

GEORGE WEST ISD

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NEWSLETTER



From the Superintendent



Ty Sparks

Important Dates:

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Report Cards

One of the things I enjoy most about working in this school district is the opportunity to interact with so many young people and adults. You never know what each new day is going to bring, and if one pays attention, there are always opportunities to see good things happening.

By now, you are aware that I'm known for stating that "George West is a great place to be". I am convinced that the support this community provides for our schools is the single biggest factor contributing to this phenomenon. The magnitude of support our students receive each year never ceases to amaze me.

Recently, I witnessed one particular story worthy of sharing. A few years back, Farm Bureau donated a run-through tunnel for our football team. That tunnel traveled many miles to games out of town, and it was always at our home games, too. This fall, when the Booster Club pulled the run-through out for the first game, they noticed some serious degradation of the fabric and stitching that had taken place in storage. About midseason, they realized that the tunnel had deteriorated to a state that was beyond repair.

Immediately, upon hearing about the demise of our Longhorn tunnel, community members began seeking financial support to replace the tunnel. They wanted our athletes to have a replacement as soon as possible. Unfortunately, new run-throughs aren't sitting on a shelf waiting to be purchased. They have to be custom manufactured.



Gratefully, the boosters had two very generous supporters in Valero Three Rivers Refinery and Bay, Ltd. that came through with funding for a new run-through tunnel. The three individuals that worked the hardest to solicit funding and get the new tunnel ordered were Mr. Cosme Arciba, Mr. Jimmy Orr, and Mr. Joe Feist.

With a rush order placed for the new run-through tunnel, they now had to wait for the newly designed tunnel to be completed. The goal was to have it ready for the fall playoffs.

After three weeks, they learned that the manufacturer would not be through until the day prior to the football playoff game. Unfortunately, this meant someone would need to drive and pick up the new tunnel... in Fort Worth!

This is where Mr. Robert Esquivel and his son, Matt, come in. In support of our boys, they drove all the way to Ft. Worth and back in one day to make sure they had the new tunnel for the playoff game. On top of that, when the Esquivels arrived to Fort Worth that afternoon, they learned that the tunnel was still being sewn (as you can see in these photos).



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It wasn't until later that evening, after everything had been tested, that they were finally able to head back to George West. They got home about 2:00 a.m. Wow! Another great example of George West community support!

This story is just another reason why George West is such a great place to be!



Thanks to everyone who made the new GW run-through tunnel a reality for the boys' playoff game. Included below in the picture taken that night are (from left to right): Kim Hennig, Joe Feist, Jimmy Orr, Cosme Arciba, Rudy Salazar, Seth Salazar, Robert Esquivel, and Matt Esquivel.



No Child Left Behind Report

**GEORGE WEST ISD
2014-2015 No Child Left Behind
Report of Progress toward Meeting the Highly Qualified Teachers Requirements
November 18, 2014**

School districts are required to report campus-level information concerning the number and percent of teachers and number and percent of classes taught by highly qualified teachers. This data must reflect the “highly qualified” status of both regular core area teachers and special education teachers at each campus and number of regular and special education classes or core area sections that are taught by highly qualified teachers as of September 16th of the current school year.

The chart below reflects the 2014-2015 school year data submitted to the office of No Child Left Behind - Highly Qualified Teacher Compliance Report. The data reflects that each school has 100% of the regular core and special education teachers meeting the definition of being highly qualified and that 100% of all of the core and special education classes and sections are being taught by highly qualified teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

State Baseline Annual Target	% of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (State Aggregate)	% of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (High-Poverty Schools)	% of Highly Qualified Teachers (State Aggregate)	% of Teachers Receiving High-Quality Professional Development (State Aggregate)
2006-2007 and beyond	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	% of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	% of Highly Qualified Teachers	% of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Special Education Teachers	% of Highly Qualified Special Education Teachers	% of Teachers Receiving High-Quality Professional Development
George West ISD	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
George West Primary School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
George West Elementary School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
George West Junior High School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
George West High School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

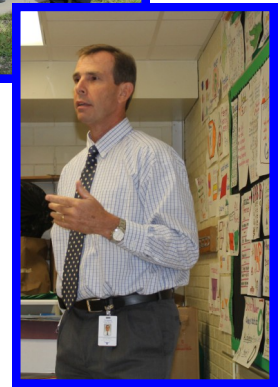
High-Poverty Schools – N/A

Local Law Enforcements Works with GWISD School Safety Program

As a part of on-going efforts to strengthen school security, George West ISD continues to look for ways to provide a safer school environment for students. Continuing in the series of safety meetings with local law enforcement, GWISD school officials met with officers from DPS, Live Oak County Sheriff's Department, and the George West Police Department at the GW Primary School.

