



George West ISD

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Newsletter



From the Superintendent

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Thank a School Board Member

Ty Sparks



January was School Board Recognition Month, and George West ISD joined other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools. School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren. We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future. Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us in applauding these local leaders for helping our kids soar to success. The men and women serving George West ISD are:



Important Dates

Feb. 28-March 5
Fair Break

March 12-16
Spring Break

March 29
Early Release

March 30
Good Friday Holiday

April 9
Staff Development Day

Cheri Dee Moore – Board President
 Cosme Arciba – Board Vice President
 Mackey Alvarez – Board Secretary
 Kathy Likens – Board Assistant Secretary

Jimmy Orr – Board Member
 Riley Rhodes – Board Member
 Scott Carroll – Board Member

2016-2017 Federal Report Cards

The 2016-2017 Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at: <http://www.gwisd.esc2.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/GWISD%20District%7CDistrict%20Overview%3E%3EESSA>. The information is also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at: https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Grants/Federal_Report_Card/.

Information included in the report cards includes:

- ◇ percent tested and student achievement by proficiency level
- ◇ student achievement and state academic annual measurable objectives (AMOs)
- ◇ priority and focus schools
- ◇ teacher quality data
- ◇ graduates enrolled in a Texas institution of higher education (IHE)
- ◇ statewide national assessment of educational progress (NAEP) results

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Robin Sellman, Director of Educational Services, at 361-449-1914 extension 1005.



Anticipated Changes to Calendar

| April 2018 | | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

| May 2018 | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | EC | EC | EC | EC | EC | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

After the George West ISD 2017-2018 Calendar was approved by the School Board, the State changed STAAR dates. It is necessary to revise the District calendar to align with those new dates for STAAR.

- The staff development day will be moved from April 7 to April 2.
- April STAAR dates will be moved from April 3-5 to April 10-12
- May STAAR dates will be moved from May 7-11 to May 14-17

It is anticipated that the Board will approve this revised calendar at their meeting on February 21.

Please be mindful of these changes when making appointments for your children. A new calendar will be shared once the Board has approved the revisions.

GWISD Announces Public School Week

2017-2018 Texas Public School Week Activities George West ISD

Ty Sparks, Superintendent, announced plans for observance of Texas Public School Week at George West Schools on March 19 - March 23, 2018. Mr. Sparks, the principal, and faculty of each school invite and encourage parents/guardians to visit the schools during Texas Public School Week.

We would like to invite you to eat lunch in the cafeteria with your child(ren) during Texas Public School Week. If you would like to participate, please complete and return the form sent home with your child(ren).

In addition, Open House will be held at all schools on Monday evening, March 19, 2018. School personnel will be on hand to greet and visit with parents/guardians. The Open House schedule is as follows:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Primary School | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. |
| Elementary School | 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Junior High School | 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| High School | 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |

Mr. Sparks emphasizes that the Open House is primarily to allow parents an opportunity to meet teachers, see samples of students' work, and view the school facilities. Conferences with teachers concerning individual student problems should be arranged by appointment with the teacher and principal concerned.



Little Olympics
Thursday, May 31

Primary School

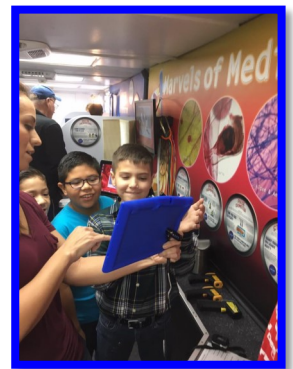
BOOK FAIR

Primary Book Fair -- April 2-6, 2018

Shopping Hours: Monday-Thursday
10:00-1:00 & 3:00-4:00
Friday 10:00-1:00

**FAMILY NIGHT TUESDAY
APRIL 3 2018 5-7 PM**

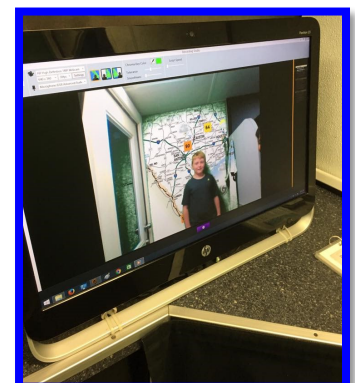
GWEF Sponsors 3rd Grade Science Lab



GW Primary 3rd graders got to experience a one of a kind museum on wheels. Paid for by the George West Education Foundation, the mobile science lab provided students with exciting exhibits and hands-on learning science based activities such as energy, space, weather, biotechnology, and aerodynamics while also introducing them to educational and career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).



We are so grateful for GWEF and their provision of this amazing lab station.



Elementary News

Stephanie Schuette, Counselor

Elementary Newsletter

Working Together for School Success

GW Elementary

Standardized Test Secrets: Tackling the STAAR

Confident. Prepared. Relaxed. Well rested. These are all the traits of successful test takers. How can you ensure that your child does his/her best on standardized test? Try these ideas to help before, during, and after tests.

Before:

Understand the purpose. Your child may wonder why he/she has to take the STAAR tests. Let him/her know that the tests measure how students in his/her school are doing compared to other schools and districts. These tests also show areas he/she needs to work on and how his/her skills change over time. Plus, they help teachers and administrators do their jobs better.

Support the teacher's efforts. Your child's teachers have been preparing them for the STAAR and will give him/her many activities to prepare for the test. Extra math problems to solve at home and extra reading passage to practice reading and answering questions. Remind your child that these exercises will help him/her do his/her best!

Get in shape. Two essential ingredients for successful test taking are a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast.

