

From the Superintendent



Ty Sparks

Important Dates:

- Valero Academic Banquet
May 11
- FCCLA Banquet May
12
- *Pirates 2!* by Elem
May 14
- FFA Banquet
May 18
- JH NJHS Induction
May 19
- Band Spring Concert
May 21
- Kindergarten Grad
May 22
- Athletic Banquet
May 26
- Early Release
May 27
- Primary Awards
May 28
- Early Release / Last
Day of Instruction
May 28
- Graduation
May 29
- 5th Gr STAAR Tut.
June 8
- Primary Jump Start
July 8

We have much to be proud of in George West. Our schools and our students have developed a reputation over the years for quality and success. This reputation results from many years of hard work and dedication by the educators in George West. It is also a direct reflection of the great community that has supported our schools and our educators.

Recently, I witnessed another great example of selfless support for our schools. A few months back, a small group of parents and students approached the district to offer their support in cleaning up the surplus furniture, equipment and materials that had accumulated at our district ag farm. I have to admit being a little skeptical about the group's motivation when they first made their request. In the end, however, the best part of this story relates to their incentive behind the offer. According to these parents, the cleanup work was simply being done to help the school which educates their children. Their pride in our George West schools and their sense of duty to something bigger than themselves was the motivation behind the offer to help out and give back. Even more importantly, they saw the project as a great opportunity to share something with their children that could instill these values for the future.

In the end, these volunteers spent multiple weeks working after school and on weekends to dismantle, sort, and haul off multiple loads of metal and other scrap materials to recyclers in Beeville and Alice. All proceeds from the sales were returned and donated to the district at the April school board meeting. The attached photos shows representative parents and students being recognized by school staff and board members.

The willingness of these parents and their children to help out in this positive way is a testament to what makes us successful in everything we do at George West ISD. Rather than just pointing out an issue, they came with a solution. As superintendent, I am proud to be associated with a community that does so much to support our schools.



Cosme Arciba (Board Vice President), Cheri Dee Moore (Board President), Matt Posey (Ag Teacher), Kevin Harmon (student), Mark Harmon (parent), Shawn Hadwin (parent), and Ty Sparks (Superintendent)



GEORGE WEST EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Only three years ago, our community established the **George West Education Foundation**, a private foundation designed to support teachers and students in George West ISD. This year, the Foundation raised over \$150,000 to put back into the classroom.

The individuals on the GWEF Board are committed to doing what they can to support their school and community. Hours of hard work go into planning fund raisers and the management and selection of the grants.

To receive a grant, teachers must complete an application documenting the purpose and expenses involved. In April, the GWEF awarded grants totaling just over \$155,000. The grants ranged from training to conventions to technology for the classroom. It was a wonderful day. The Foundation Board, the students, and the teachers were so very excited when the grant recipients were announced!

Projects funded by the Board include library books, field trips to the San Antonio Children’s Museum and the Witte Museum, novels for the high school English department, Family and Consumer Science instructional materials and supplies, travel expenses for FFA, BPA, and TARC Rocket Team. Additionally, the GWEF funded technology projects including notebook computers for the first grade, laptops for band, laptops for the high school science department, and Mimio boards and cameras for some teachers.

George West ISD is so very grateful for this incredible avenue of support for our teachers and students.



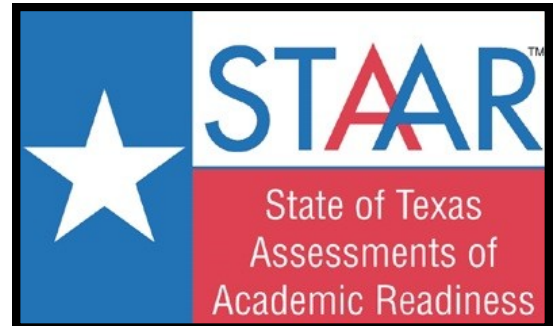
Thank you GWEF!



STAAR ASSESSMENT DATES ♦ Kristy Keach, Instructional Facilitator

High School

May 5	Algebra I EOC
May 6	Biology EOC* - Test date swapped with US History due to AP testing.
May 7	U. S. History EOC* -- Test date swapped with Biology due to AP testing.
July 6	English I EOC Re-Test
July 7	Algebra I EOC Re-Test
July 8	English II EOC Re-Test
July 9	Biology EOC Re-Test – Morning U.S. History EOC Re-Test – Afternoon



Junior High

May 5	Algebra I EOC
May 12	Grade 8 Reading Re-Test
June 23	Grade 8 Reading Re-Test
July 7	Algebra EOC Re-Test

Elementary

May 12	Grade 5 Reading Re-Test
June 23	Grade 5 Reading Re-Test



HS END OF COURSE TESTING DATES

Tuesday, May 5 – Algebra I
 Wednesday, May 6 – Biology
 Thursday, May 7 – U.S. History

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING DATES

High School

May 4 – AP Chemistry
 May 5 – AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 May 6 – AP Physics 1
 May 11 – AP Biology

George West ISD 2013-2014 Federal Report Card (NCLB)

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link: <http://www.gwisd.esc2.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/GWISD%20Home%20District%20Overview%3E%3E%20Child%20Left%20Behind> or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at: http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/NCLB_and_ESEA/NCLB-ESEA_Resources/Federal_Report_Card/.

Information on these report cards includes:

Part I: Percent Tested and Student Achievement by Proficiency Level – Provides the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) performance results and participation for each subject area and grade level tested.

Participation reports also include reports of the participation of Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) by assessment type.

Part II: Student Achievement and State Academic Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) – Provides the AMO outcomes and data table of STAAR performance results for each subject area tested in the accountability subset. This section also includes participation rates on STAAR for reading/English and mathematics, use of alternative assessments, plus four-year and five-year graduation rates.

Part III: Priority and Focus Schools – Priority schools are the lowest 5% of Title I served campuses based on performance in reading and mathematics and graduation rates. Focus schools are 10% of Title I served campuses, not already identified as priority schools, that have the widest gaps between student group performance and safeguard targets.

Part IV: Teacher Quality Data – Provides information on teacher quality in three parts.

Part A – Percent of Teachers by Highest Degree Held – Professional qualifications of all public elementary and secondary teachers in the Texas.

Part B and C – Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Credentials, Highly Qualified (HQ) Teachers Low Poverty/Low Poverty Summary Reports – Percentage of all public elementary and secondary school teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials, and the percentage of classes in the state not taught by highly qualified teachers disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools.

Part V: Graduates Enrolled in Texas Institution of Higher Education (IHE) – Provides the percentage of students who enroll and begin instruction at an institution of higher education in Texas during the school year (fall or spring semester) following high school graduation.

Part VI: Statewide National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results – Provides most recent NAEP results for Texas showing reading and mathematics performance results and participation rates, disaggregated by student group.

