



GEORGE WEST ISD Newsletter

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From the Superintendent



Ty Sparks

Dates to Remember:

- October 7—Staff Development Day; No school for students
- October 7 & 8—Senior Portraits in Cap/Gown
- October 10—Report Cards go out
- October 28—Progress Reports
- November 21—2nd 6 Weeks Report Cards
- November 27, 28, 29—Thanksgiving Holidays

Our school year is off to an exciting new start for 2013-14. Our high school students were able to begin school in the brand new George West High School. This new state-of-the-art facility is the result of several years of planning, a big commitment by our school board and community, and several years of hard work to make it a reality. It has been rewarding to see the students and staff enjoying this new facility since the first day of school. Many people have commented about the positive effect this new school building has had on everyone's sense of pride and commitment to excellence.

Even though we are currently using the new high school, construction will continue on the north side of the building this fall. At this time the interior of the high school is 99% complete, with only a few punch list items remaining. There is work left to be done on the outside of the building. The majority of this work involves completion of the north entry way and breezeway, along with construction of the north parking lot and entry drive. We look forward to seeing everyone at our community open house when the construction of this final phase of the project is complete.

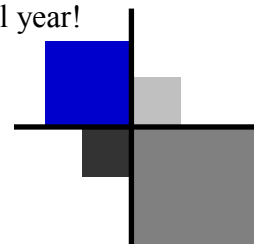
Another new start for students this year has been the addition of campus principals new to George West at both the junior high and the high school. I am pleased to have Mr. Richard Waterhouse as our new high school principal and Mrs. Ashley Lowe as our new junior high principal. Both of these educators have already shown a strong commitment to our schools and are doing everything they can to make their respective campuses the best that they can be.

Additionally, we have a new parent portal in which you can view your child's grades and attendance. Please be sure to read about the portal in this newsletter.

I am pleased to see that our staff and students have adapted well to these changes and others. The result has been a very positive start to our school year!

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Got Grit?

What is it that makes a student successful? What makes a child stand out above the others? What motivates a child to achieve?

Obviously, I am a great believer in curriculum, established instructional standards, well-planned lessons, and strong instruction in the classroom. However, are these the only elements in the equation that will create success?

I recently viewed a video presentation by Angela Lee Duckworth, "The Key to Success: Grit". In this video, Duckworth, a teacher of seventh graders, explained that "grit" is working really hard to make "future" a reality.

Through her teaching career, Duckworth quickly realized that IQ was not the only difference between the highest and lowest students. Some of her strongest performers were not the students with the highest IQs, and her sharper students did not always do well.

Duckworth eventually left teaching and went to graduate school and began doing significant research on what makes people successful. According to Duckworth, "Grittier kids were significantly more likely to graduate..." Even when matched with similar family income, standardized test scores, and a student's feeling of safety and security, students who were harder workers tended to be more successful. "There are many talented individuals who simply do not follow through on their commitments. In fact, in our data, grit is usually unrelated or even inversely related to measures of talent."

As parents, we tend to want to make things easier for our children. We want to give them a life that is better than the one in which we grew up. We want them to have nicer things. However, I guess we need to pause to think. Is that necessarily the best thing for them? Does generously providing for our children instill a strong work ethic? As parents, I believe this topic is certainly worth our time to think about, and our children, worth the investment.



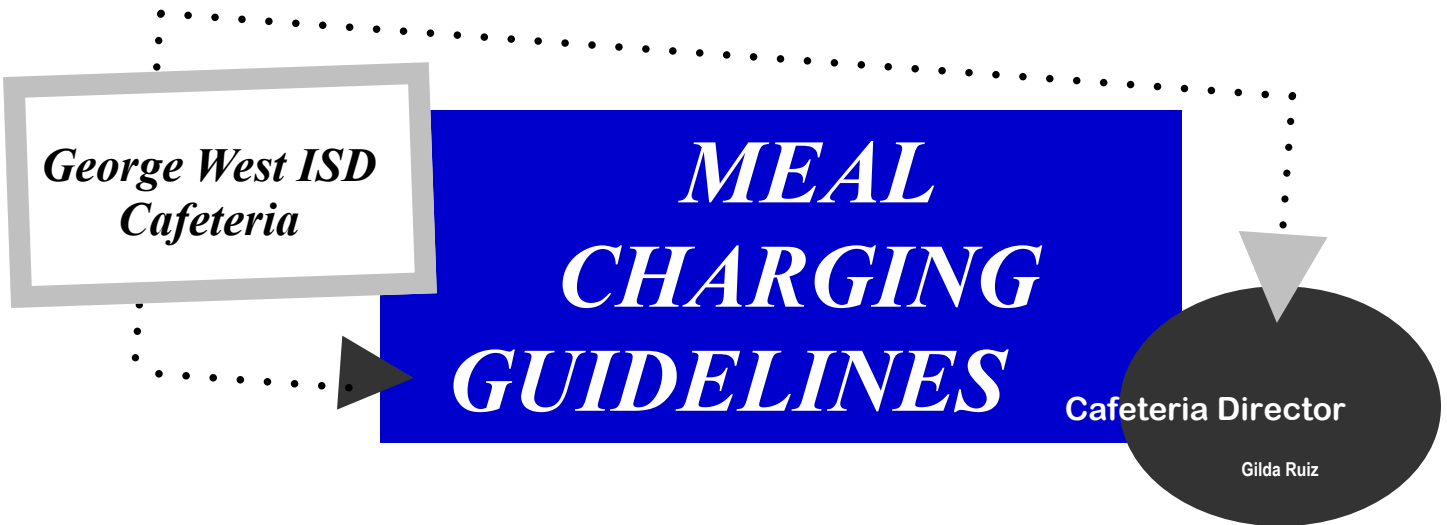
I encourage you to view the six minute video at this link:

"The Key to Success: Grit"

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill

A Note from the Cafeteria about Charges



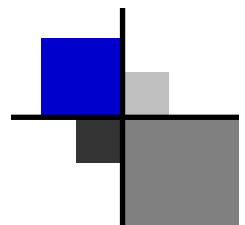
.....▶ \$20 limit for MAIN LINE meal charges

.....▶ NO SNACK BAR items may be charged

- Items such as cookies, ice cream, Gatorade, Splash, bottled water, bottled juices, fruit, or “Seconds” **cannot** be charged.
- The Cafeteria will attempt to contact the parent or parents if a student has exceeded the charge limit.
- If the Cafeteria is unable to contact a parent; a written notice will be mailed to the student’s home.
- The notice will inform the parent of the date the cafeteria will begin serving the student an alternative meal if charges are not paid.

Alternative meal consist of:

- Cheese Sandwich
- Fruit
- Chocolate or White Milk



NEW Parent Portal for Reviewing Student Grades & Attendance

George West ISD has transitioned into a new student management program which includes attendance and gradebook modules. Because of this conversion, we will no longer be using the parent portal, VSI. Instead, the District has implemented a new parent portal, *TxConnect*.

Through *TxConnect*, parents will be able to view their child's grades, attendance, class schedule, and more. *TxConnect* will allow you to securely access your child's information conveniently from any internet-connected computer at any time of the day or night. This program is provided as a service to the parents of the students of GWISD, and it is free of charge. If you have more than one child, you can set up all children under one account (unlike the previous portal).

In order to enroll in *TxConnect*, parents or guardians will need to go to their child's campus to pick up a parent portal ID letter. Please be prepared to show your ID. Parents who cannot come to the campus, can complete a Parent Portal Preference Notification Form, and the school will either mail the letter or send information home with the student. The enrollment letter will contain the *TxConnect* website address and your child's portal ID. Directions for signing up are on the *TxConnect* website.

Because of privacy and security issues, you will need to get the letter in person, and you will not be able to pick up information for any other student or parent.

All management of the account is the parent responsibility. The management of the parent portal is very similar to online bill pay accounts. You will establish your own login and password. In addition, you will set an answer to a security question. George West ISD will not have access to your account information. If you forget a password or login, you will need to go through the security process on the portal.

We look forward to this exciting new opportunity to connect parents and school. If you have further questions, please call your child's principal.

txConnect! Text Message Alerts and/or Email Alerts

With each account in txConnect, parents can either choose to receive email alerts or text message alerts, so if you want to receive text message alerts along with email alerts, just create a second account with the same Parent Portal ID number. Currently, the gradebook updates nightly. After the update, you should receive your preset alerts.

Ex: account one can be Mom2010 (for email) and account two can be Momtext (for text message). On the text account, when it asks for email, put in complete phone number + the extension for your phone service:

- (ex. 123456789@txt.att.net) AT&T
- (ex. 123456789@tmomail.net) TMobile
- (ex. 123456789@messaging.sprintpcs.com) Sprint
- (ex. 123456789@vtext.com) Verizon



A STAAR is Reborn



Kristy Keach

During the month of June while students were enjoying their summer vacation, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed House Bill 5 which changed some of the rules for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing at the high school level.

Instead of fifteen separate STAAR End-Of-Course (EOC) assessments, students will now take five, which include Algebra I, English I (combined reading/writing), English II (combined reading/writing), biology, and U. S. History. Students must pass all five of these end-of-course assessments to be eligible to graduate from a Texas public high school.

House Bill 5 eliminated the minimum score and cumulative score. Scoring for the EOC proved to be confusing with a minimum score, a Level II: Satisfactory score, and a Level III: Advanced score. Students and parents were unclear whether their student had passed the EOC when they saw “Yes” for “Met Minimum” and “No” for Level II: Satisfactory. To alleviate the confusion, HB 5 has eliminated the minimum score, and students must meet the Level II: Satisfactory standard to pass.

Students who have passed the English I or English II reading but not English I or English II writing (or vice versa) will still need to successfully complete the second test to meet graduation requirements. Separate reading and writing tests will be available for the December 2013 re-tests only. High school students who have not successfully completed a separate reading or writing assessment by that time will take the new combined English I or English II test. The combined reading and writing English I and English II assessments will be available beginning in spring 2014.