During:

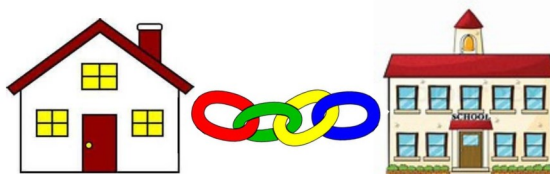
Follow directions. Encourage your child to read all the directions slowly and carefully. And remind him/her to do all the strategies the teachers have taught him/her.

Use time wisely. The STAAR test is a timed test. Your child will have 4 hours to complete the test. Remind him/her how important it is to stay on task and stay focused.

Check answers. If your child reaches the end of a section with time left, he/she should go back and check his/her answers. Some test takers circle difficult questions as they work so they can easily find them later. Remind your child of the importance of bubbling in correctly on the answer sheet and to double check that they are on the right number as they are bubbling in.

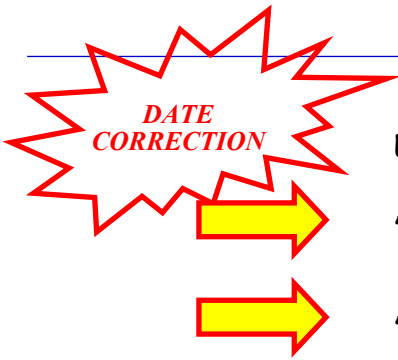
After:

Celebrate. Finishing the STAAR test is an accomplishment. Give your child plenty of time to relax and wind down. Taking a test requires a lot of mental energy! Consider treating him/her to a special meal, a movie night, or a walk in the park. It is important to tell him/her how proud you are of his/her hard work.



Elementary News

Stephanie Schuette



Elementary STAAR Testing Dates:

| | |
|----------|---|
| April 10 | 4 th Grade WRITING 5 th Grade MATH |
| April 11 | 5 th Grade READING |
| May 14 | 4 th Grade MATH 6 th Grade MATH 5 th Grade MATH Retakes |
| May 15 | 4 th Grade READING 6 th Grade READING 5 th Grade READING Retakes |
| May 16 | 5 th Grade SCIENCE |



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Please make sure your child is at school all of these important test days and ready to do their best!

Parent Volunteer Program

George West Elementary wants to thank our Awesome Parent Volunteer Program, headed up by Angie Lindholm. Many parents have been so supportive and helpful this year and we are very grateful for your time and efforts. From door decorations to luncheons and decorating our teacher's lounge, you've made a huge difference. George West Elementary teachers and staff thank you each one of you!



Primary News

Pat James

Primary District UIL Results 2017

2nd Grade

| | | |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Storytelling | Dylan Thomisee Avery Goebel Lyla Wasicek | 1 st 3 rd |
| Creative Writing | Avery Goebel Tagg McClendon LaShay Neal Darby Gober Alt. | 2 nd 5 th |
| Chess Puzzle | Colby Bierschwale Brodie Shaw Lyla Wasicek LaShay Neal Alt. | |

3rd Grade

| | | |
|---------------|--|---|
| Storytelling | Lena Kate Bowen Presley Stump Annorah Dingler | 3 rd 5 th 6 th |
| Ready Writing | Lena Kate Bowen Annorah Dingler Marcie Gonzales Blaine Ainsworth Alt. | 3 rd 6 th |
| Spelling | 3 rd Place Team Jayden Luther Hernandez Brody Anderson Christopher Scott | 5 th |
| Music Memory | Thana Hernandez Annorah Dingler Jayden Hernandez Lilleanna Murphy | 4 th |
| Chess Puzzle | 2 nd Place Team Trip Munoz Mitchell Coats Kenna Ruiz Casey Davis Alt. | 1 st 4 th |



Elementary News

Stephanie Schuette

UIL Results 4th and 5th Grade—December 2, 2017

4th Grade

Art:

1st Place Carlee Johnson
2nd Place Ray Martin
3rd Place Ella McKinney
1st Place Team

Chess Puzzle:

4th Place John Arnold
Participants Carlee Johnson, Kaylee Scott, Hayden Ramirez
3rd Place Team

Music Memory:

Participants Kaylee Scott, Emma McKinney

Number Sense:

Participants Lucero Ramirez, Nathaniel Whitworth, Ella McKinney, Max Williams

Ready Writing:

1st Place Camaaron Guerrero
Participants Ray Martin, Declan Stewart, Emma McKinney

Spelling:

5th Place Ella McKinney
Participants Scott Gross, Ellena Fuentes, Lucero Ramirez
2nd Place Team

Oral Reading:

3rd Ray Martin
Participants Cora Barter, Emma McKinney, Jenna Lee

5th Grade

Art:

Participant – Alvin Guerrero

Dictionary:

1st Place Eliana Rodriguez
6th Place Bryon Carvajal
Participant Rhett Mauer
1st Place Team

Listening:

4th Place Erica Salazar
Participants Elijah Gass, Danary Bazaldua, Jaymee Carrillo

Maps, Graphs, Charts:

1st Place Davian Zuniga
3rd Place Alyssa Stringer
5th Place Tristen Blevins
1st Place Team

Number Sense:

6th Place Kyle Bollinger
Participants Keri Bollinger, Ashley Burris

Music Memory:

Participants Savanna Tanguma, Nathaniel Hernandez, Isaiah Adams, Kaydence Gonzales
3rd Place Team

Oral Reading:

4th Place Kaydence Gonzales
6th Place Alyssa Stringer
Participants April Gimler, Jasaleen Rangel

Ready Writing:

2nd Place Coleman Anderson
3rd Place Jaymee Carrillo
4th Place Alyssa Stringer
Participants Kaydence Gonzales

Spelling:

2nd Place Coleman Anderson
3rd Place Alyssa Stringer
6th Place April Gilmer
1st Place Team



Elementary School News Continued

2017 6th Grade UIL results

Editorial Writing – 6th grade – Raelene Freeman – 3rd place, Nicholas Matzas – 5th place