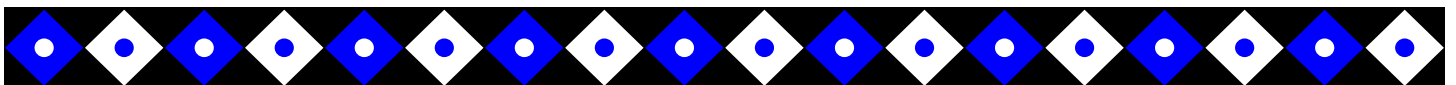
If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district office, campus offices and Live Oak County Public Library. If you have questions about the information, please contact Robin Sellman, Director of Educational Services, at 361-449-1914 extension 1005.

Potpourri

National Honor Society Inductees ~ 2015



Band Spring Concert
Thursday, May 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.
GWISD Cafeteria



George West Pride

This has been an incredible year for George West ISD. Our students have excelled in academics, fine arts, athletics, and being great students overall. Our students have won many district championships as individuals and as teams. They have advanced to compete at higher levels. Our students have achieved top spots in Academic UIL competitions. Through extra-curricular activities, our students have competed and shined in competition. The pages of this newsletter are filled with many of the achievements of our students. These highlights are but a drop in the bucket of their achievements during the year. Imagine what these young people will accomplish on their own.. We are so proud of the students of George West ISD.

Potpourri—Some Activity Highlights



Little Olympics

Longhorn Field

Thursday, May 7 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Valero Academic Banquet

George West High School Cafeteria

Monday, May 11 ~ 6:00 p.m.

RSVP—Barbara Davis @ the High School



FCCLA Banquet

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 ~ 6:00 pm

GWISD Cafetorium

RSVP to Kristy Keach

George West FFA Banquet

George West High School Cafeteria

May 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

To celebrate awards and achievements from the 2014-2015 school year.

RSVP



National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society Induction

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 ~ 5:30 pm

GWISD Cafetorium

Athletic Booster Club All-Sports Banquet

LOC Coliseum

Tuesday, May 26 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10 at The Hair Bar (Limited availability—\$15 at the door)

Athletes get tickets from coaches



Primary News



Pat James, Principal

The Primary school is winding down another successful year and has some important events during the month of May.

Kindergarten graduation will be held at 11:00 on Friday, May 22, at the Dobie Theater.

3rd graders will have their annual fun day at Choke Canyon Park on Wednesday, May 27.

The final awards assembly will be on Thursday, May 28 at the following times.

2 nd Grade	8:15 – 8:45
1 st Grade	8:55 – 9:25
3 rd Grade	9:35 – 10:00
Kinder	10:15- 10:45

The Primary will be continuing the Jump Start Reading program this summer. Students are assigned to Jump Start based on grades, TPRI scores, Star Scores, attendance, and/or teacher recommendation. Jump Start begins on July 8 and runs through August 6, four days a week from 8:00-12:00. Mandatory attendance is required of students assigned to this program.

Jump Start Dates:

July 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.

August 3, 4, 5, 6,.

The library will also be open for any student to check out books and continue reading over the summer. The computer lab will be open for testing. Prizes will be given for high point summer readers.

Class lists will be made during the summer. If you have any concerns regarding which class your child is assigned to, please contact the Principal for a conference prior to June 19 to discuss your specific reasons for concern. E-mails or letters will not be accepted, and you may not request specific teachers.



**KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
FRIDAY, MAY 22 AT 11:00
DOBIE THEATER**

Elementary News Stephanie Schuette, Elementary Counselor

This is a very busy time of year for the teachers, staff and students. Attendance can become an issue so parents, please be aware of these dates and activities coming up. And make sure you do not schedule doctor's appointments for your child on these days and your child is well rested.

STAAR TESTING DATES

Second administration for 5th Grade Reading:

Tuesday, May 12th

Third administration for 5th Grade Reading:

Tuesday, June 23rd



Other important dates and activities coming up:

May 7	Little Olympics 5:00 pm
May 9	Band Field Trip - Schlitterbahn
May 12	4 th Grade Field Trip – IMAX in San Antonio
May 14	Mrs. Gerth Presents Pirates 2 Production – Dobie West Theater
May 22	AR Award Field Trips: 4 th and 5 th Splashtown, 6 th Main Event in SA
May 25	HOLIDAY – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
May 26	Award Ceremonies – 5 th Grade at 9:00, 4 th Grade at 9:50 in cafeteria
May 27	6 th Grade Promotion – 8:30am in the front gym (church attire in dress code)
May 27	Early Release 12:30
May 28	Early Release 12:30

Summer School Information:

STAAR Tutorials – 5th Graders who did not pass STAAR Reading

June 8-11, 15-18, 22 8:00 – 12:00

June 23 STAAR – Reading Test

Jump Start – 4th Graders who did not meet standards on STAAR Test—8:00 – 12:00 at the Primary

July 8-9, 13-17, 20-24, 27-31

Aug 3-6

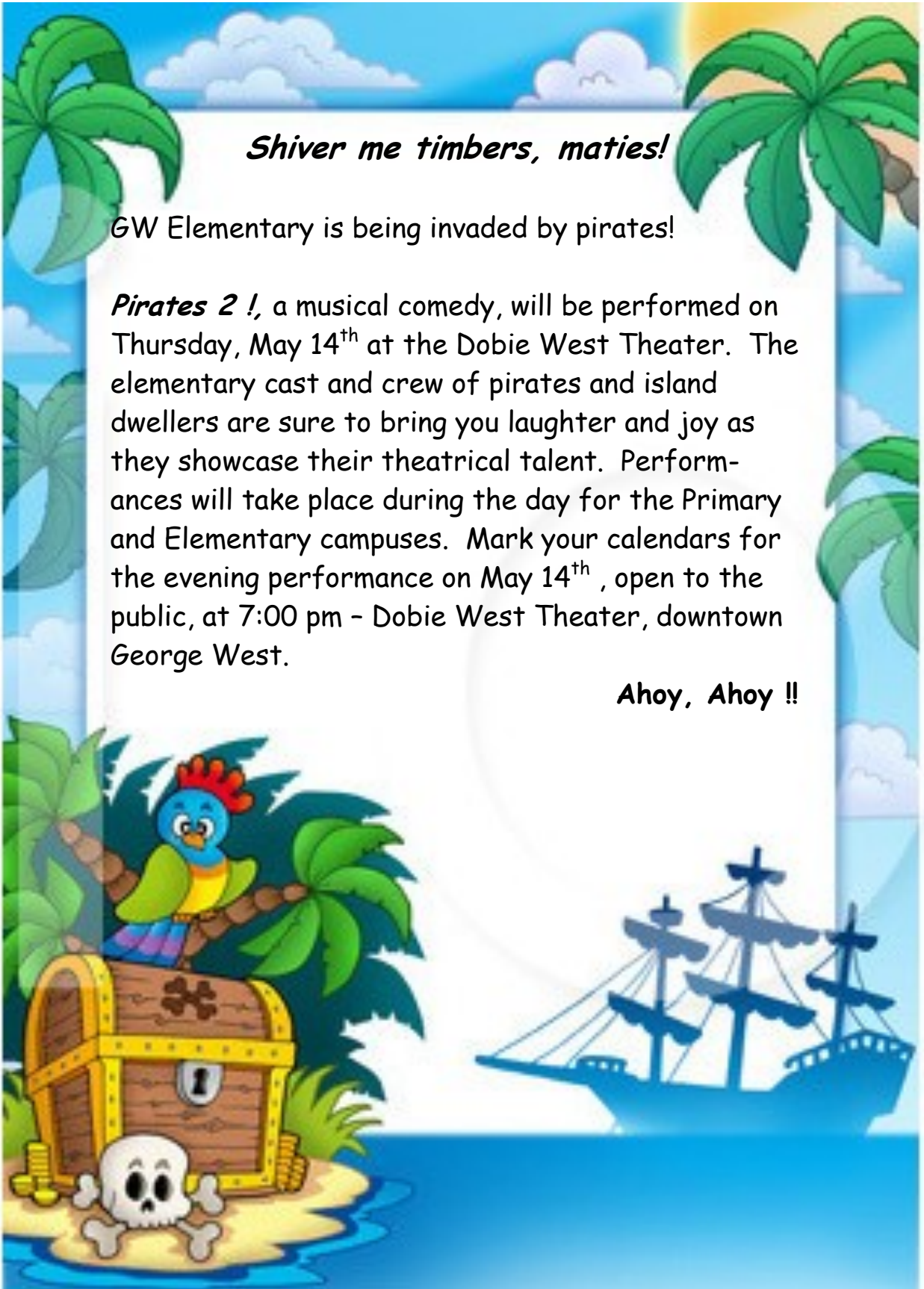
We want to thank you for helping us accomplish our goals with your children this year. It has been a great year with lots of growth, learning, fun, and friendships. We appreciate all of your support throughout the school year and we are very proud of our students, teachers and staff. We look forward to next year!