To provide additional flexibility for these students during the transition period from separate assessments to combined reading and writing assessments, TEA is proposing to use the minimum—and cumulative—score concept to determine whether students taking these separate assessments have met their English I and English II graduation requirements. These concepts would be applied within each course, not across courses, and would require students who took separate reading and writing assessments to meet three criteria:

- Pass one assessment (either reading or writing)
- Meet at least the minimum score on the other; and
- Achieve a combined scale score of 3750, which represents the sum of the scale scores needed to reach Level II for reading (1875) and Level II for writing (1875).

House Bill 5 has also eliminated the 15% grading requirement and the following tests: English III, geometry, Algebra II, chemistry, physics, world geography, and world history.

If you have any questions regarding STAAR End-Of-Course, please feel free to contact me at 449-1914 ext. 1081 or at kkeach@gwisd.esc2.net.

Activity Passes for Senior Citizens

George West ISD is once again giving activity passes to Senior Citizens. This pass will admit a Senior Citizen to all athletic events free of charge for the 2013-2014 school year.

Senior Citizens, 62 and older, may stop by the Administration Office with their driver's license and pick up their free activity pass. ***Passes not valid for play-off games.**

Stay Informed through Campus Emails

Campuses have found new ways to stay in communication with parents and guardians. The High School, Junior High, and Elementary Schools each have an email "blast" system to send information via email to parents.

If you would like to stay current on the latest activities, sports activities, school meetings and testing, sign up to receive periodic emails from your child's campus. Contact emails for the campuses follow.



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Elementary School:
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George West ISD 2013-2014 Report Card and Progress Report Card Dates

Six	Progress Report Card Dates		Report Card Dates	
1st	Monday	9/16/2013	Thursday	10/10/2013
2nd	Monday	10/28/2013	Thursday	11/21/2013
3rd	Thursday	12/5/2013	Thursday	1/9/2014
4th	Monday	1/27/2014	Thursday	2/20/2014
5th	Monday	3/10/2014	Thursday	4/10/2014
6th	Monday	4/28/2014	TBA	Send or Mail Home (Campus)



The faculty and staff of the Primary School would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for a new and exciting school year. We have been working hard this summer in preparation for your return, and we are excited about seeing you again. We are looking forward to seeing for the first time some new faces at the Kindergarten building. We will do everything we can to make your child feel at home in your new learning environment. We would like to encourage parents to have your child in attendance every day, as it is easy to fall behind when you miss school.

We encourage all parents to take an active role in your children's education. Much of their success will depend upon follow up work you do with them at home. Please take the time to read and do homework with your children. If the students know it's important to you it will be important to them.

The second week of school has been very busy as First and Second grade have been administering the Texas Primary Reading Inventory. The Texas Primary Reading Inventory is a state mandated reading assessment administered to all kindergarten, first, and second grade students. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that no child who needs help in developing reading skills will be overlooked and to ensure that all children receive assistance in learning to read at the earliest possible time. This assessment is given three times a year to First and Second grade students and two times a year to Kindergarten students. Teachers utilize this information to provide intervention and individualized instruction for students who may be struggling to learn to read.

Some of the skills measured on the TPRI include: Rhyming, blending word parts, blending phonemes, deleting initial sounds, deleting final sounds, letter name identification, letter to sound linking, initial consonants, final consonants, middle vowels, initial blends, blends in final position, and spelling.

Another part of the inventory includes measuring the student's fluency. At the end of first grade a student should be reading 60 words per minute to be considered on grade level. A second grader should be reading 90 wpm to be on grade level. Parents will receive a report after each administration.

Third graders have completed their first STAAR practice of the year. This is the first year for students to take the State mandated assessment. Last year's students did an outstanding job as 98% passed the Reading and Math assessment. This was well above the region II average of 74% in Reading and 62% in Math. **Congratulations to last year's third graders and the entire Primary staff on another awesome job!**

Once again, welcome back and let's have a great year!

GW Primary Campus Testing Calendar 2013-14

MONTH	DATE	TEST	CAMPUS
April	22	STAAR Grade 3 Math	Primary
	23	STAAR Grade 3 Reading	Primary

Home & School Stephanie Schuette, Elementary Counselor

This year is off to a wonderful start. Students have been checking out library books and AR goals have been set. It is very important that your child meets his/her AR goal in order to attend the pep-rallies. Please make sure your child is reading nightly, completing homework, studying, and that you are signing the planners to help ensure your child's success. Our theme for this year is **George West Elementary Champions**. We are striving to be champions in all areas of our lives (school, home, sports, weekend activities and hobbies). With hard work, dedication, positive self-talk, team effort, commitment, organization, and many more of these positive qualities we know we can achieve, just like Champions!!!

Elementary Tutorial Opportunities:

Tutorials will begin after the first six weeks – Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30. Teachers are available for conference at: 4th – 9:50, 5th – 1:50, 6th – 9:00. Please call the office and set up an appointment if needed.