Ready Writing – 6th grade – McKinzie Stewart – 1st place, Emily Fisher – 6th place

Spelling – 6th grade – Michelle Lindholm – 1st place, Sarah Barnhart – 2nd place, Nicholas Matzas – 3rd place

Impromptu Speaking – 6th grade – Claire McKinney – 1st place (7th), Sarah Barnhart – 2nd place, McKinzie Stewart – 4th place

Oral Reading – 6th grade – Claire McKinney – 1st place, McKinzie Stewart – 2nd place

Number Sense – Ryan McGee 1st place, Raelene Freeman 5th
2nd place team of Ryane, Raelene, and McKinzie Stewart

General Math – Lexi Kelsey 2nd, Michele Lindholm 4th
2nd place team of Lexi, Michelle, and Karen Rivera

Calculator – McKinzie Stewart 5th
3rd place team of McKinzie, Madison Krietsch, Claire McKinney

Dictionary Skills – Sarah Barnhart 1st, Raelene Freeman 5th
1st place team of Sarah, Raelene, and McKinzie Stewart

Maps, Graphs, Charts – McKinzie Stewart 1st, Hunter Diebel 2nd, Logan Huston 4th
1st place team

Chess Puzzle – Ethan Pena 6th

Social Studies – McKinzie Stewart 2nd

Listening Skills – Ayden Repka 3rd

3D Art – Maralynn Mick 1st

Color Art – Bailey Meyers 4th

Black and White Art – McKinzie Stewart 5th, Ryane McGee 6th



Junior High UIL Results

2017-2018 UIL DISTRICT RESULTS

Ashley Lowe, Principal

| 7 th GRADE | B & W Art | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | B & W Art | Student Name | Place |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | | Eliza Taylor | 1st | | | Alexis Zepeda -7 th grade | 2nd |
| | | Caylee Pearce | 3rd | | | | |
| | | Ruben Amoles | 6th | | | | |
| 7 th Gr | Color Art | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Color Art | Student Name | Place |
| | | Marissa De Leon | 2nd | | | | |
| | | Angel Caldwell | 3rd | | | | |
| 7 th Gr | 3D Art | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | 3D Art | Student Name | Place |
| | | Alexis Zepeda | 3rd | | | Hope Carroll | 1st |
| | | Kobe Hamilton | 5th | | | Nate Sixsmith | 6th |
| 7 th Gr | Computer Generated | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Computer Generated | Student Name | Place |
| | | Gaby Cruz | 1st | | | Leonard Lane | 2nd |
| | | Seth Bollinger | 3rd | | | Weston Rhodes | 4th |
| | | Ethan Linney | 6th | | | Makayah Cantu | 5th |
| 7 th Gr | Editorial Writing | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Editorial Writing | Student Name | Place |
| | | Fisher Powell | 1st | | | Makayah Cantu | 2nd |
| | | Alexis Zepeda | 2nd | | | Burke O'Neil | 4th |
| | | | | | | Noyely Rivera | 6th |
| 7 th Gr | Ready Writing | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Ready Writing | Student Name | Place |
| | | TJ Martin | 5th | | | Torie Rathke | 1st |
| | | Mary Grace Peters | 6th | | | Caitlyn Jones | 4th |
| 7 th Gr | Spelling | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Spelling | Student Name | Place |
| | | Fischer Powell | 1st | | | Stephanie Guajardo | 5th |
| | | Alexis Zepeda | 3rd | | | | |
| | | Gaby Cruz | 5th | | | | |
| 7 th Gr | Art Smart | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Art Smart | Student Name | Place |
| | | Reagan Blount | 1 st | | | Gaby Cruz -7 th grade | 3rd |
| | | Angel Caldwell | 3rd | | | Raquel Martinez | 5th |
| | | Jose Campos | 6th | | | | |
| 7 th Gr | Calculator | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Calculator | Student Name | Place |
| | | | | | | Trey Johnston | 4th |
| 7 th Gr | Chess | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Chess | Student Name | Place |
| | | Jose Campos | 2 nd | | | | |
| | | Ruben Amoles | 4 th | | | | |
| 7 th Gr | Dictionary | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Dictionary | Student Name | Place |
| | | Reagan Blount | 4th | | | Weston Rhodes | 2nd |
| | | Ian Ramirez | 5th | | | Raquel Martinez | 3rd |
| | | | | | | Burke O'Neil | 4th |
| 7 th Gr | Impromptu Speaking | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Impromptu Speaking | Student Name | Place |
| | | Claire McKinney 6 th grade | 1st | | | | |
| | | Fischer Powell | 6th | | | | |



2017-2018 UIL DISTRICT RESULTS

| PLACE | SCHOOL |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 st | George West |
| 2 nd | Hebronville |
| 3 rd | Cotulla |