Through dialog with law enforcement officers, GW Administrators have a greater confidence in the direction of emergency planning for the school. Sergeant Meakins, GWPD explained, "By allowing all agencies to tour the school buildings, administrators are giving us an opportunity to understand the layout of the schools if ever we are called to an incident." Officers were able to walk through the Primary building taking mental note of the campus layout .

Superintendent, Ty Sparks, added "I certainly appreciate our local law enforcement. Not only do they put their lives on the line daily, but they have taken time out of their hectic schedules to support George West schools and our students. Their interest and support in keeping our schools safe is so valuable." Mr. Sparks plans to continue working with the three agencies and has planned future safety meetings with law enforcement.



Stay Connected



George West ISD has it's own Facebook page now! Keep up with the latest on announcements, games, events, and other news. "Like" us on Facebook!



GWISD began sending notifications via SchoolReach. Hopefully, you have received at least a couple. Some campuses have had a few more than other campuses.

We hope to use this format to get important information to our families as quickly as possible. We understand how important timely communication is.

Keep 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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High School News—Veteran’s Day

◆ Rick Waterhouse



George West High School students took a moment out of their class day to pause and appreciate the Nation’s Veterans. Principal Richard Waterhouse, US Army Colonel—Retired spoke to the student body about the duty, commitment, and sacrifices of those in the military. As a 30 year veteran himself, he spoke of families left at home and what it might be like to wait for word from their loved ones. Additionally, Waterhouse also spoke of the honor of serving the United States of America.

Mr. Waterhouse then recognized Veterans in attendance as the George West High School Band played “Marches of the Armed Forces”. The medley of music included the official anthems of all five branches of the U.S armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. As the respective song played for each branch, Mr. Waterhouse presented an American flag pin to the Veterans from that branch of service.

Attendees of the ceremony were reminded that truly, freedom in America is and was not free.



Veterans honored during a Ceremony on Tuesday were (L-R) Donald Martin, US Navy; Michael Peck, US Army; Chris Luna, US Air Force; Richard Waterhouse, US Army; Nick Chavis, US Navy; Robert Meakins, US Army, and Jason Lee, US Army. Thank you, Men!



GWHS Band Performs During the Veteran's Day Ceremony



Mr. Waterhouse presents an American Flag pin to Veteran Mike Peck



Jesse Alonzo, Bruce Culpepper, Jacob Kaase. thank Veterans for serving.

Elly Williamson shows appreciation for the military service of these men.



Garrett Pawlik thanks Veteran, Donald Martin for his service.



Bob Meakins, Nick Chavis, and Jason Lee, all Veterans, listen to the remarks of Retired Army Colonel Richard Waterhouse



**Progress Reports
& Report Card**

Progress Report	Report Card
Monday, November 24	Thursday, January 8
Monday, January 26	Thursday, February 19
Tuesday, March 17	Thursday, April 9
Monday, April 27	Mailed Home



BONFIRE 2014

**VALERO REFINERY—THREE RIVERS
CURRY'S NURSERY
BEDNORZ INSURANCE
NUSTAR ENERGY**

Transportation Toutings



Margaret Yarbrough

National School Bus Safety Month

Recognizing National School Bus Safety Month, students of George West Elementary and Primary Schools were trained in bus safety recently. Because school officials want students prepared for uncertain situations, students watched bus evacuation videos highlighting the importance of exiting a school bus safely in the event of an emergency. Transportation Director, Margaret Yarbrough, talked to students about remaining calm during a crisis, being a leader and helper if called upon, and locating and understanding emergency bus exits.



October is National School Bus Safety Month and the students' participation in the safety drills prepares students reinforcing school bus safety rules and explaining to children the importance of the rules, is an important part of protecting children from possible accidents and injuries. Reviewing these guidelines with our students ensures guidelines remain fresh in their minds. Yarbrough remarked, "Our students did a good job in practicing the emergency evacuation drill. Hopefully, our students will never have to use these skills, but after watching them, I am confident that they are prepared if the need arises."