Important Dates in Oct:

- Oct 7 – No School – Student Holiday
- Oct 10 - Report Cards and Award Ceremonies (4th – 9:50, 5th 1:50, 6th 9:00)
- Oct 11 - Fabulous Friday Dance – The qualifications for attending the dance are as follows:
 - Must meet AR goal.
 - Must have passing grades in all classes.
 - Must qualify in **two** of the following areas:
 - No office referrals
 - 90 or above in conduct
 - Perfect attendance
- Oct 17 - Fall Pictures for all students
- Oct 18 - 4th Grade Ag Day field Trip
- Oct 28 - Progress Reports
- Oct 28 – 31 Red Ribbon Week

Elementary Personnel

Mr. Pat James, Principal
Mrs. Stephanie Schuette, Counselor

Parent Reminder:

Starting this year, all students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades are expected to dress out in appropriate exercise type clothing everyday in PE class.

GW Elementary Campus Testing Calendar 2013-14

MONTH	DATE	TEST	CAMPUS
April	1	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 1	Elementary
		STAAR Grade 5 Math	Elementary
	2	STAAR Grade 4 Writing Day 2	Elementary
		STAAR Grade 5 Reading	Elementary
	22	STAAR Grade 4 Math	Elementary
		STAAR Grade 6 Math	Elementary
	23	STAAR Grade 4 Reading	Elementary
		STAAR Grade 5 Science	Elementary
		STAAR Grade 6 Reading	Elementary
May	13	STAAR Grade 5 Math Re-Test	Elementary
	14	STAAR Grade 5 Reading Re-Test	Elementary
June	24	STAAR Grade 5 Math Re-Test	Elementary
	25	STAAR Grade 5 Reading Re-Test	Elementary

GW Junior High Campus Testing Calendar 2013-14

MONTH	DATE	TEST	CAMPUS
April	1	STAAR Grade 7 Writing Day 1	Junior High
		STAAR Grade 8 Math	Junior High
	2	STAAR Grade 7 Writing Day 2	Junior High
		STAAR Grade 8 Reading	Junior High
	22	STAAR Grade 7 Math	Junior High
		STAAR Grade 8 Social Studies	Junior High
	23	STAAR Grade 7 Reading	Junior High
		STAAR Grade 8 Science	Junior High
		24	TAKS Exit Level Social Studies Re-Test
May	6	STAAR EOC Algebra I	Junior High and High School
	13	STAAR Grade 8 Math Re-Test	Junior High
	14	STAAR Grade 8 Reading Re-Test	Junior High
June	24	STAAR Grade 8 Math Re-Test	Junior High
	25	STAAR Grade 8 Reading Re-Test	Junior High

A Word from the Junior High



Ashley Lowe, Principal

The relationship between teachers and parents is an extremely powerful component in student success. Yet so many parents go through the school year without communicating with the teacher. How can you have a GREAT year? It boils down to three general guidelines: work with the teacher, be involved and be organized.

Work with the Teacher:

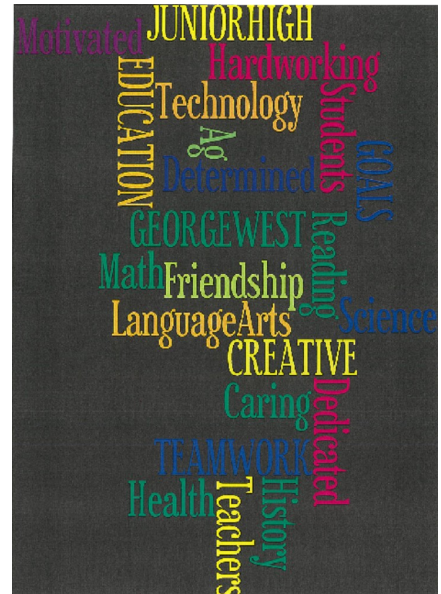
1. Remember that the teacher wants students to be successful
2. Trust in the teacher's feedback
3. Request a parent conference to discuss concerns

Be Involved

1. Check children's agendas and take-home folders every night.
2. Check on homework regularly—but don't do it for the child
3. Address behavior issues at home
4. Go to Open House Night
5. Sign up for Email Blasts

Be Organized

1. Establish a regular routine each night
2. Cut down on chaos and clutter at home



HOW TO BE A LONGHORN LEADER

Always remember the following:

- Helping others at the Junior High is always allowed!
- When we do things as a group, we make sure that everyone is included and no one is left out.
- We make new students feel welcome.
- We treat others with kindness and respect.
- We respect other's property.
- We look for the good in others and value differences.
- We don't tease, call names, or put others down.
- We don't hit, shove, kick or punch

Support our YEARLINGS

Football	Volleyball
9/26 Home	9/30 Home
10/10 Home	10/26 Home

Who's Going To College? Everybody's Got Time For That!

This year our students will be learning about college readiness and post secondary education. Our students will be researching colleges and trade schools, learning about career options, and exploring ways and options to help them achieve that goal.

- College and Careers - TexasCollegeandCareer.org
- Tutoring at home - Khanacademy.org
- Texas Success - Texassuccess.org

10 Important Things for Students to Be Good Digital Citizens:

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2013/09/10-important-things-for-students-to-be.html>



GWHS TAKS and STAAR Testing Dates

This year GWHS will continue to administer two different State Assessments...the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

Senior students who have not passed all four parts of the TAKS have three more opportunities to re-test before graduation. Seniors must pass all four parts to be eligible to graduate from a Texas public high school.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will graduate under STAAR requirements. Students who have not met the Level II: Satisfactory Performance standard for each End-Of-Course test will need to re-test.