Shiver me timbers, maties!

GW Elementary is being invaded by pirates!

Pirates 2 !, a musical comedy, will be performed on Thursday, May 14th at the Dobie West Theater. The elementary cast and crew of pirates and island dwellers are sure to bring you laughter and joy as they showcase their theatrical talent. Performances will take place during the day for the Primary and Elementary campuses. Mark your calendars for the evening performance on May 14th, open to the public, at 7:00 pm - Dobie West Theater, downtown George West.

Ahoy, Ahoy !!



Required Immunizations for the 2015-2016 School Year

Texas State law requires students attending school to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. We want to remind you about the vaccines your child needs for school and to urge you to get your child vaccinated early. We encourage you to please get the shots before the end of summer vaccination rush and before school starts. Getting your child vaccinated protects your child's health and that of the community.

Please remember, students **cannot go to school** without the right documentation for the required vaccines or a valid medical or conscientious exemption. Students are due for vaccines at 4/5 years of age, and 7th grade entry.

Should you have any questions about the recommended vaccines, please consult your doctor. You can also visit the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com or call the Immunization Branch customer service number at (800) 252-9152.

Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

AGE	Hep B	Dtap/ Tdap	Hib	Polio	PCV	RV	MMR	Varicella	Hep A	HPV	MCV4
BIRTH	X										
2 months	X	X	X	X	X	X					
4 months	X	X	X	X	X	X					
6 months		X	X		X	X					
12 months	X						X	X	XX (2 doses given 6 mos apart at age 12-23 mos)		
15 months	(6-18 mos)	X	X	X	X (12-15 mos)		(12-15 mos)	(12-15 mos)			
18 months		(15-18 mos)	(12-15 mos)	(6-18 mos)							
19-23 mos		catch-up			catch-up		catch-up	catch-up			
4-6 years		X		X			X	X			
7-10 years		catch-up									
11-12 years	catch-up	X Tdap		catch- up			catch-up	catch-up	catch-up	XXX	X
13-18 years		catch-up								catch-up	catch-up

Fiesta Texas Field Trip
For those who qualify

Friday, May 22

**8th grade STAAR
re-test is
Tuesday, May 12th.**

*All library, cafeteria,
athletic, and cheerleading
fines are due by
Friday, May 15th*

**8th grade
Algebra I EOC is
Tuesday, May 5th**

**National Junior Honor
Society Induction**

RSB
May 19th ~ 5:30
GWISD Cafeteria

End of Year Awards and Ceremony Thursday, May 28th at 9:00 am.

**JH
Readers**



Junior High School News

Spring sports aren't the only competitions going on in GWISD! The junior high recently held a reading competition between the two grade levels. The grade level that had the highest percentage of students reach their personalized point goal and their average percent correct on tests goal would be declared the winner. Only three percentage points separated the two grades. There were many students who were very close to achieving both of these goals. Unfortunately, only one winner could be declared. As the winning grade level, all 8th graders were treated to ice cream sundaes and a free class period on Tuesday, April 14.

To further reward those who actually met their goals, the 54% who "stepped up" were also given a hamburger lunch that day. The GWJH Library Club hosted the rewards and their sponsor, Mrs. Ferrell, is very proud of both grade levels and loved that the competition was so close. The students were very appreciative of their special treatment.



8TH GRADE GIRLS TRACK - DISTRICT CHAMPS



7TH GRADE GIRLS TRACK--DISTRICT CHAMPS



7TH GRADE BOYS TRACK--DISTRICT CHAMPS



JUNIOR HIGH BAND—SUPERIOR RATINGS



Class of 2015 Valedictorian



Blake Mosley



Ms. Blake Leeann Mosley is the Valedictorian of the class of 2015. She is the daughter of Steve and Barbie Mosley and the sister of Laney Mosley and Emma Mosley. Throughout Blake's high school career she has chased her dreams. The highlight of her high school career was not the opportunities or the achievements, but the camaraderie she found with her teammates, classmates, and support from her teachers.

In the academic field, Blake has participated in U9L CX Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Ready Writing. She has qualified for the Regional U9L Academic meet for the past two years in the Ready Writing event.

Blake is an active member of the National FFA organization, serving as the Area 10 Secretary and George West FFA Chapter President. She holds the distinction of being a Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholar and is one of ten students across the state for the class of 2015. Blake's other FFA achievements include advancing to the state Leadership Development Events the past two years, as a semi-finalist in Senior Creed Speaking, and Public Relations. She was a member of this year's state qualifying livestock judging team, and has also qualified for state in Agricultural Communications. Blake has exhibited swine all across Texas and has achieved titles such as, Class Winner at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Athletics is another passion of hers, as she loves to help out local volleyball leagues and challenge herself. Blake has been a member of the George West Varsity Volleyball Team for three years, a Regional Semifinalist for two years, a two-time 1st Team all-district member, and also served as a senior captain. Blake is the current George West High School 1600 meter run record holder, and has qualified for regionals in pole vaulting, the 800-meter run, and the 1600-meter run. She has always enjoyed supporting the George West Longhorn and Ladyhorn sports teams, and has loved every minute of serving as George West Varsity Cheer Captain her senior year, and a cheerleader for the past four years. She was also named a UCA All-American Cheerleader for the past four years.