Junior High UIL Results Continued

Janis Yuhas

2017-2018 UIL DISTRICT RESULTS

| 7 th Gr | Listening | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Listening | Student Name | Place |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Gaby Cruz | 3rd | | | Torie Rathke | 5th |
| 7 th Gr | Math | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Math | Student Name | Place |
| | | Walker Rhodes | 2nd | | | Weston Rhodes | 1st |
| | | Thomas Williams | 4th | | | Trey Johnston | 4th |
| | | | | | | Makayah Cantu | 5th |
| 7 th Gr | Maps, Charts, & Graphs | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Maps, Charts, & Graphs | Student Name | Place |
| | | Ian Ramirez | 6th | | | Walker Rhodes-7 th grade | 1st |
| 7 th Gr | Modern Oratory | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Modern Oratory | Student Name | Place |
| | | TJ Martin | 1st | | | Burke O'Neil | 1 st |
| | | Gaby Cruz | 5th | | | Megan Brown | 2 nd |
| | | | | | | Hope Carroll | 4th |
| 7 th Gr | Music Memory | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Music Memory | Student Name | Place |
| | | Angel Caldwell | 3rd | | | Torie Rathke | 1st |
| | | Eliza Taylor | 6th | | | Raquel Martinez | 3rd |
| 7 th Gr | Number Sense | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Number Sense | Student Name | Place |
| | | Thomas Smith | 5th | | | Trey Johnston | 1st |
| | | Zach Smith | 6th | | | Weston Rhodes | 5th |
| 7 th Gr | Oral Reading | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Oral Reading | Student Name | Place |
| | | | | | | Burke O'Neil | 1st |
| | | | | | | Torie Rathke | 2nd |
| 7 th Gr | Science | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Science | Student Name | Place |
| | | Alexis Zepeda | 3rd | | | Trey Johnston | 1st |
| | | Gaby Cruz | 4th | | | Weston Rhodes | 4th |
| 7 th Gr | Social Studies | Student Name | Place | 8 th Gr | Social Studies | Student Name | Place |
| | | Gaby Cruz | 1 st | | | | |
| | | Ian Ramirez | 3 rd | | | | |
| | | Angel Caldwell | 5 th | | | | |



Junior High—National Junior Honor Society

Marianne Peters, Counselor

The NJHS Induction Ceremony will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 5:30– at the Student Activity Center at the High School.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NOMINEES

8th Grade
Wyatt Atchley
Erik Carrillo
Simon Fuentes
Maria Guerra
Ashton Humphrey
Kade Hurt
Kaydence Morales
Kaden Prusak
Noyely Rivera
Mari Sanchez
Nate Sixsmith
Raleigh Tuttle
Dylan Valadez

7th Grade
Liberty Barcak
Kevin Barter
Blair Brown
Angelique Cladwell
Jose Campos Perez
Diego Chapa
Isaiah Cordova
Brendan Crawford
Gabby Cruz
Marissa DeLeon
Saleigh Dubose
Rhalista Duke
Jordan Hendrix

7th Grade
Quentin Holmes
TJ Martin
Francisco Medina
Caylee Pearce
Mary Grace Peters
Fischer Powell
Ian Ramirez
Walker Rhodes
Eliza Taylor
Danika Valadez
Thomas Williams
Alexis Zapeda

FCCLA News

Natalie Carroll

George West FCCLA and advisor Natalie Carroll attended the Region V Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi, Feb. 1st-3rd. Seven teams participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events, two students participated in FCSA's (Family and Consumer Science Assessments), and two students were elected as Region officers for the upcoming year.

Here are the results:



Harleigh Goebel and Kayla Brown

- 1st place, Sunni Jo Weaver and Riley Mumme, Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Sr.
- 2nd place, Parker Lee, Sports Nutrition, Sr.
- 2nd place, Hailey Clayton, Fashion Construction, Sr.
- 2nd place, Kayten Snider and Taylor Terry, Chapter Service Project Display, Sr.
- 3rd place, Sahara Wills, Job Interview, Sr.
- 3rd place, Madison Gass, Career Investigation, Sr.
- 3rd place, Seth Pearce and Richard Salazar, Interpersonal Communications, Sr.

The top 6 in each event advance to State, thus all seven STAR teams qualified for the State Leadership Conference in Dallas, April 5th-7th. Each member spent countless hours creating projects which focused either on leadership, service, or skills.

- FCSA participants: Logan Carroll, Job Interview and Catherine Hyde, Etiquette (bronze medal)
- Harleigh Goebel was elected as Region V VP of Correspondence
- Kayla Brown was elected as Region V VP of Achievement
- Madeline Cox served her final FCCLA Conference as Region V VP of Competitive Events

The FCCLA State Conference is our next stop. Students will compete with 1A-6A schools across Texas. If they place in the top 2 of their event at State, they will advance to the National Conference in Atlanta, GA, June 28-July 2nd. George West FCCLA would like to thank it's supporters which make this all possible for these students, and who are contributing to tomorrow's leaders.

Students attending FCCLA Conference:

Bottom row: (l to r) Kayla Brown, Mad-die Cox, Riley Mumme, Logan Carroll

Middle row: Seth Pearce, Kayten Snid-er, Taylor Terry

Back row: Richard Salazar, Hailey Clayton, Madison Gass, Sahara Wills, Harleigh Goebel

*** Not pictured: Parker Lee, Sunni Weaver, Catherine Hyde*



High School News



Members of the George West Spanish Club came together at Storyfest to sell turkey legs and corn cups to festival-goers. The club sold meals and took donations to fund their upcoming trip to the Pan American Student Forum (P.A.S.F.) They will compete in various events that are related to Latino culture and the Spanish language in San Antonio on March 2-3, 2018. Please visit the link www.PASF.com for more information regarding the competition.

Harleigh Goebel
Spanish Club
Club Reporter
2017-2018

FFA STATE COMPETITORS

State competition was held at Sam Houston State University on December 2nd and 3rd.



Public Relations Team--State Competitors

Sunni Jo Weaver, Jeremy Bednorz, Riley Gregg, and Emma Mosley



Greenhand Chapter Conducting--State Competitors

Angel Serrano, Kaylee Sixsmith, Hondo Goebel, Isabella Garza, Juan Zuniga, Kary Humphrey, Tucker Wallek, and Wylie Wright



GWHS News—BPA

Flo Moore

GWHS Students Attend Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Leadership Conference

On Saturday, January 13, six George West High School students attended the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference at Tulo-so-Midway High School and all six placed in the top three in their events to advance to the BPA State Leadership Conference, which will be held in Corpus Christi March 1-3. During this time, these students will find themselves juggling their participation in the BPA State Leadership Conference with Live Oak County Fair activities.