It is very important for students to be present on test day. Please try to schedule appointments around test days.

The high school testing calendar for this fall is as follows:

October

- 21 – ELA Exit Level TAKS Re-Test
- 22 – Math Exit Level TAKS Re-Test
- 23 – Science Exit Level TAKS Re-Test
- 24 – Social Studies Exit Level TAKS Re-Test

December

- 2 – English I Writing STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 3 – English I Reading STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 4 – English II Writing STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 5 – English II Reading STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 9 – Algebra I STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 10 – Biology STAAR EOC Re-Test
- 11 – U. S. History STAAR EOC Re-Test

The Spring Testing Calendar will be published in a subsequent issue of the GWISD Newsletter so parents can plan accordingly.

Parents, when possible, please avoid making dental, orthodontic, or medical appointments on State testing days. It is important your child be present on those days.

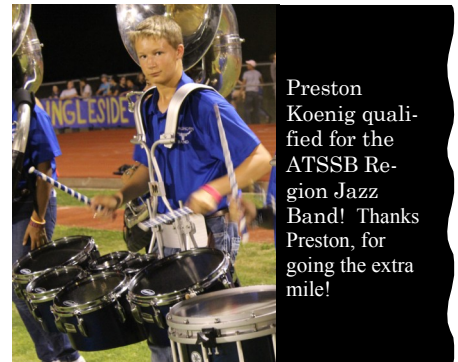


A from the George West Band Program

The Beat goes on... the Longhorn Band preps for an Exciting Year

The Longhorn Band has been busy in the heat since the beginning of August, preparing for this year's marching show: "Spanish Images" featuring music from Marquez, Faure and Williams. The show will feature many soloists and the Color Guard. The Drum majors for this year are Kayla Cantu and Mandy Whitaker.

The Longhorn Band is working hard to excel and continue its Sweepstakes tradition, so expectations and standards are very high for this year. The band is slated to compete at the Hill Country Marching Festival on Saturday, October 5, the Sinton Invitational Marching Festival on Saturday, October 12, and UIL will be held on Saturday, October 19, at Sinton. We look forward seeing a great crowd of loyal George West supporters to be present at UIL, which would be a great boost to the group.



Preston Koenig qualified for the ATSSB Region Jazz Band! Thanks Preston, for going the extra mile!

Make plans to attend and support your Longhorn Band!



Science Club, (formerly Physics Club), will host a BBQ Brisket/Sausage dinner on Sunday, October 6th at the City Park. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.

We are accepting donations toward Rice, Beans, and Meat. Please email Mrs. Olsovsky at colsovsky@gwisd.esc2.net for more information on how you can donate toward these items or buy tickets.

New Employees



Welcome to George West ISD

We're Glad
You're Here!

Primary School

Rachel Clayton, School Nurse
Kourtney Racicot, Kindergarten
Kim Talley, Instructional Aide
Leigh Ann Warlick, Physical Education

Junior High School

Ashley Lowe, Principal
Rachel Clayton, School Nurse
Jessica Hall, Science
Amanda Kolb, Instructional Aide
Kristin Morton, Attendance Clerk
Nancy O'Neil, Social Studies
Mike Williamson, Band

Operations Personnel

Sandra Colunga, Custodial Department
Patricia Ganceres, Cafeteria
Sandra Gonzales, Transportation
Jose Gutierrez, Maintenance
Priscilla Hasette, Custodial Department
Stephen Jones, Transportation
Samantha Reyna, Cafeteria
Kim Turner Transportation/Clerk
Tim Turner, Mechanic

Elementary School

Shawn Alvarez, Physical Education
Shawn Christianson, Attendance Clerk
Rachel Clayton, School Nurse
Mike Williamson, Band
Melissa Zapata, Instructional Aide

High School

Rick Waterhouse, Principal
Jesus Arevelo, Spanish
Ben Barris, Beeville Physics
Christina Behrens, English
Elda Buenteo, Library
Regan Carriger, Social Studies
Gared Chandler, Social Studies
Margie Chapa, Instructional Aide
Rachel Clayton, School Nurse
Gary Davenport, Coach
Nora Franke, Instructional Aide
Robby Glasscock, Independent Study
Lynda Hamlin, English
Roy Hanus, Beeville Mathematics
Chris Luna, Geometry
Tiffany Porter, English
Shelly Rodriguez, Instructional Aide
Tom Warlick, Biology
Mike Williamson, Band
Kenneth Ziegler, Chemistry



Top 09 Vehicle Facts for Parents and Teens

1. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the US. Over 4,500 young drivers (ages 15-20) were involved in a fatal crash in 2010.
2. Drivers in their first month are nearly twice as likely to crash as they are after two years of experience.
3. 57% of crashes where a teen is partially responsible involve going too fast, not paying attention or failing to yield.
4. 18% of crashes that injure someone are caused by a distracted driver.
5. More than 50% of high school students say they text “at least sometimes” while they drive.
6. In 2010, 30% of teen drivers who were killed in crashes had a blood alcohol level of .01 or higher.
7. More than half of all teenage passengers’ deaths in motor vehicle occurred in vehicles driven by another teen.
8. Fatal crash risk for teen drivers increase incrementally with 1, 2, 3 or more passengers.
9. More than half of all fatal crashes that occur at night and involve 16 year olds happen before midnight.