Primary News



Pat James



Primary students have been working hard in preparation for the District UIL meet which will be held on Saturday, December 13. 2nd graders will compete in Storytelling and Creative writing. 3rd graders will compete at Storytelling, Ready Writing, Spelling, and Music Memory.

On Monday, December 15, students will be attending a performance by the Magic Theatre from San Antonio. The play is a Merry Christmas Mouse. These performances were paid for by donations from the community. We would like to thank Mary Ann Pawlik for securing the donations and coordinating this special event for our children.

In other news we are looking forward to the annual Christmas music program, one of the most anticipated events of the year for Primary students and parents. It will be held on Friday, December 19, at the Buck West Theatre. Performance times are as follows:

Kindergarten	9:00
First Grade	9:30
Second Grade	10:00
Third Grade	10:30

Family dinner is one of the highest predictors of high SAT scores. Take the time to have family dinner and connect with each other.

Elementary News ♦ Stephanie Schuette, Elementary Counselor

HOME & SCHOOL

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

November 2014

GW Elementary Newsletter

Raising Respectful Children – When your child hears the word “respect”, what does he/she think? Explain that by being considerate of others’ feelings, letting people know he/she appreciates them, or taking care of belongings, he/she is showing respect.

Respect for yourself – Your child has heard the advice to treat others as he/she wants to be treated. If he/she respects himself/herself, following this advice will be easier. Children who have self-respect are also more likely to resist peer pressure. Here are some ways for your child to practice self-respect:

***Know yourself:** Ask your child what he/she does well or is proud of. Recognizing his/her traits and accomplishments will boost his/her self-respect.

***Ignore put-downs:** Teach your child not to react to a student who makes fun of him/her or calls him/her names. It can be hard to say nothing and walk away, but your child will respect himself/herself afterward. Tip: Role-play this at home so he/she will feel more comfortable.

***Stay healthy:** Encourage your child to take care of himself/herself. Part of self-respect is keeping his/her body healthy and strong by exercising, eating nutritious foods, and avoiding harmful substances like drugs and cigarettes.

***Do your best:** When your child works hard in school, he/she demonstrates self-respect. Taking advantage of every chance to learn shows that he/she cares about his/her own success.

PARENTS: Turning Off Cell Phones

Like most of us, we tend to pull out our phones frequently to check emails, text friends, or look at Facebook. Our phones can distract us from conversations we have with our children and the rest of our families. Not only is it impolite, but it keeps us from really hearing things our children are saying to us! Our children are much more important than our cell phones and we are setting an example for them. Please be aware and more considerate. Our families deserve our full attention and need it!!!

Elementary News Continued

*On November 1, 2014, 190 of our Elementary students ran in the 5K – Storyfest Run. We are so proud of them for showing up and doing such a good job running! Thank you to all the parents who participated and help get your child there. It was a huge success!!!

*Students worked hard on their Fire Prevention Posters and essays this year. The winners attended a Lions Club dinner on Nov 18th at 6:30 pm.

Important Dates:

Nov 21	GT Field Trip with Mrs. Gerth
Nov 24	Progress Reports
Nov 25	Early Release – Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2 (Tues)	School Resumes
Dec 5	Limo Lunch for those that qualify
Dec 8	Magic Show for those that qualify
Dec 12	Game Trailer for those that qualify
Dec 13	4 th and 5 th Grade UIL Meet in Sinton
Dec 15	The Magic Theater
Dec 16 & 17	4 th Grade Writing Benchmark
Dec 18	BMX Show for those that qualify
Dec 19	Early Release – Christmas Holiday
Jan 6	School Resumes

STAAR TESTING DATES THIS SCHOOL YEAR

March 30	4 th Grade Writing	5 th Grade Math
March 31	4 th Grade Writing	5 th Grade Reading
April 21	4 th Grade Math	6 th Grade Math
April 22	4 th Grade Reading	6 th Grade Reading
	5 th Grade Science	



The winners of the Fire Prevention Poster/Essay contest for 2014:

(Back row) Lloyd Wientjes (George West Fire Chief), Madilyn Dugosh (8th grade, 1st place essay), Kory Blevins (8th grade, 2nd place essay), Nate Duvall (8th grade, 3rd place essay), Taylor Terry (7th grade, 1st place essay), Danielle Falcon (7th grade, 2nd place essay), Madison Gass (7th grade, 3rd place essay). (Front row) Wyatt Wittner (6th grade, 1st place essay), Paige Heard (6th grade, 2nd place essay), Larysa Fuentes (6th grade, 3rd place essay), Bailey Boucher (5th grade, 1st place poster), Liberty Barcak (4th grade, 1st place poster), Gabi Cruz (4th grade, 2nd place poster). (Not pictured) Raelene Carbajal (5th grade, 2nd place poster), Wyatt Atchley (5th grade, 3rd place poster).