The Regionals results are as follows:

- Hannah Clayton – 1st, Advanced Spreadsheet Applications
- Landry Keith – 1st, Advanced Accounting
- Ethan Bernal – 1st, Presentation Management-Individual
- Aly Pawlik – 2nd, Payroll Accounting
- Anna Crawford – 2nd, Fundamental Word Processing Skills
- Hailey Clayton – 3rd, Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications



L-R: Ethan Bernal, Alyson Pawlik, Landry Keith, Anna Crawford, Hailey Clayton, and Hannah Clayton

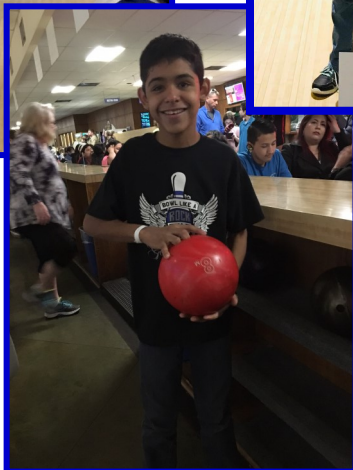
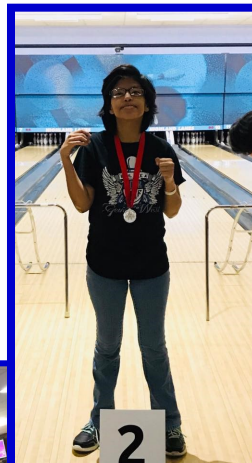
Adaptive Education Stays Busy

Viola Salinas



As the end of the 2017-2018 school year is quickly approaching, George West High School Adaptive Ed. is thankful for a good year, and many student accomplishments. Beginning with the hosting of the George West High School Extra Special Field Day which has been a major success over a three year span. This event has truly fulfilled the hearts of many students with intellectual and physical disabilities from the surrounding areas. The purpose of this event is to provide a sustainable, fun and educational experience for student with disabilities. It is a day where students with disabilities are in an environment in which they have “no limitations”. In 2015 there were 80 student participants in attendance. In 2016 there were 200 student participants, and in 2017 there a total of 298 student participants and the involvement of 10 school districts. This event has seen much growth. We would like to thank the many financial sponsors and others who help to make this event such a huge success.

Once again the G.W.H.S. Adaptive Ed. Bowling team has represented G.W.I.S.D. with much pride during this bowling season. The team competed in two major bowling competitions which were Area Bowling, then proceeded to advance to State Bowling competition. We are proud to say that our athletes came home with Gold, Silver, Bronze medals, and other respected ribbons.



Adaptive Education Stays Busy Continued

Viola Salinas

We would like to thank the San Patricio County Extra Special Livestock Show for the yearly invite. This show gives each student the opportunity to show a goat or a lamb, and experience the show life environment.



As the Live Oak County Fair is approaching students have been busy preparing their sewing projects and Arts & Crafts.



Hats off to Mercedes Reyes, Payton Swint, and Jonathon Davis who have been a part of the G.W.H.S. Vocational Program. They continue to attend school half day classes, and maintain jobs as paid employees.

We would like to congratulate Payton Swint as she has accomplished 2 out of 3 assessments for her level 1 certificate in Floral Design. She will be taking her Symmetrical Floral Arrangement assessment this month.

We send a big shout out to Jonathon Davis as he is a part of the 2018 graduating class of George West High School. We would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors, and many future successes.

JH Band Members Win Individual Awards

Nathaniel McReynolds, Director



Band students attended Solo & Ensemble Contest in February. Based on individual performances, these students won a SUPERIOR or a FIRST division. **Congratulations** to (L-R) Erik Ortiz, Maribel Sanchez, Nathaniel Sixsmith, Isaiah Cordova, Megan Brown, Matt Kerr, and Wyatt Atchley.



These students earned an EXCELLENT rating on their performances at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest: Lacie Brown, Marissa De Leon, Noah Valadez, Hope Carroll, Gabby Cruz-Herra, Mary Grace Peters **Back Row:** Stephanie Guajardo, Abigail Dobbs (Not pictured), Zachariah Smith (not pictured), Jacob Vasquez, Jose Campos Perez, Angel Caldwell, Kade Hurt, Thomas Williams

HS Band Members Compete at Solo & Ensemble

Mike Williamson, Director



Brandon Centers, Savannah Cuevas, Logan Darr*, Lee Roy Holloway, Bobbie Jo Hurt, Owen Kelsey, Mark Mitchell, Carol Ridgeway, Devyn Repka, Toriann Rockafellow, Liliana Sanchez, Victoria Sixsmith, Kayten Snider, Kaitlyn Stubbs, Jaqueline Trevino, Zachary Upton, Leroy Valadez, and Hannah Whitus all earned **Superior**, “1st Divisions”, on their performances. Ashton Darr and Kendra Oxfurth earned Excellent, “2”, ratings for their performances. *Students with an asterisk will advance to state.*



Junior High Basketball Triumphs



8th grade Lady Yearlings are District Champs!! With a record of 10-0!!

7th grade boys B Team—Undeafated District Champs



These 8th grade young Horns won 3rd place at the district tournament.



Lady Yearlings Third in District 30

The 7th grade Lady Yearlings traveled to Cotulla on Saturday for the Junior High Basketball District Tournament and can home with a third place finish. The ladies lost to Dilley and then beat Hebronville 24-6. These young ladies played great defense and all out hustle. Scoring for George West was Leah Valverde with 9, Reagan Blount put in 8, Brook Terry added 4 and Liberty Barcak had 3. These young ladies have come a long way this season. Great job, and keep bouncing and shooting that orange ball.