Don't Text and Drive

It's on the Web!

www.gwisd.esc2.net



The George West ISD website has been updated to include important information. By clicking the links below, you can

- ◆ Locate [2013-2014 School Calendar](#)
- ◆ View the [Cafeteria Menu](#)
- ◆ Pay your child's [cafeteria bill](#).
- ◆ Find Longhorn and Lady Horn [Athletic Schedules](#)
- ◆ Find out what is scheduled for the [Band Program](#)

FFA in the News



Mia Balko & Matt Posey, Sponsors

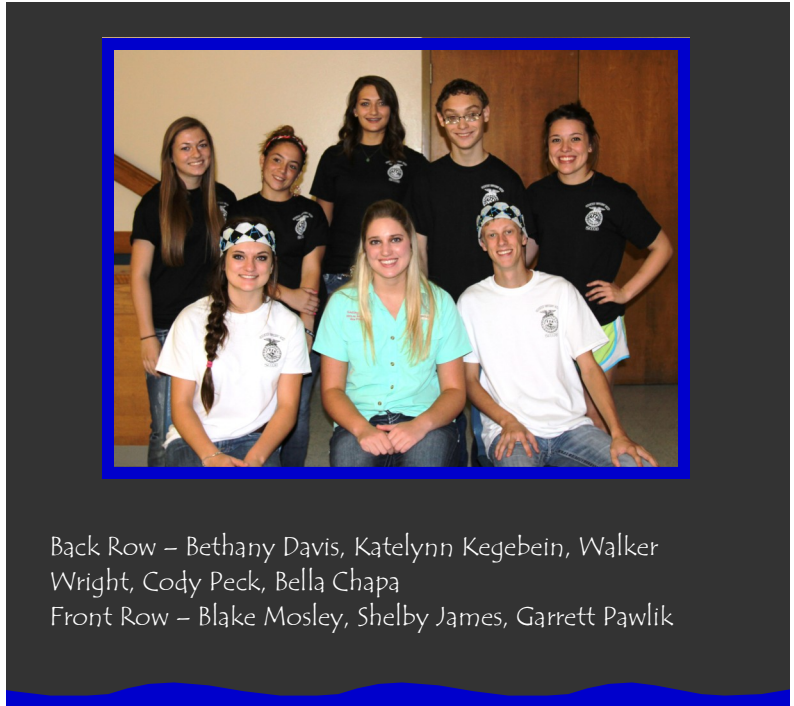
George West FFA Members Participate in District Leadership Camp

George West, TX – Students from ten different schools gathered at George West High School on Saturday, September 7th to participate in a day long leadership camp. The theme of this year's conference was "FFAst Track to Success."

The Gateway District Leadership Camp is hosted each year by the district officer team. Chapter members all come together to learn leadership skills to help them become better leaders in their chapters and community.

This year George West FFA had 8 members participate in the leadership conference. Blake Mosley, George West FFA Treasurer and Gateway District President, served as a facilitator for the camp as well as Garrett Pawlik, George West FFA Vice President. Shelby James, George West FFA President and Area 10 Secretary, also served as a facilitator as part of her area officer duties. Bethany Davis, Katelynn Kegebein, Walker Wright, Cody Peck and Bella Chapa also attended the camp as chapter members.

While at the conference, FFA members attended various leadership workshops to give them ideas on how to become better leaders and how to make their FFA meetings more informative. They also learned ways to set and accomplish goals, become better communicators and ways to be a better team player.



Back Row – Bethany Davis, Katelynn Kegebein, Walker Wright, Cody Peck, Bella Chapa
Front Row – Blake Mosley, Shelby James, Garrett Pawlik

The Texas FFA is one of the nation's largest state FFA Associations with a membership of more than 95,000 and approximately 1,000 FFA chapters. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowledge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions. For more information about the Texas FFA Association and career development events visit www.texasffa.org.



State FFA Officers Visit GW

On Thursday, the State FFA Officers visited GWHS on Thursday with a very positive message for high school students. Ryon Cox, State FFA President from Mount Pleasant, Shelby Eckhart, First Vice President from Seguin, and our very own Quest Newberry all represented FFA in the most positive way.

The officers shared a great message about being a good role model and a mentor to others. They also reminded students to take care of business in the present (learning the foundation as a freshman or sophomore will strengthen you for upper level classes and doing hard work now will better prepare you for the future). Their message was encouraging and good for our students to hear.