Junior High News



Ashley Lowe, Principal

George West Education Foundation's Gifts

Thanks to the GWEF's gift of tablets, students in 8th grade ELA classes have the opportunity to complete assignments at their own pace. Study Island, Reading Plus, and Accelerated Reader are a few of the programs students use to supplement the reading curriculum. These girls are researching topics for current event reports during advisory class.



Happenings



JH Canned Food Drive Nov 3-21 - winning advisory class will get off-campus lunch



Student/Faculty volleyball game Nov. 25

@10:00 am



JH toy drive Dec 2-12



FCCLA Christmas Dance Dec 5 @ 5-8 - entry fee: toy donation



Benchmark Testing/Semester Exams

Dec 16,17,18



JH Talent Show Dec 19 @ 9:00 am



UIL News:

Taft Jan 16 @ 1:00 pm: Speaking & Spelling

Taft Jan 17 @ 9:00 am: Number Sense, Math, Calculator, Listening, Dictionary, Chess, Maps, Charts, & Graphs, Soc. Stud., Science, Art Smart

~Winners~

George West Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Prevention Essay Contest

Congratulations Seventh Graders!

- Taylor Terry 1st
- Danielle Falcon 2nd
- Madison Gass 3rd

Congratulations Eighth Graders!

- Maddie Dugosh 1st
- Koury Blevins 2nd
- Nate Duvall 3rd

Potpourri

8th Grade Volleyball District Champs (9-0 Record)

Kaylee Miller, Bailey Clifton, Faith Townsend, Hannah Jimerson
Coach Bednorz., Cammy Bartlett, Beth Ham, Brooke Warlick, Audrey Feist



Spanish Club News

The GWHS Spanish Club will be singing Spanish Christmas Carols at the Live Oak Nursing Center on December 11, at 4pm. All Spanish Club members and their families are invited to participate. Please don't forget to bring a Christmas present to put in our gift basket that we place under their lovely tree. These activities mean so much to our students as well as to the residents we visit and share Christmas cheer with.

~ Mrs. Margarita Cantu, Sponsor



Technology in the Sixth Grade



The sixth grade teachers at George West Elementary have been working diligently to incorporate technology into their curriculum by utilizing the laptop/tablets that the *George West Educational Foundation* funded through a generous grant this past year. In November, ELA students used the computers to publish poems that they had written during the first six weeks. These printed poems were illustrated by the students and sent to a publishing company. Each homeroom class will have a hard bound book of their illustrated poems.

Students are learning how to use and take care of the laptops as well as some of the basic programs that allow them to publish work and produce multimedia projects. "Having this technology available at all times in the classrooms has been a blessing," Ms. Williams (ELA teacher) stated. "We [the sixth grade teachers] are constantly looking for new opportunities and strategies to utilize the laptops to enhance our curriculum."

The laptops have also been used in the tutorial setting to provide practice and instruction. Utilizing online dictionaries and encyclopedias have provided up to date resources for the students, and online research is easily done within the classroom. Without the support of the community through the *George West Educational Foundation*, these projects and learning opportunities would not be possible. The sixth grade teachers and students are very thankful to the foundation!

Potpourri



Band Sweetheart

Carrie McCormick



Homecoming Queen

Caroline Bellows
Wyatt Wasicek, Escort



Homecoming Court:

Sarah Crawford, Caroline Bellows, Catarina Ruiz, Landry Keith, Allyson Ruiz, Lindsay Hajek

High School News



Bridget Emerson



On Monday, November 10th, 9 George West High School students traveled to Austin to take part in the 11th Annual Student Legislative Session hosted by State Representative Ryan Guillen at the State Capitol. The best and the brightest students from across Representative Guillen's district were invited to participate in this one day event. Members of George West High School's National Honor Society, Student Council, and Government Classes received hands-on experience as students acted as real legislators, lobbyist, and reporter for the day.