Blake is incredibly grateful for her time as a George West Longhorn, and will always hold her favorite high school memories dear. Blake is attending Texas A&M University, in pursuit of an Agricultural Leadership degree. Blake would like to thank her teachers for their generosity; her classmates for their friendship, and her loved ones for their endless support. These individuals have shaped her into the young woman she is today, and she is a proud graduate of the class of 2015.

Class of 2015 Salutatorian



James Monroe Baker, III



The salutatorian for the George West graduating class of 2015 is James Monroe Baker, III. James is the son of James Monroe Baker, Jr. and Michelle Baker. James will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station, majoring in Bio-medical Sciences with aspirations to go to medical school and become an anesthesiologist.

James was heavily involved in both academics and athletics. He was a three year Varsity Letterman, and he was chosen as the 2015 1st Team District Center and Academic All-State. James played football since he was a seventh grader and varsity football since he was a sophomore. He played Varsity baseball his sophomore and junior years. James has a great admiration for sports and would have continued with baseball, but a recent shoulder injury hindered his continuation with that sport.

James is also the Vice President of the local chapter of the George West FFA. He is the Vice President of the National Honor Society and has been the Class President all four years of his high school career. He is the Vice President for the Student Council. He was involved in showing Simbrah Heifers and has won Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Showmanship buckles throughout his high school years. James is also a member of the FFA livestock judging team that advanced to state. James was also involved in URL spelling all four years of high school and an active member of St. George Catholic Church and has been an alter server for eleven years.

James would like to thank God, all his teachers, his classmates, parents, coaches, and the entire community who have helped mold him into the hard working, dedicated student he is today. He hopes to fulfill his dream and give back to the community that has been great to him.



Class of 2015



Mercedes Yvette Alonzo
Mary Marie Amason
Robert Noah Arciba
James Monroe Baker
Caroline Alexandra Bellows
Bethany Anne Brysch
Alexis Bailey Camacho
Cassandra Reese Cantu
Kendra Kaylen Cantu
Jesse Carbajal, Jr.
Jacob Anthony Carrillo
Crystal Lynn Castillo
Amy Lyann Cavazos
Brittany Marie Clifton
Alyssa Nicole Cradit
Sarah Elizabeth Crawford
Robbie Criselda Cruz
Elida Mae Cuevas
Bruce Allen Culpepper, II
Dustie Raye Davis
Kyla Cheree Edwards
Emily Brooke Ellison

Rebecca Ann Fechner
Jeremiah Robert Ferrell
Dustin A. Flores
Heaven Lea Morin
Tristan Allen Geffert
Calandra Clara Gonzalez
Jesus Enrique Guerra
Wulfgar Ismael Guerra
Sabastian Atanacio Guerrero
Hunter Christian Harris
Kenedy Raye Henicke
Samantha Nicole Henke
Orrin Hollan Kerr
Heather Marie Knight
Lauro Alejandro Leal
Brittney Nickole Mathis
Brandon Gunner McCool
Larry Linton Millermon, Sr.
Mason James Moore
Blake Leeann Mosley
Munoz Steve Anthony
Gabrielle Michelle Nesbitt
Elias Noel Paiz

Moises Carlos Paiz
Garrett James Pawlik
Hunter Ray Pipkin
Erika Renee Ramon
Madison Kathleen Randall
Cody Irvin Rauscher
Ryan Christian Richardson
Catarina Maria Ruiz
Bianca Marie. Serna
Jacob Celestino Silvas
Nicie Marie Smith
Alejandro Suniga
Ryan Austin Talley
Esmeralda Rufina Toscano
Sheridan Virginia Upton
Maizie Andree Villarreal
Haleigh Madison Warlick
Wyatt Charles Wasicek
Hunter Riley Wheeler
Mandy Lorraine Whitaker
Connor Joseph Yuhas
Jarrod Corwin Yuhas

Honor Graduates ~ 2015



*Blake Mosley
James Baker
Garrett Pawlik
Mandy Whitaker
Emily Ellison
Sarah Crawford
Hunter Wheeler*



Class of 2015

GWHS

Congratulations Graduates!



FCCLA



Natalie Carroll, FCS Teacher

George West High School FCCLA traveled to Corpus Christi for the 2015 State Leadership Conference April 9-10th. Students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events at the State level and others took FCSA's (Family and Consumer Science Assessments). The event was held primarily at the American Bank Center, but also branched out to the Omni Bayfront and Holiday Inn Marina for competition sites.

We arrived on Thursday, April 9th and members went in several different directions. One group started the day by touring the U.S.S. Lexington, while others began registering for their respective STAR events. STAR event competitions lasted through the evening. Some students took FCSA's in etiquette and job interview. After an action packed day, we had a chance to regroup and then enjoyed a nice dinner at Takeniwa Japanese Hibachi Grill.



On Friday, another group of students toured the U.S.S. Lexington while one more STAR event competitor registered and prepared for competition. We had the afternoon to enjoy the day, then were able to get ready for the second general session at the American Bank Center. We were honored to listen to motivational speaker Command Master Chief Evelyn Von Banks (Retired). She enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an E-1 and quickly climbed the ladder to an E-9. She continued to achieve unprecedented milestones within her career. She initially became a friend of FCCLA after meeting Minnesota's state FCCLA officers while giving a speech on the steps of her favorite national monument, the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington DC. She claimed she "wished within her heart she would have had the opportunity to be part of the great leadership organization, FCCLA." We had the pleasure of running into her at our hotel and thanked her for her service and for speaking to our organization. Garrett Feist even got a kiss from Master Chief Banks!



Saturday was the day we all anxiously awaited as it meant we learn the results of our hard work. There are 33 event categories and first and second place in each event advance to Nationals. Each first place achievement in each event was also awarded a \$4000 scholarship to Texas Tech University. STAR event results were as follows:

- Advocacy- 1st place; Kailey Keach and Bethany Davis
- Teach and Train- 2nd place; Sarah Crawford
- Chapter Service Project Portfolio- 4th place; Erin Nance and Natalie Baird
- Entrepreneurship- Participant; Maizie Villarreal
- Focus on Children- Participant; Heaven Morin and Mercedes Alonso

- FCSA results were as follows:
- Etiquette- Gold- Garrett Feist; Silver- Courtney Cole, Maddie Cox, Janelle Gass, David Ybanez ; Bronze-Sahara Wills
 - Job Interview- Silver- Lauren Carroll and Maggie Upton



Due to our placement in STAR events, George West FCCLA members Kailey Keach, Bethany Davis and Sarah Crawford earned a trip to our Nation's Capital- Washington DC, to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. The conference will be held July 3rd- July 10th. What a wonderful place to be to honor the birth of our great Nation!

Business Professionals of America



Flo Moore

BUSINESS *professionals* OF AMERICA

“Imagine, Believe, Become” is the national BPA theme this year, and for BPA students at George West High School, this began by imagining competing in an event that enhanced their skills and interests. They then had to believe that they could be successful in that event, and then, after lots of hard work and hours of practice, they indeed did become successful. These students spent many hours practicing with Mrs. Flo

Moore, GWHS Business Education teacher and BPA advisor and coach, and also on their own to ensure that they were prepared for the Regional Conference that was held at Tulosso-Midway High School on January 16, which was the qualifying meet for the BPA State Conference.