GW Varsity Football Schedule



George West Varsity Football 2013



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 16	San Diego Scrimmage	Home	TBA
August 23	Lytle Scrimmage	Away	TBA
August 30	Bandera	Away	7:30
September 6	Ingleside	Home	7:30
September 13	Orange Grove	Home	7:30
September 20	Three Rivers	Away	7:30
September 27	Goliad	Home	7:30
October 4	Jourdanton	Away	7:30
October 11	Luling	Home (PN)	7:30
October 18	Marion	Away	7:30
October 25	SA Brooks	Home (HC)	7:30
November 1	OPEN		
November 8	SA Cole	Away	7:30



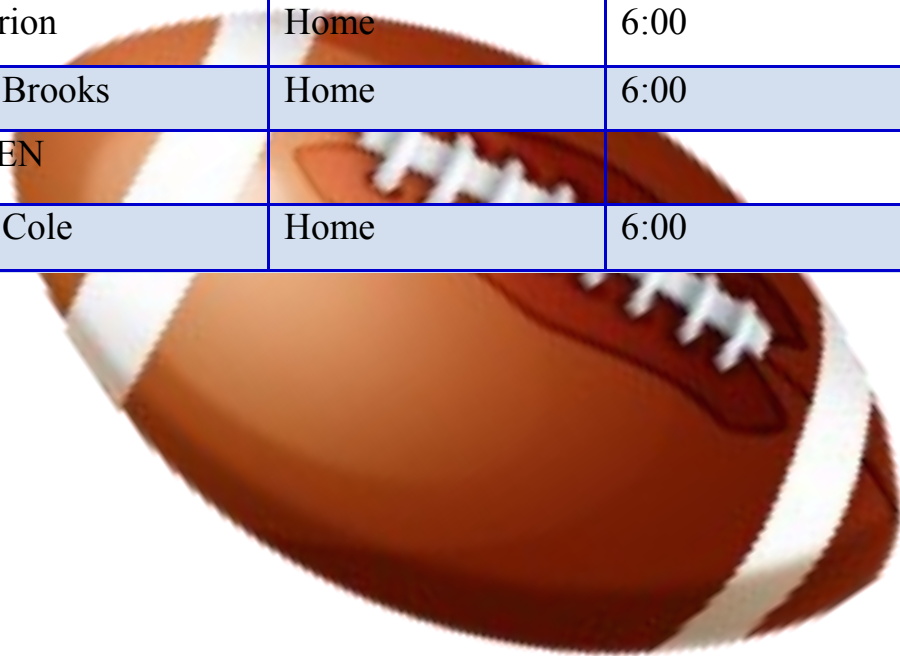
GW Junior Varsity Football Schedule



George West Junior Varsity Football 2013



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 16	Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
August 23	Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
August 29	Bandera	Home	6:00
September 5	Ingleside	Away	6:00
September 12	Orange Grove	Away	6:00
September 19	Three Rivers	Home	6:00
September 26	Goliad	Away	6:00
October 3	Jourdanton	Home	6:00
October 10	Luling	Away	6:00
October 17	Marion	Home	6:00
October 24	SA Brooks	Home	6:00
October 31	OPEN		
November 7	SA Cole	Home	6:00



Junior High Football



GEORGE WEST FOOTBALL 2013

Junior High Schedule

September 5	Ingleside	Home	6:00
September 12	Orange Grove	Home	6:00
September 19	Three Rivers	Away	6:00
September 26	Goliad*	Home	6:00
October 3	Jourdanton*	Away	6:00
October 10	<u>Luling*</u>	Home	6:00
October 17	Marion*	Away	6:00
October 24	Open		
October 31	Open		
November 7	SA Cole*	Away	6:00

*Denotes District

Coaches: Gared Chandler, Jesus Arevalo

Lady Horn Volleyball



2013



DATE		OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAM
Aug. 9	Fri.	Medina Valley (Scrim.)	Medina Valley	10:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 10	Sat.	Sinton (Scrim.)	Sinton	10:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 13	Tues.	Karnes City	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 15&17	Thur.-Sat.	Stockdale Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 15&17	Thur.-Sat.	Odem Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Aug. 20	Tues.	Kingsville	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 23&24	Thur.-Sat.	Floresville Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 23&24	Fri./Sat.	CCISD Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Aug. 29-31	Thur./Sat.	Goliad Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Sept. 3	Tues.	Devine/Sinton	George West	5:00	V
Sept. 3	Tues.	Sinton	Sinton	5:00	F/JV
Sept. 6	Fri.	Skidmore	George West	5:00	V
Sept. 10	Tues.	Taft	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 12&14	Thur.-Sat.	Sinton Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Sept. 17	Tues.	Freer	Freer	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 20	Fri.	Mathis	Mathis	5:00	V
Sept. 24	Tues.	Banquete	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 27	Fri.	San Diego	San Diego	5:00	V
Oct. 1	Tues.	Odem	Odem	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 4	Fri.	Skidmore	Skidmore	5:00	V
Oct. 8	Tues.	Banquete	Banquete	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 11	Fri.	Freer	George West	5:00	V
Oct. 15	Tues.	Mathis	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 22	Tues.	*San Diego	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 26	Sat.	Odem	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 29	Tues.	Taft	Taft	5:00	F/JV/V
Nov. 2		District Certification			
Nov. 4-5		Bi-District			
Nov. 7-9		Area			
Nov. 11-12		Regional Quarterfinals			
Nov. 14-16		Regional Tournament			
Nov. 21-23		State Tournament			