These nine students were appointed to their positions by a faculty committee from the high school. Those participating were Garrett Pawlik (Senator), Mason Moore (Lobbyist), Kayla Strause (Journalist), Bethany Brysch (State Rep.), Alyssa Cradit (State Rep.), Sarah Crawford (State Rep.), Emily Ellison (State Rep), Nicie Smith (State Rep.), and Hayleigh Warlick (State Rep.).

George West students got the chance to sit on committees such as the Economic Development Committee, Jurisprudence Committee, and Health Committee. The students were then given the "Longhorn Protection Act" that they had to present to the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. Senator Garrett Pawlik and Lobbyist Mason Moore did a fabulous job at presenting their "Longhorn Protection Act" to the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. Their act was passed through committee by a unanimous vote. Unfortunately, their act was not chosen by the Calendars Committee as one that would be up for discussion and vote when they met in the House that afternoon.

After having caucus meetings and being treated to lunch on the lawn by the lobbyists, the students were convened to the House Chambers and were able to discuss and vote on 3 mock bills that afternoon.

As an understanding of the operations of our government is crucial, the legislative event was a great learning experience for everyone involved. The students experienced the real-world functioning process of the Texas Government. The Austin trip was funded by the George West Education Foundation. The students are extremely grateful to the Foundation for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.





Seniors Kayla Strause, Sarah Crawford, Nicie Smith, Alyssa Cradit, Mason Moore, Hayleigh Warlick, Bethany Brysch, Emily Ellison, and Garrett Pawlik pause for a photo with Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen in the Capitol House Chambers.

Senator Garrett Pawlik and Lobbyist Mason Moore present their "Longhorn Protection Act" to the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee in the State Capitol.





Parents of students still needing to pass the English I EOC: The Texas Education Agency has moved the testing date for the English I EOC Re-Test *from* Tuesday, December 2 *to* **Monday, December 1**. Although GWISD has a school holiday scheduled for Monday, December 1, students that need to re-take the English I EOC *must* come to school at regular time to take the test. Please mark your calendar for this very important date!

Upcoming Testing Dates:

- December 1 – English I EOC Re-Test
- December 2 – U. S. History EOC Re-Test
- December 3 – English II EOC Re-Test
- December 4 – Algebra I EOC Re-Test
- December 5 – Biology EOC Re-Test

IMPORTANT:

- Students who have not met the Level II: Satisfactory standard will need to re-test until they meet the standard. All 5 End-Of-Course tests are required for graduation.
- Although Monday, December 1 has been designated a School Holiday on the GWISD Calendar, students on the English I EOC re-take list MUST be at school at normal time for testing.**
- Students taking the English I and/or English II EOCs need to bring a lunch to school as this is a 5-hour test and students will not be released from the testing room until they have completed the test.*****

English I EOC Retesters:

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High School News Bridget Emerson, Student Council

GWHS Student Council Sponsors Red Ribbon Week Assembly

“She was always there for me and my brothers. She always spent time with us and watched out for us. She was always making me and my brothers laugh,” stated Elias Paiz as he talked about his sister in a very quieted room. Paiz, a George West High School student, took a very brave step Thursday morning as he addressed his peers in a high school Red Ribbon Week. Elias lost his sister, Marisol “Mari” Paiz, four years ago due to alcohol poisoning. He shared sweet memories of Madi, as well as the tragic story of her death with the student body who listened respectfully. Elias remembered a conversation between he and his sister at a football game one night. Mari said, “Elias, one day you will be out there on that field, and I’m going to be sitting in the stands cheering you on.” He described his sister as being one of his biggest supporters.

Elias shared personal details of this very sad day with his classmates. He had lost his sister because of choices she made. She had been to a party where drugs and alcohol were consumed. She drank too much. “I don’t know all the details of that party, but I do know that friends who were there with her at that party were the first to leave when Mari needed them the most,” Elias acknowledged. At only 17, his sister was gone.

Elias concluded his remarks with these last statements, “One night changed [everything]. Not just for her, but for my brothers and my family. The decisions you make do not only affect you. They affect the lives of all those around you. Think of what you could be leaving behind. In the blink of an eye, everything can change--everything you ever planned for your life. One party, one weekend isn’t worth losing it all.” Mari never got to see Elias play football on Longhorn Field.