Ten students placed high enough at Regionals to advance to the state level of competition and spent March 4-8 at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas with four of those students flying back after their competitions to compete in other activities such as tennis tournaments and the Miss Live Oak County Pageant. These students balance a number of extracurricular activities along with their many challenging academic classes, but because they are able to “Imagine, Believe, and Become”, they are often quite successful. In addition to competing in their events, the students also served as Conference Interns to help ensure that the conference ran smoothly.

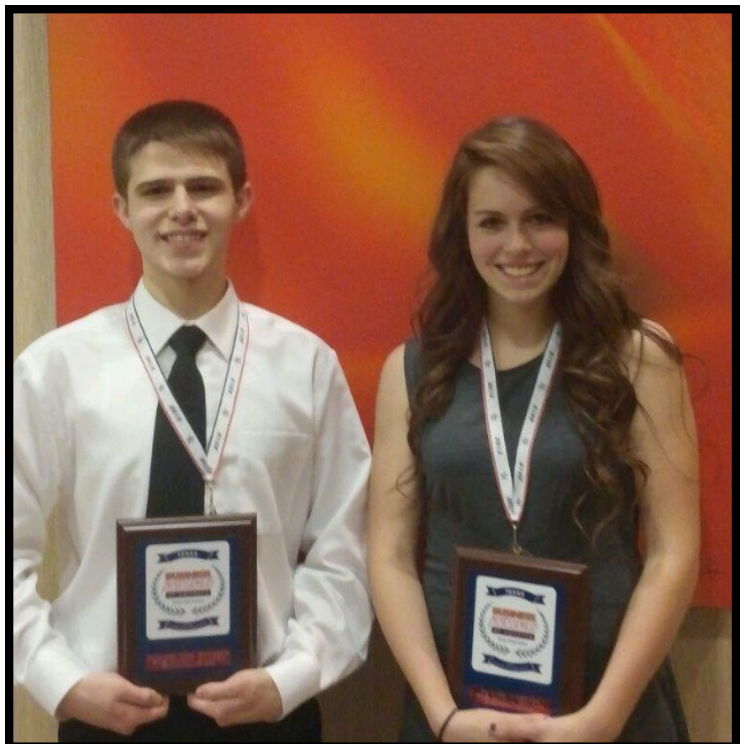
Students who placed in the Top 12 in their events were:

Gunner McCool – 2nd in Advanced Word Processing Skills
Emily Ellison – 4th in Advanced Accounting
Morgan Miller – 7th in Payroll Accounting
Sarah Crawford – 10th in Banking & Finance
Kayla Strause – 12th in Fundamental Word Processing Skills

Gunner and Emily advanced to the National Conference to be held May 6-10 in Anaheim, California.

Other students attending the State Conference were Lauren Carroll, Cayla Cook, Darin Cuevas, Sidney Freeborn, and Preston Smith.

National Qualifiers Gunner McCool and Emily Ellison



Spanish Club and Art Club



Mrs. Margarita Cantu

Longhorns Attend Palmview High School's Spring Concert

George West High School Spanish and Art Club members, accompanied by their sponsors, Margarita R. Cantú, and Viola Salinas, attended the Palmview High School Mariachi & Folklorico Spring Concert in La Joya, TX on Saturday, Feb. 28. The students were impressed to know that Mariachi "Los Lobos" and Grupo Folklorico "Ozomatli" have been invited to perform in New York City later this year. To the crowd's enjoyment the groups performed all new routines with many fusion pieces blending the traditional with the modern. We were in complete awe of "Los Lobos" Mariachi, the 6A co-champs at the 2015 UIL state competition and their very talented singers. The twin harpists/singers were delightful. Everyone was in agreement that the performances were even more amazing than anticipated. Heaven Morin said it all, "This year's show was spectacular". Thanks go out to our Community of George West for supporting us



Left to Right: Mrs. Viola Salinas, Destinee Leal, Maria Carrillo, Heaven Morin, Amy Cavazos, Jaqueline Treviño, Summer Garza, Kayleigh McCabe, Mrs. Margarita R. Cantú, sponsor, Center: Daymian Culpepper

National TARC Rocketry Finalists



Mrs. Claire Olsovsky



"Golden Girls" Team 2: Laney Mosley, Catarina Ruiz, Emily Ellison, and Morgan Miller.

These teams will compete in NATIONAL TARC Rocketry Finals from May 7-11th in Washington DC.

Good luck to all!



Team 1: Bryce Hanshaw(seated), Wyatt Dugosh, and Kai Garcia

FFA



Mia Balko



FFA has had a very busy year. The Ag Sales team placed 5th and qualified for State. The Livestock Judging team place 4th and qualified for State. The Ag Mechanics Team placed 4th, but missed advancing to State by one place.



Sweepstakes Band—9 Consecutive years



Mike Williamson



*Never before has it been done in GWISD History...
The GWHS Band performed flawlessly in all three contests—Marching, Concert, and Sight Reading—winning SWEEPSTAKES for NINE consecutive years!*

Congratulations Band!



GWHS UIL Academic Contestants Take Sweepstakes

The week of March 23-28 was a busy one for the high school. After all the UIL contests were over and the points tallied, GWHS had the most points out of District 29 AAA to win the coveted Sweepstakes Trophy with 423 points.

Eighteen GWHS students won the right to compete at the Regional level on April 24 & 25 .

The One-Act Play cast and crew advanced to Bi-District competition to be held at Industrial High School on April 7 at 1:00 P.M. Cast members were Lindsay Hajek, Lauren Boedeker, Katherine McCormick, Darin Cuevas, Natalie Baird, Sheridan Upton, Maria Carrillo, and Mercedes Alonzo. Crew members were Amaryah Creglow, Randy Guitierrez, and Sophia Ibarra. Lindsay Hajek was part of the All-Star cast and Darin Cuevas, Natalie Baird, Sheridan Upton, Maria Carrillo, and Mercedes Alonzo were nominated to be on the Honorable Mention All-Star cast.

The Computer Science team took first place team and individual awards went to Gunner McCool with first place and Sidney Freeborn with 4th place. Savannah Mason was a part of the team that took first place.

In Literary Criticism, Bella Chapa took a fourth place win.

In Journalism, the team took first place with Emily Ellison taking first place in Feature Writing, Taylor Thompson with a first place win in News Writing and Laney Thompson with a fifth place win. Headline Writing had two winners with Mandy Whitaker taking first place, Mercedes Alonzo with a second place win, and Kailey Keach with a fourth place win.

Senior Blake Mosley took third place in Ready Writing.

In Number Sense competition, Morgan Miller took first place, Emily Ellison took third place, and Hannah Clayton took fourth place , giving them a first place team win.

The Calculator team won first place which consisted of Natalie Baird, Morgan Miller, Catarina Ruiz, and Emily Ellison. Morgan placed first, Catarina second, and Emily third on individual points.