Sports News

Melaine Martin, Parent Volunteer

Coach Chuck Pawelek and the 7th grade boys' basketball Blue and White squads both won first place in district this season. The White squad finished their season without a loss, taking the district honors. The team consisted of Ruben Amoles, Jose Campos, Blake Paris, Matthew Perez, Caleb Perez, Josh Muniz, Kaiden Lugo, Johnny Puga and Zac Smith. The Blue squad went 10-3, securing their district championship in the District Tournament on February 3, in Cotulla. The Blue team players were Isaiah Saldana, Quentin Holmes, Jake Snider, Brendan Crawford, TJ Martin, Kevin Barter, Zac Smith, Joey Garza, Wlaker Rhodes, Laeson Collins and Ethan Linney.

Starting in early November, these seventh grade basketball players were in the gym shooting and running drills before the sun came up every morning. The 6:30 a.m. practices, led by Coach Pawelek, paid off.

By the end of the season, the teams showed vast improvement in all areas. They displayed the disciplined and unselfish team-oriented basketball they were coached to play. With Coach P's emphasis on hustle and tenacity, the George West Yearlings made their mark as the best teams in their district.

The White squad dominated throughout the season with both an effective offense and overpowering defensive play. At point guard, Ruben Amoles was accompanied by his posts, Zac Smith and Josh Muniz. They worked well to put together and effective offense. Each of the players developed over the season to end the year without suffering one loss.

For the Blue squad, the story of the season had to be the match-up against their biggest rival in district, the Cotulla Cowboys. After an early-season victory against Cotulla, the Yearlings were faced with a real challenge when they suffered two heart-breaking losses to the Cowboys; both being one-point games that came down to the buzzer. This set up a showdown for the district championship that would be the last game of the district tournament on the Cowboys home court.

During the many hours of those early morning practices, the Blue Squad improved over the season. They came into the tournament a polished and cohesive unit. The point guards, Isaiah Saldana and Brendan Crawford had developed into the leaders of their offense. This offense often revolved around getting the ball to the posts for the score. The big men, Laeson Collins, Kevin Barter, Ethan Linney and Walker Rhodes did their job well and combined to lead their team in points and rebounds. The wings, Joey Garza, Jake Snider, TJ Martin and Quentin Holmes moved the ball effectively, also working the offense and keeping the defense at bay.

The team also showed consistently strong defense, with hustle being the key factor in its success. Isaiah Saldana and Brendan Crawford harried the offense to keep constant pressure on the ball. Jake Snider and Joey Lee Garza utilized their speed to combine for numerous steals each game. There was relentless backcourt pressure by Snider, Garza, Brendan Crawford and TJ Martin to create many turnovers on the press. Laeson Collins, Kevin Barter, Walker Rhodes and Ethan Linney dominated the boards for both offense and defensive rebounds each game.

On February 3, the Yearlings faced the Cowboys in the last game of their season, a game that would determine the district championship. They brought the discipline, determination, skill and hustle that Coach P had worked all season to help them develop. George West won that game by a score of 27-29, and with it, the district title. As with all the games in the season, each and every member played in that game and contributed to the hard-fought victory.



Sports News

Lady Horns JV Wins District

The George West Lady Horns JV basketball team finished district play undefeated with a record of 5-0. The team beat Cotulla on Friday, February 2, by a score of 41-14. The Lady Horns did an outstanding job both offensively and defensively according to Coach Leigh Ann Warlick.



The Lady Horns defeated San Diego on Tuesday, January 30th at home by a score of 32-21. The Lady Horns were able to control the game with the use of their full court press. The press allowed the Lady Horns to create offense to win the game.

The team members on this year's junior varsity team were Stormy Woods, Kary Humphrey, Juliani Suarez, Emma Patton, Kelsi Ruiz, Emma White, Kendra Oxforth, Bella Garza, Kacey Daws, Kailee Lugo, Kim Ashley, Gabby Pena, Paige Heard, Rylee Howton, and Alicia Aranda. Coach Leigh Ann Warlick added, "The JV team had an outstanding season. The kids were a pleasure to coach and a great group of young ladies. I look forward to seeing what the future brings them."



GOLIAD POWERLIFTING MEET

Adrian Fuentes--148 Pound Weight Class--1st place

JT Bryce--132 Pound Weight Class--4th place

Nate Duvall--198 Pound Weight Class--4th place

Shayn Coquat--168 Pound Weight Class--13th Place

Ethan Bernal--242 Pound Weight Class--2nd Place

Aricley Nieto--259+ Pound Weight Class--2nd Place

High School News—*Longhorns are Bi-District Champs*

On the way to the GP tournament, Coach Spencer took a detour with the Longhorn Basketball team! They took a few minutes to "play army" with a few snowballs with the snow that fell in December.