Following Elias’s words, a counselor from Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas, Larry Churn, spoke to students sharing information concerning what help is available. Churn encouraged students to seek help if they felt they needed help. Student Council Sponsor, Bridget Emerson, also pleaded with the students. “Please ask someone for help if you feel you need it. Ask our counselor, teacher, or another trusted adult. We don’t want anything horrible happening to any of you. We want to help if we can.”

Students who would like to reach out for help may contact:

Larry J. Churn, BSW-LBSW, LCDC, OSAR Counselor

105 E. Thornton St., Three Rivers, TX 78071

361.786.3618 Phone 361.752.8072 Cell

Elias Paiz addresses the student body during Red Ribbon Week.





On October 29th, thirty seven George West FCCLA students attended the FCCLA Fall Leadership Workshop at Camp Zephyr. Students took Family and Consumer Science Assessments (FCSAs) and participated in various breakout leadership sessions.



FCCLA



Natalie Carroll

BEFORE

AFTER



Bethany Davis and Kailey Keach collected warm clothes, car seats, and more for the Live Oak County Sunshine Room as part of their FCCLA Star Event. The girls were able to purchase the car seat with the monetary donations collected today. The girls have a goal of raising funds for at least three more car seats. Thanks for the great work, girls!



Life Skills Bowling News



Viola Salinas

On November 8, 2014 the George West Special Olympic team traveled to Saratoga Lanes in Corpus Christi to compete in Special Olympics Area Bowling competition. Our athletes competed along with 500 other Special Olympians from surrounding areas. Each athlete bowled their hearts out in two games as they demonstrated their skills in the sport of bowling. The athletes train throughout the year for this competition as well as State Bowling. This competition allows these athletes to advance to State Bowling in February. A “Big Shout Out” goes the George West Special Olympic team for a job well done. We are very proud of our athletes as they represented GWISD with much pride.

George West Special Olympians, “Bowl like a Rock Star”!

Results:

- Miguel Serrano 6th grade – 4th Place Ribbon
- Mia Perez 6th grade – Silver Medal
- Christopher Valdez 7th grade – Silver Medal
- Travis Emerson 8th grade – Gold Medal



Recognized at a recent board meeting, athletes are Chris Valdez, Ty Sparks, GWISD Superintendent, Travis Emerson, Cheri Dee Moore, Board President, and Miguel Serrano Not pictured, Mia Perez

Special Olympics Texas Athlete Oath

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”



George West FFA Members Attend Tri-District FFA Greenhand Camp

Goliad, TX – Over 300 first year FFA members from 15 different schools participated in the 2014 Tri-District Greenhand Camp on October 7th at the Goliad County Fairgrounds in Goliad. The camp was facilitated by the Gateway & La Bahia district officer teams, Goliad FFA officers and the Area officers representing the Gateway & La Bahia districts. Blake Mosley, George West FFA President and Area X Secretary, and Kailey Keach, George West FFA Treasurer and Gateway District 1st Vice President served as facilitators for the camp.

Greenhand Camp is a day long camp designed for first year FFA members. At this camp students became more familiar with the FFA and got to meet other first year FFA members from all around the area.

While at this camp, students were broken into groups and attended sessions put on by the officer teams. Sessions included learning about FFA basics such as the emblem, the mission and motto, and the various competitions that are offered. FFA members also learned about ways to get more involved and were involved in games to help them learn about other members at the camp.

George West FFA members that attended the camp were: Natalie Baird, JT Bryce, Tiffany Cortinas, Maddie Cox, Anna Crawford, Caroline Davis, Kim Ellison, Cat Hyde, Kailey Keach, Landry Keith, Blake Mosley, Erin Nance, Aly Pawlik, Bridget Upton, Sunni Jo Weaver and Hannah Whitus.

The Texas FFA is one of the nation's largest state FFA Associations with a membership of more than 62,000 and approximately 985 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.



