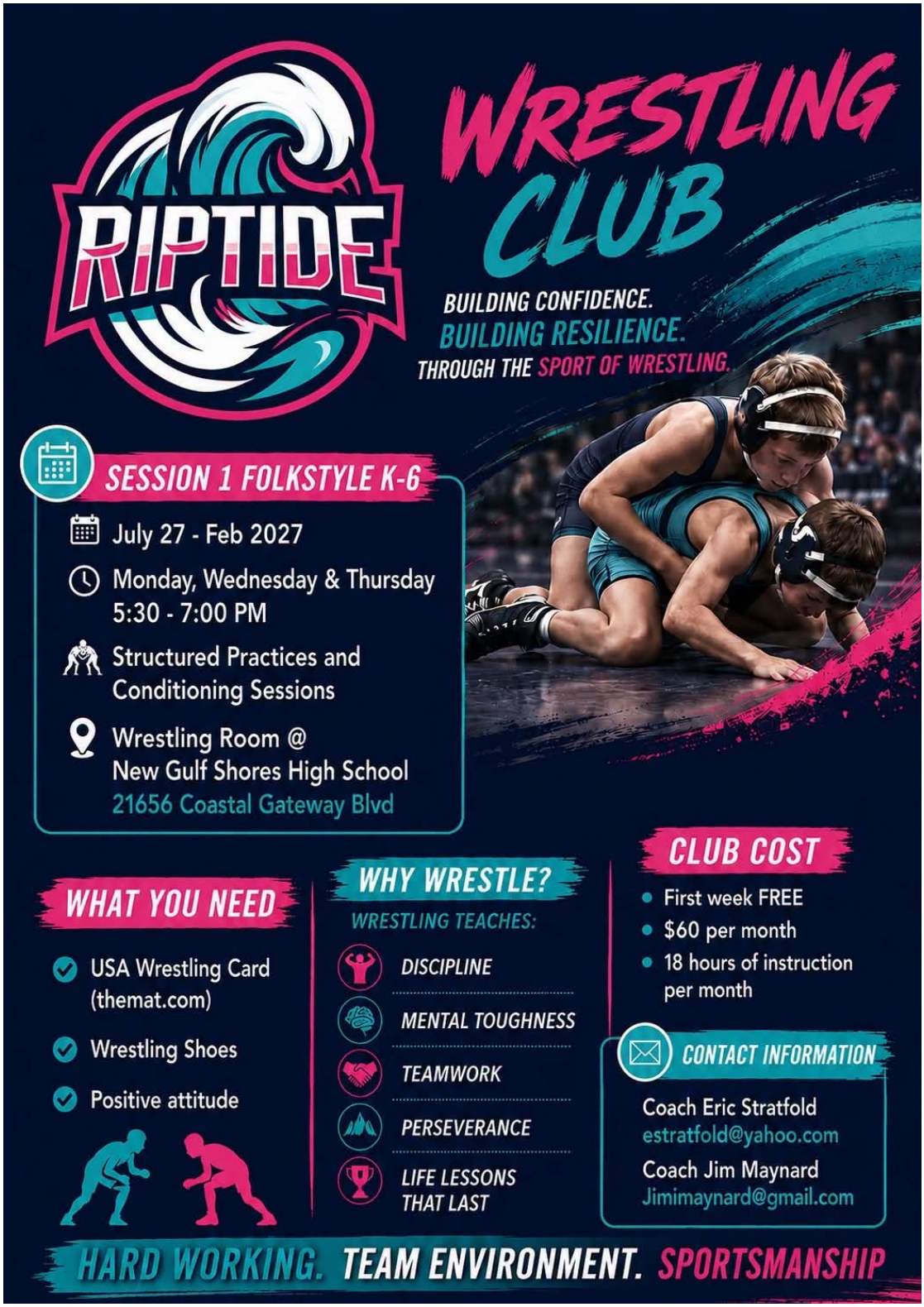


Our GSMS Christian Club would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to First Baptist Church, Summit Church, and Anchor Point Church for partnering with our club and investing in our students!
With 80–100+ students attending each meeting, it has been incredible to see so many students come together. We are so grateful for these community partners and their willingness to show up, encourage our students, and support the Christian Club. It truly takes a village, and we are so thankful to have such wonderful community partners supporting our GSMS students.