*PADILLA POLL COACHES
2017
ALL STATE
Conference 3A, D-I*

Lawson Henicke—Defensive Back
Second team

Dakota Wallek—Quarterback
Second Team

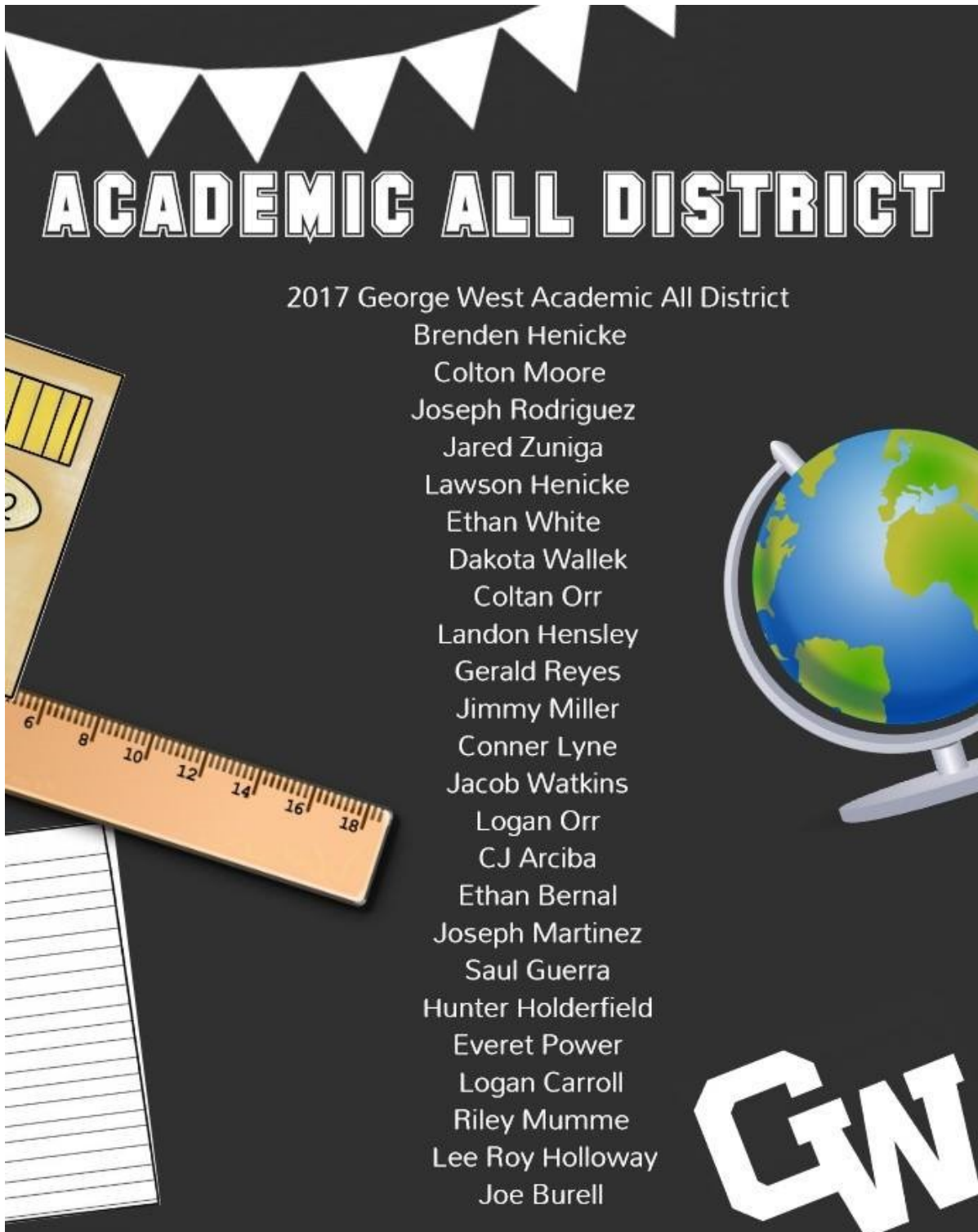
Congratulations to the following George West Longhorns on their recognition on the Texas Sports Writers Association 3A 2018 All State Football Team:

- Ethan Bernal*—Honorable Mention All State Offensive Tackle
- Devin Naylor*—Honorable Mention All State Linebacker
- Conner Lyne*—Honorable Mention All State Linebacker
- Lawson Henicke*—Honorable Mention All State Defensive Back
- Dakota Wallek*—Honorable Mention All State Quarterback



GW Football Honors

Brent Kornegay



ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT

2017 George West Academic All District

Brenden Henicke
Colton Moore
Joseph Rodriguez
Jared Zuniga
Lawson Henicke
Ethan White
Dakota Wallek
Coltan Orr
Landon Hensley
Gerald Reyes
Jimmy Miller
Conner Lyne
Jacob Watkins
Logan Orr
CJ Arciba
Ethan Bernal
Joseph Martinez
Saul Guerra
Hunter Holderfield
Everet Power
Logan Carroll
Riley Mumme
Lee Roy Holloway
Joe Burell

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GW 2017 ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Brent Kornegay

DEFENSIVE MVP—Devin Naylor SR
SECONDARY OF THE YEAR—Lawson Henicke SR

1ST TEAM OFFENSE
TACKLE—ETHAN BERNAL JR
TIGHT END—CONNER LYNE SR
OUTSIDE RECEIVER—COLTON MOORE JR UNANIMOUS
ETHAN WHITE JR UNANIMOUS
INSIDE RECEIVER—BRENDEN HENICKE SOPH
QUARTERBACK—DAKOTA WALLEK JR UNANIMOUS

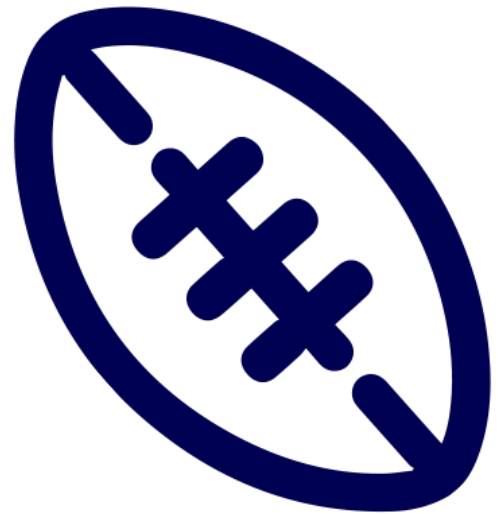
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
CENTER—LOGAN ORR JR
GUARD—JOSEPH MARTINEZ SR
TACKLE—TREY SWINT JR
INSIDE RECEIVER—JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ JR
RUNNING BACK—JIMMY MILLER JR
HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE
GUARD—HUNTER HOLDERFIELD JR
LOGAN CARROLL SOPH
FULLBACK—JARED ZUNIGA SOPH