First place Team honors also went to the Science Team of Emily Ellison, Morgan Miller, Mandy Whitaker, Garrett Pawlik, Alyson Pawlik, and Gunner McCool. Emily placed first in biology and first overall, Morgan placed first in physics and third overall, and Mandy placed first in chemistry and fifth overall.

The Accounting Team also placed first which was Sarah Crawford, Sidney Freeborn, and Catarina Ruiz. Sidney placed first, Catarina, second, and Sarah, third.

Gunner McCool and Kailey Keach represented the school in Computer Applications, with Gunner taking first place and Kailey taking second place.

Finally, but certainly not least of all, Lindsay Hajek placed second in Prose Interpretation, Mason Moore, sixth in Prose Interpretation, and Darin Cuevas placing first in Poetry Interpretation.

UIL RESULTS District 29 AAA



Computer Science:

Gunner McCool-1st place

Sidney Freeborn-4th place

FIRST PLACE TEAM: Gunner, Sidney, and Savannah Moore

Regional Qualifiers

Literary Criticism:

Bella Chapa-4th place

Feature Writing:

Emily Ellison- 1st place

News Writing:

Taylor Thompson-1st place

Laney Mosley-5th place

Prose:

Lindsay Hajek-2nd place

Number Sense:

Morgan Miller: 1st place

Emily Ellison-3rd place

Hannah Clayton-4th place

FIRST PLACE TEAM

Accounting:

Sidney Freeborn-1st place

Catarina Ruiz-2nd place

Sarah Crawford-3rd place

FIRST PLACE TEAM

Mathematics:

Morgan Miller-1st place

Emily Ellison-2nd place

Hannah Clayton and Jake Galloway-4th place tie

FIRST PLACE TEAM



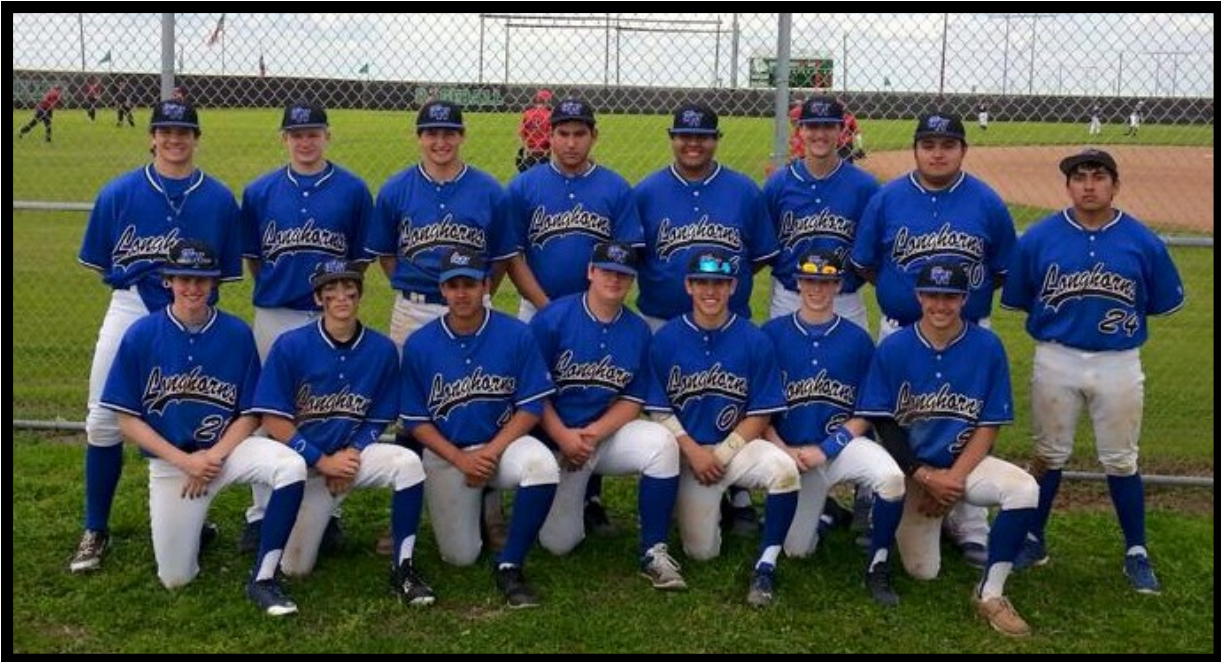
One Act Play Advances to Bi-District

"The Insanity of Mary Girard"



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GW LONGHORN BASEBALL

3 GAME PLAYOFF SERIES

BASEBALL BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

GW vs. Freer (Best of 3 series)

Game 1- Friday, May 8, 7:00 pm in Freer

Game 2- Saturday, May 9, 4:00 pm in GW

Game 3- Saturday 30 min after Game 2 (If needed)





SOFTBALL AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

George West vs. Bishop (Best of 3 Series)

- Game 1- Friday 7:00 pm in GW
- Game 2-Saturday 1:00 pm in Bishop
- Game 3-Saturday 30 minutes after Game 2 (if needed)

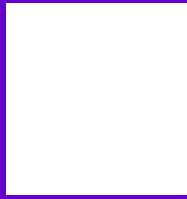


ATHLETES COMMIT TO PLAY AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Bethany Brysch
Texas Lutheran University



Wyatt Wasicek
University of Mary Hardin Baylor



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL HONORS

George West High School had athletes earning All District Honors in Basketball recently. Congratulations to these student athletes for a successful year on the court and in the classroom.

Second Team All-District:

Wyatt Wasicek- Sr (*at left in honors photo*)
Jeremiah Ferrell- Sr (*center*)

Honorable Mention:

Hunter Brown- Soph (*at right*)

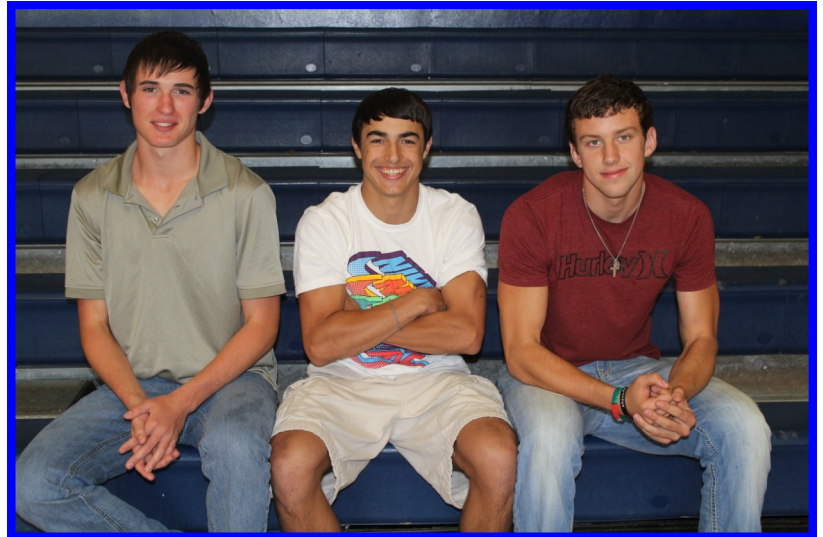
All- Academic:

Front Row (l to r)

Hunter Pipkin- Sr, Jake Galloway- Soph, Wyatt Wasicek- Sr, Jeremiah Ferrell- Sr, Mason Moore- Sr

Back Row (l to R)

Tyler Mixon- Jr, Peyton Cox- Soph, Chase Galloway- Jr, Garrett Feist- Jr



All Student Honors Photo

Front Row (l to r)

Hunter Pipkin- Sr, Jake Galloway- Soph, Wyatt Wasicek- Sr, Jeremiah Ferrell- Sr, Mason Moore- Sr

Back Row (l to R)

Tyler Mixon- Jr, Peyton Cox- Soph, Chase Galloway- Jr, Hunter Brown- Soph, Garrett Feist- Jr



GOLF HONORS



District Golf Champ – Chase Galloway

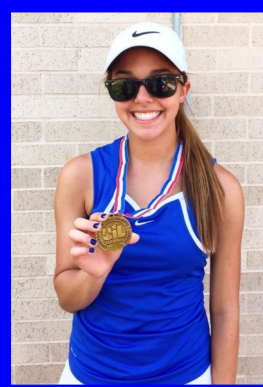


District 29AAA Golf Team Champions – Chase Galloway, Peyton Cox, Jeremiah Ferrell, Jacob Bryce, Dylan Orr and Wyatt Wasicek



TENNIS HONORS

Regional Qualifiers: Mason Moore, Haleigh Warlick, Morgan Miller, Catarina Ruiz and Jeremiah Ferrell



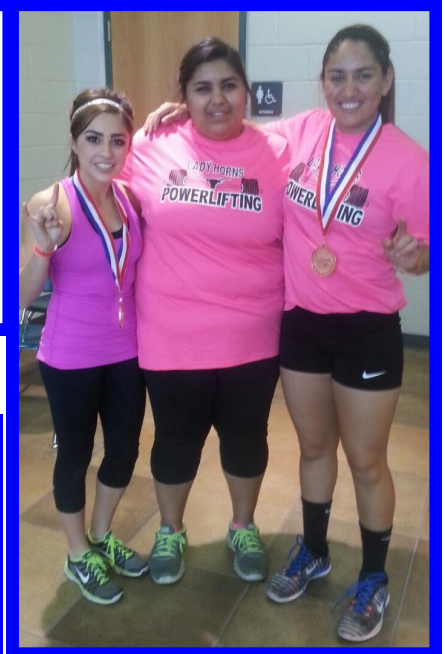
Bronze Regional Medalist and UIL State Alternate Morgan Miller Girls' Singles



POWERLIFTING HONORS

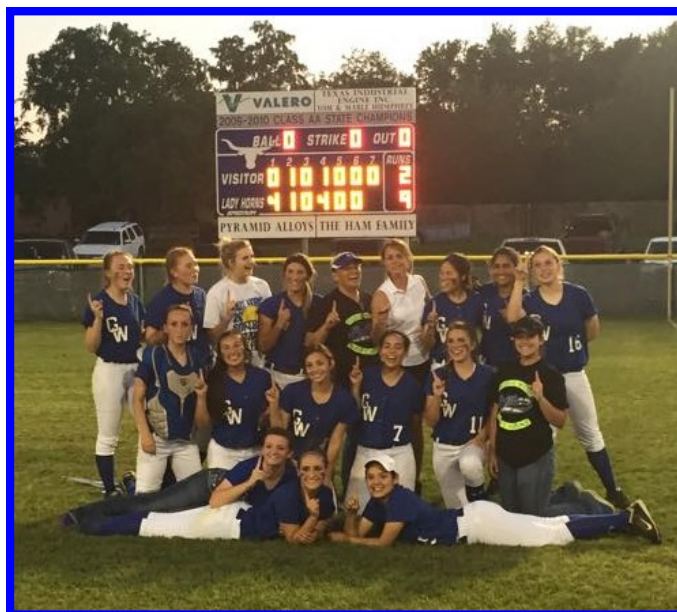
The George West Girls Powerlifting Team participated at the Regional Meet, Region 5 Division 3, in Pleasanton. Summer Garza, junior, competed in the 97lb weight class, placing 5th with a total weight lifted of 560lbs. Alexis Salazar, sophomore, placed 5th in the 148lb weight class with a total weight lifted of 760lbs. Senior, Mazie Villarreal, competed in the 220+lb weight class, placing 8th with a total weight lifted of 760lbs.

Summer Garza and Alexis Salazar qualified for THSWPA State Championship Powerlifting Meet and competed at the State level in March.



The George West Boys Powerlifting Team competed in the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Bishop. JT Bryce, freshman, lifted in the 114lb weight class. Junior, Lane McClelland, competed in the 198lb weight class. Sophomore, Baily Trevino, lifted in the 220lb weight class. Lane McClelland placed 3rd in the 198lb weight class with a total weight lifted of 1340lbs. McClelland squatted 515lbs, benched 315lbs, and deadlifted 510lbs.

GIRLS SOFTBALL BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS



BOYS' VARSITY DISTRICT TRACK HONORS

District 29-AAA Runner-up

Pole Vault

Tyler Mixon – District Champion (*Area Qualifier*)

JT Bryce – 2nd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

Xavier Paiz – 5th Place

High Jump

Hunter Pipkin – District Champion (New School record – 6'4") (*Area Qualifier*)

Triple Jump

Jeremiah Ferrell – 3rd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

Connor Lyne – 5th Place

Long Jump

Discus

David Ybanez – 5th Place

Shot Put

Lane McClelland – 5th Place

400 M Relay

3rd Place (Xavier Paiz, Hunter Pipkin, David Zuniga, Avery Bulsterbaum) (*Area Qualifier*)

800 M Dash

Garrett Pawlik – District Champion (*Area Qualifier*)

Wyatt Wasicek – 4th Place (*Area Qualifier*)

Chase Galloway – 5th Place

110 M Hurdles

Jeremiah Ferrell – 3rd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

Hunter Brown – 5th Place

100 M Dash

800 M Relay

5th Place – (Matthew Ellett, Baldo Duarte, David Zuniga, Avery Bulterbaum)

400 M Dash

Wyatt Wasicek – 3rd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

300 M Hurdles

Jeremiah Ferrell – 3rd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

Hunter Brown – 5th Place

Xavier Paiz – 6th Place

200 M Dash

1600 M Run

Garrett Pawlik – 2nd Place (*Area Qualifier*)

1600 M Relay

3rd Place – (Xavier Paiz, Matthew Ellett, Wyatt Wasicek, Garrett Pawlik) (*Area Qualifier*)

GIRLS' VARSITY DISTRICT TRACK HONORS

District 29-AAA Champions

Varsity Field Events

High Jump

1st Nikaya Neal 5'2"

Pole Vault

1st Caroline Bellows 11'06"

2nd Abbi Schutte 10'

Triple Jump

4th Andrea Waggoner 32'5.35"

Shot Put

4th Alexis Salazar 30'3"