Gulf Shores Wrestling Team's Official Youth Club information (grades K-6)



Our Gulf Shores High School culinary students rolled up their sleeves this week to create a fresh peach vinaigrette completely from scratch — using beautiful peaches sourced from McLeod Farms. Under the instruction of Chef Jon Kastner, students practiced essential culinary foundations: knife skills, precise slicing and dicing, safe workstation setup, emulsifying techniques, and the all-important cleanup skills that keep a professional kitchen running smoothly. While Chef Jon led the hands-on learning, Child Nutrition Coordinator Tanya Hill looked on — ensuring that the students' hard work will make its way to every student on our campus. Thanks to her coordination, this house-made vinaigrette was served with salad alongside our spaghetti, bringing student craftsmanship straight to the lunch line.
More Info! https://resources.finalsite.net/.../August-Peaches.pdf





















Get ready for a new school year at Gulf Shores City Schools!

GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS

2026-2027 School Calendar

300 East 16th Avenue Gulf Shores, AL 36542

251-968-9873 • 180 Student Days

August 12, 2026 to May 28, 2027

August 2026

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2026	
August 5-7, 11	Teacher PD/Work Days
August 10	Institute Day
August 12	First Day of School For Students
September 7	Labor Day
October 8	Early Dismissal
October 9	Fall Break
October 12	E-Learning Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23-27	Thanksgiving
December 18	Early Dismissal
December 21-31	Winter Break

2027	
January 1,4	Winter Break
January 5	Students Return From Winter Break
January 18	MLK Birthday
February 8-9	Mardi Gras
February 10	E-Learning Day
March 12	Early Dismissal
March 26	Holiday
April 12-16	Spring Break
May 28	Last Day of School/Early Dismissal
May 31	Memorial Day

Color Key
Teacher PD/Work Days
Teacher Work Day - Institute Day
School Starts/ Students Return
NO Work - Holiday
Student School Day - Early Dismissal
Student School Day - E-Learning
Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

Quarter Dates	
First Quarter	8/12/2026 - 10/9/2026
Second Quarter	10/12/2026 - 12/18/2026
Third Quarter	1/5/2027 - 3/12/2027
Fourth Quarter	3/15/2027 - 5/28/2027

Our little artists in Ms. Barton's Pre-K class had so much fun squishing, swirling, mixing, and creating with shaving cream and paint! A little messy, a lot of sensory fun, and SO much learning through play!







Mrs. McFarland's kiddos on the Trike Trail!








After School Kids Yoga is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. GSES students will walk to Glow from school.
Click here to sign up:
https://glowstudioandshop.com/.../kids-afterschool-care...



Mrs. Pennington is so excited to get this new Archaeology adventure started in GSCS!



Fridays are for our fabulous, focused, and fearless favorite Fourth Grade Team!











KIDS HOPE USA®

Mentors needed:
Do you want to make a difference in a student's life? Can you find the time to help support our wonderful school system by being present for a student one hour one day a week on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons during the school year?
Volunteers are needed to build a one-on-one relationship with a student through our Kids Hope, USA mentoring program. Help us support our students by contacting Sandi Harris in the Administrative Office at 251-968-9873. She will be happy to assist you.



9/1 GSCS: Tuesday Tour at GSHS 9:00am
9/2 GSHS: Picture Day
9/2 GSMS: PTO Meeting 7:20am
9/2 GSES: FCA Meeting 7:30am
9/2 GSHS: College Visit:University of South Alabama
9/3 BOE: School Board Work Session 4:00pm
9/3 GSCS: DAC Meeting 5:30pm
9/7 GSCS: Labor Day (No School)
9/8 GSCS: Tuesday Talk 8:30am
9/8 GSHS: Picture Day Make-ups
9/10 BOE: School Board Regular Meeting 5:00pm
9/10 GSES: Bike Train (Leaves at 7:20am)
9/11 GSCS: Q1 Progress Reports Online
9/12 GSHS: Homecoming Dance 7:00pm
9/15 GSCS: Tuesday Tour at GSMS 9:00am
9/17 GSES: Bike Train (Leaves at 7:20am)
9/22 GSCS: Tuesday Tour at GSHS 9:00am
9/23 GSES: Fall Pictures
9/24 GSES: Spirit Night @ Bahama Buck's
9/25 GSES: Harvest Fest 5:00pm

GSCS Board Meetings on Demand: Missed the meeting? Catch the replay **Meetings on Demand**

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!



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Karen Pearson - District Testing Coordinator
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Whitney Boggus - Chief Technology Officer
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Do you have a suggestion or comment you would like to share with us? Connect with GSCS