1ST TEAM DEFENSE
DT—SAUL GUERRA JR
DE—RILEY MUMME SR
INSIDE LINEBACKER—CONNER LYNE SR
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER—JARED ZUNIGA SOPH UNANIMOUS
CORNER—COLTON MOORE JR
JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ JR

2nd TEAM DEFENSE
DT—JACOB WATKINS—JR
DE—ADRIAN FUENTES—SR
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER—BRENDEN HENICKE SOPH
COLTAN ORR SOPH
SAFETY—GERALD REYES JR

HONORABLE MENTION
INSIDE LINEBACKER—VICTOR RIVAS JR
DT—EVERET POWER SR
DE—BRYAN CHAPA SOPH

SPECIAL TEAMS
1ST TEAM ALL DISTRICT KICKER—ETHAN WHITE JR
1ST TEAM ALL DISTRICT PUNTER—ETHAN WHITE JR



HS Baseball schedule

|  George West 2018 Baseball Schedule  | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Date | Opponent | Site | Teams | Time |
| Tuesday, February 6, 2018 | Poteet Scrimmage | There | Varsity | 5:00pm |
| Saturday, February 10, 2018 | Yorktown Scrimmage | HOME | Varsity | 11:00am |
| Saturday, February 17, 2018 | Edna Scrimmage | HOME | JV/V | 10:30am 11:30am |
| Tuesday, February 20, 2018 | SGA | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Saturday, February 24, 2018 | Banquette Tournament | | | TBA |
| Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | Poth | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – Saturday, March 3, 2018 | FAIR BREAK | | | |
| Tuesday, March 6, 2018 | Poteet | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Thursday, March 8, 2018 – Saturday, March 10, 2018 | Falfurrias Tournament | | | TBA |
| Tuesday, March 13, 2018 | Edna | There | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Friday, March 16, 2018 | Banquette | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Tuesday, March 20, 2018 | Hebbronville*** | There | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Friday, March 23, 2018 | San Diego*** | There | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | Cotulla*** | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Thursday, March 29, 2018 | OPEN | | | |
| Tuesday, April 3, 2018 | Dilley*** | There | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Friday, April 6, 2018 | Hebbronville*** | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Friday April 13, 2018 | San Diego*** | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Monday, April 16, 2018 | Cotulla*** | There | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |
| Friday, April 20, 2018 | OPEN | | | |
| Tuesday, April 24, 2018 | Dilley*** | HOME | JV/V | 5:00 & 7:00 |

***Denotes District Games

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HS Softball Schedule

George West Lady Horns

| 2018 Softball Schedule Varsity | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
| Jan. 19 Friday | 1 st Day of Practice | Softball Field | 4:00-??? |
| Feb. 1 Thursday | Goliad/Vic. East JV | Goliad | 5:00 & 6:00PM |
| Feb. 3 Saturday | Alice/Rockport | Alice | 10:00/11:00 AM |
| Feb. 6 Tuesday | Falfurrias | Home | 5:00 |
| Feb. 9 Friday | Devine (Var. only) | Away | 5:00 |
| Feb. | | | |
| Feb. 13 Tuesday | Cuero | Home | 5:00/6:30 |
| Feb. 15-17 Thurs.-Sat. | Odem Tourney | Odem | TBA |
| Feb. 20 Tuesday | Sinton | Away | 5:00/7:00 |
| Feb. 22-24 Thurs.- Sat. | Goliad Tourney | Goliad | TBA |
| March 1-3 (County Fair) | Seguin Tourney | Seguin | TBA |
| March 9 Friday | Mathis | Away | 5:00/6:30 |
| March 12 Monday (SB)** | Dilley | Away | 5:00/7:00 |
| March 16 Friday (SB)** | Hebbronville | Away | 5:00/7:00 |
| March 20 Tuesday** | San Diego | Away | 5:00/7:00 |
| March 23 Friday** | Cotulla | Home | 5:00/7:00 |
| March 27 Tuesday | Open | | |
| March 29 Thursday** | Dilley | Home | 5:00/7:00 |
| April 3 Tuesday** | Hebbronville | Home | 5:00/7:00 |
| April 6 Fri(Parent's Night)** | San Diego | Home | 5:00/7:00 |
| April 13 Friday** | Cotulla | Away | 5:00/7:00 |
| April 16 Monday | Three Rivers | Away | 5:00/6:30 |
| April 24 Tuesday | District Certification | | |
| April 28 | Bi-District Deadline | | |
| May 5 | Area Deadline | | |
| May 12 | Reg. Quarterfinal Dl. | | |
| May 19 | Reg. Semi-Final Dl. | | |
| May 26 | Reg. Final Deadline | | |
| May 30 -June 2 | State Tournament | | |
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** District Games



Junior High Track Schedule



George West JH

Yearlings



2018 Track Schedule



| Date | Site |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| February 22 nd | George West |
| March 3 rd | Open (Fair Break) |
| March 8 th | Three Rivers |
| March 15 th | Spring Break |
| March 22 nd | Falls City |
| March 29 th | District (Dilley) |

High School Track Schedule

| George West HS | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Longhorns & Lady Horns | | |
|  | 2018 Track Schedule |  |
| Date | Site | |
| February 17 th | Odem | |
| February 24 th | George West | |
| March 3 rd | Open (Fair Break) | |
| March 10 th | Three Rivers | |
| March 17 th | Spring Break - TBD | |
| March 24 th | Falls City | |
| March 28 th | Triangular - (Texas Relays) | |
| April 5 th and 7 th | Cotulla (District) | |
| April 17 th | Goliad (Area) | |
| April 27 th -28 th | Converse Judson (Regionals) | |
| May 11 th -12 th | Austin (State) | |

Head Boys Track Coach: Brandon Hicks

Head Girls Track Coach: Ruben Acuna

*Congratulations
Bi-District Champs!*



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