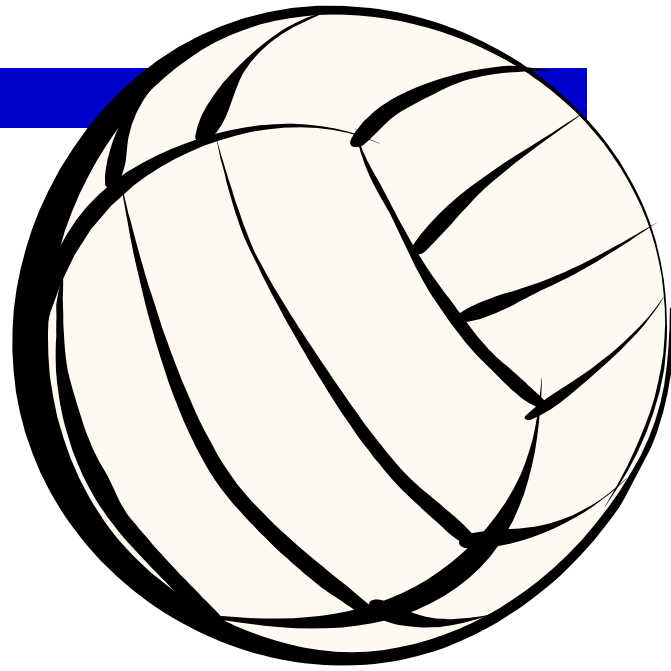


Head Coach: Cathy Taylor
 Assistant Coaches: Leigh Ann Warlick,
 Kayla Stewart, Tamara Bednorz, Letha Thompson

*Parent's Night

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LADY YEARLING VOLLEYBALL 2013



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 5 Thursday	San Diego	GW	7&8 A&B	5:00
Sept. 9 Monday	Mathis	Mathis	7&8 A&B	5:00
Sept. 14 Saturday	T-M Tournament		7A&8A	TBA
Sept. 16 Monday	Freer	GW	7&8 A&B	5:00
Sept. 23 Monday	Skidmore	Skidmore	7&8 A&B	5:00
Sept. 28 Saturday	Calallen Tournament		7A&8A	TBA
Sept. 30 Monday	Odem	GW	7&8 A&B	5:00
Oct. 7 Monday	Banquete	Banquete	7&8 A&B	5:00
Oct. 14 Monday	Taft	Taft	7&8 A&B	5:00
Oct. 21 Monday	Mathis	GW	7&8 A&B	5:00
Oct. 28 Monday	Freer	Freer	7&8 A&B	5:00

8th Grade: Tamara Bednorz

7th Grade: Letha Thompson

2013 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet	Time
9/7/2013	Carroll Invitational (West Guth Park)	7:30 am
9/14/2013	Beeville	8 am
9/21/2013	UTSA Ricardo Romo Classic*	1:30 pm
9/28/2013	TAMUCC Islander Splash (West Guth)	8:25 am
10/5/2013	Dilley	8:00 am
10/12/2013	Poth	8:30 am
10/22/2013	Junior High District (Skidmore)	8:30am
10/23/2013	High School District (West Guth)	8:30 am
11/2/2013	Region IV (UTSA)	TBD
11/9/2013	State Meet	TBD

*Varsity only

Coach: Regan Carriger



Calendar 2013-14

GWISD



George West Independent School District

Board Approved 4-24-13

2013-2014 School Calendar

July 2013						
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- School Holiday
- # Teacher Workday (Student Holiday)
- ✂ Staff Development Day (St. Holiday)
- * Bad Weather Make-up Day
- E Early Release Day
- ▶ Beginning of Six Weeks
- ◀ End of Six Weeks
- S STAAR Test Days
- EC End of Course Test Days
- G Graduation
- ◊ FMNV Day—High School/Elementary
- FMNV Day—Junior High School
- ☆ FMNV Day—Primary School

School Holidays

- Labor Day September 2, 2013
- Thanksgiving November 27-29, 2013
- Christmas Dec. 23, 2013 – Jan. 3, 2014
- County Fair March 19-24, 2014
- Easter April 18, 2014
- Memorial Day May 26, 2014

Teacher Workdays

- August 22-23, 2013
- January 6, 2014
- May 30, 2014

Staff Development Days

- August 13-16, 2013
- August 19-21, 2013
- October 7, 2013

Bad Weather Make-up Days

- March 17-18, 2014

Early Release Days

- November 26, 2013
- December 20, 2013
- April 17, 2014
- May 28-29, 2014

Grading Period

- First Semester 80
- 1st Six Weeks 29
- 2nd Six Weeks 29
- 3rd Six Weeks 22
- Second Semester 95
- 4th Six Weeks 29
- 5th Six Weeks 29
- 6th Six Weeks 37

175 Days for Students

187 Days for Teachers

End of 1st Semester Dec. 20, 2013

Beginning of 2nd Semester Jan. 7, 2014

Last Instructional Day: May 29, 2014

Graduation: May 31, 2014

January 2014						
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June 2014						
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The Alma Mater

Hail! Hail!
To old George West
All hail to the old Blue and White
Hail! Hail! To old George West
May our friendships ever be right;
Ever faithful ever true as we
Raise our songs anew
For the days we've spent with you
We hail the White and Blue!

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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