Varsity Running Events

3200 M Run

1st Summer Garza 13:19

4th Hunter Smith 13:58

4 X 100 M Relay

4th George West 53.19

(Sok, Schuette, Teague, Weaver)

800 M Run

1st Summer Garza 2:36.43

100 M Hurdles

1st Allyson Ruiz 17.83

3rd Chylee LeFevre 17.93

4th Mia Baker 18.04

4 X 200 M Relay

1st George West 1:51.21

(Bellows, Neal, Teague, Waggoner)

400 M Dash

1st Nikaya Neal 63.73

4th Christina Sok 67.25

300 M Hurdles

1st Andrea Waggoner 48.79

2nd Allyson Ruiz 51.09

200 M Dash

1st Caroline Bellows 27.35

1600 M Run

2nd Hunter Smith 6:11.51

4 x 400 M Relay

1st George West 4:22.44

(Bellows, Ruiz, Garza, Neal)

1st Maggie Upton



2014-2015 Girls and Boys Track Teams



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL HONORS

The Regional Quarterfinalist Lady Horns place Bethany Brysch and Brittney Mathis on the 29AAA First Team All-District, Haleigh Warlick received Second Team All-District, Brittany Clifton, Isabella Chapa, Walker Wright, Chylee Lefevre and Kylie Wallace received Honorable Mention All-District.

Receiving Academic All-District were Bethany Brysch, Haleigh Warlick, Isabella Chapa, Mykala Blevens, Walker Wright, Allyson Ruiz and Kylie Wallace.

Congratulations to these young ladies, and Hook 'Em Lady Horns.



REGIONAL QUARTER-FINALIST LADY HORNS



*The George West Athletic Booster Club cordially
Invites you to the*

2015 All-Sports Banquet

*Tuesday, May 26, 2015 @ 6:30pm –
Live Oak County Coliseum*

*Join us for a catered dinner in recognition of our athletes.
Attire for the evening: Dressy Casual*

Athletes must sign up in the Athletic Department to get their Ticket.

There will be NO charge for the athletes' ticket.

- *Tickets will be pre-sold and limited tickets will be available
at the door.*

*Parents / Relatives if you plan on attending please let your
child know how many will be attending.*

All guests (parents, relatives, friends) may purchase a ticket
for \$10.00 (\$15 @ Door) at the The Hair Bar- 206 Bowie Street-
Pre-Sale tickets will be sold from Thursday, April 30- Monday, May 18.

ALL ATHLETES MUST ATTEND - Varsity and J.V

Lady Horn Volleyball

2015

Tentative



DATE		OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAM
Aug. 8	Sat.	Taft (Scrim.)	Taft	10:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 11	Tues.	Karnes City/Jourdanton	George West	2:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 14	Fri.	Devine	George West	2:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 19	Tues.	Stockdale	Stockdale	2:00	F/JV
Aug. 19	Tues.	Stockdale/Bishop	George West	2:00	V
Aug. 21&22	Fri./Sat.	CCISD Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Aug. 20&22	Fri./Sat.	Sinton Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 25	Tues.	London	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 27&29	Thur./Sat.	Goliad Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Sept. 1	Tues.	Sinton	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 4	Fri.	Kingsville Academy	George West	4:30	V
Sept. 8	Tues.	Skidmore	Skidmore	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 10&12	Thur./Sat.	Sinton Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Sept. 11	Tues.	OPEN (Home Match)			
Sept. 15	Tues.	Taft	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 18	Fri.	Falfurrias	George West	4:30	V
Sept. 22	Tues.	Odem	Odem	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 26	Sat.	Goliad	George West	11:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 29	Tues	Aransas Pass	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 3	Sat.	Mathis	Mathis	1:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 6	Tues.	Skidmore	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 9	Fri.	Cotulla	George West	4:30	V
Oct. 13	Tues.	Odem	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 16	Fri.	Mathis	George West	4:30	V
Oct. 20	Tues.	Aransas Pass	Aransas Pass	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 23	Fri.	Hallettsville	Hallettsville	4:30	V
Oct. 28	Tues.	Taft	Taft	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 31		District Certification			
Nov. 2-3		Bi-District			
Nov. 5-7		Area			
Nov. 9-10		Regional Quarterfinals			
Nov. 12-14		Regional Tournament			
Nov. 19-21		State Tournament			

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 Assistant Coaches: Tamara Bednorz,
 Letha Thompson, Cara Quayle, Jessica Hall

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*Parent's Night

GEORGE WEST 2015 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Tentative

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8/14	FRI	BEEVILLE (SCRIMMAGE)	H	TBA
8/20	THURS	GANADO (SCRIMMAGE)	T	7:00
8/28	FRI	SAN DIEGO	T	7:30
9/4	FRI	FREER (JH RECOGNITION)	H	7:30
9/11	FRI	ODEM	T	7:30
9/18	FRI	FALFURRIAS (Pop Warner Recognition)	H	7:30
9/25	FRI	HEBBRONVILLE	T	7:30
10/2	FRI	FALLS CITY (Parents Night)	H	7:30
10/9	FRI	BROOKS ACADEMY (Homecoming)	H	7:30
10/16	FRI	OPEN		
10/23	FRI	HALLETTSVILLE	T	7:30
10/30	FRI	MATHIS	H	7:30
11/6	FRI	GOLIAD	T	7:30

**GEORGE WEST
2015 J. V. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**



Tentative

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
8/14	FRID	BEEVILLE (SCRIMMAGE)	H	TBA
8/20	THURS	GANADO (SCRIMMAGE)	T	5:00
8/27	THURS	SAN DIEGO	H	6:00
9/3	THURS	FREER	T	6:00
9/10	THURS	ODEM	H	6:00
9/17	THURS	FALFURRIAS	T	6:00
9/24	THURS	HEBBRONVILLE	H	6:00
10/1	THURS	FALLS CITY	T	6:00
10/8	THURS	TBA	H	
10/15	THURS	OPEN		
10/22	THURS	HALLETTSVILLE *	H	6:00
10/29	THURS	MATHIS *	T	6:00
11/5	THURS	GOLIAD*	H	6:00

**GEORGE WEST
2015 JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
9/10	THURS	ODEM	T	5:30
9/17	THURS	FALFURRIAS	H	5:30
9/24	THURS	HEBBRONVILLE	T	5:30
10/1	THURS	FALLS CITY	H	5:30
10/8	THURS	TBA		
10/15	THURS	OPEN		
10/22	THURS	HALLETTSVILLE*	T	5:30
10/29	THURS	MATHIS*	H	5:30
11/5	THURS	GOLIAD	T	5:30

Times are subject to change based on travel.

*You are cordially invited
George West High School
Graduation Ceremony
for
The Class of 2015
OR
Friday, May 29, 2015
8:00 p.m.
Longhorn Field*



Notification to Parents

George West ISD will make available a verbal Spanish translation of this newsletter. If you would like a verbal Spanish translation, please contact the campus in which your child is enrolled.

Notificación a Padres

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de George West hará disponible una traducción verbal en español de este noticiero. Si usted gustaria una traducción verbal en español, por favor de ponerse en contacto con la escuela en cual su niño este registrado.

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