Front Row L to R: Blake Mosley (Area X Secretary), Caroline Davis, Sunni Jo Weaver, Hannah Whitus, Anna Crawford, Cat Hyde, Tiffany Cortinas, Kailey Keach (Gateway District 1st Vice President)

Back Row L to R: Landry Keith, Kim Ellison, Natalie Baird, JT Bryce, Erin Nance, Bridget Upton, Maddie Cox, Aly Pawlik



Front L to R: Bella Chapa, Blake Mosley, Kailey Keach, Laney Mosley

Back : Chase Galloway, Nikaya Neal, Ali Katzfey, Landry Brand, Taylor Thompson, Lauren Carroll

George West FFA Members Participate in District Leadership Camp

Tilden, TX – Students from ten different schools gathered at Tilden High School on Saturday, September 6th to participate in a day long leadership camp.

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 10 members participate in the leadership conference. Kailey Keach, George West FFA Treasurer and Gateway District 1st Vice President, served as a facilitator for the camp. Blake Mosley, George West FFA President and Area 10 Secretary, also served as a facilitator as part of her area officer duties. Landry Brand, Lauren Carroll, Bella Chapa, Chase Galloway, Ali Katzfey, Laney Mosley, Nikaya Neal and Taylor Thompson 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.

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George West FFA Members Compete in District Leadership Contest

Kingsville – Students from three different FFA districts, representing approximately 43 school districts converged on Texas A&M University in Kingsville on Monday, November 17, 2014 – all of them hoping to advance to the Area X contest to be held on November 24, 2014.

Leadership Development Events (LDEs) focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

Teams that placed 1st or 2nd in their event advanced to Area competition. George West FFA members that competed at the Gateway District LDE include:

Junior Creed Speaking – 4th Place

Natalie Baird

Senior Quiz – 3rd Place

Blake Mosley – 2nd individual
 Bethany Davis – 12th individual
 Laney Mosley – 15th individual
 Jake Galloway – 25th individual
 Garrett Pawlik – 3rd alternate individual
 James Baker – 4th alternate individual
 Alyssa Cradit – 5th alternate individual
 Walker Wright – 7th alternate individual
 Isabella Chapa – 8th alternate individual
 Garrett Feist – 9th alternate individual
 Brittany Clifton – 15th alternate individual
 Avery Bulsterbaum – 17th alternate individual

Public Relations – 1st Place

James Baker
 Isabella Chapa
 Blake Mosley
 Garrett Pawlik

Junior Skills – 2nd Place

Sunni Jo Weaver
 Bridget Upton
 Iris Hammonds
 JT Bryce
 Erin Nance
 Devin Naylor

Senior Creed Speaking – 3rd Place

Carson Crisp

Senior Skills – 1st Place

Laney Mosley
 Jake Galloway
 Peyton Cox
 David Ybanez
 Dylan Orr

Junior Chapter Conducting – 2nd Place

Kim Ellison
 Hannah Clayton
 Natalie Baird
 Hannah Whitus
 Aly Pawlik
 Anna Crawford
 Caroline Davis
 Tiffany Cortinas
 Landry Keith

Senior Chapter Conducting – 2nd Place

Abbi Schuette
 Ali Katzfey
 Nikaya Neal
 Alyssa Cradit
 Landry Brand
 Alyssa Kelley
 Katelynn Kegebein
 Alexis Foil

Ag Issues – 2nd Place

Sarah Crawford
 Lauren Carroll
 Ally Ruiz
 Lindsay Hajek
 Taylor Thompson
 Kailey Keach
 Kayla Strause

Junior Quiz – 3rd Place

Hannah Clayton – 4th individual
 Alyson Pawlik – 12th individual
 Hannah Whitus – 14th individual
 Kim Ellison – 1st alternate individual
 Anna Crawford – 5th alternate individual
 Landry Keith – 6th alternate individual
 Caroline Davis – 10th alternate individual
 Tiffany Cortinas – 11th alternate individual

Radio Broadcasting – 7th Place

Lane McClelland
 Trent Schroeder
 Lauren Boedeker



A huge thank you goes to the following people for assisting with our teams and preparing them for the district contest – Glynis Strause, Kristy Keach, Letha Thompson, Edie Katzfey and Barbie Mosley.

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Cross-Country ♦ State Meet



On Saturday November 8th, Senior Garrett Pawlik competed for the George West Longhorns at the UIL State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock, TX. He placed 31st against 150 athletes in the 3A division with a time of 17 minutes 18 seconds.

Coach Rebecca Neal, Garrett Pawlik and Coach Regan Carriger at State UIL Cross Country Meet.

**Congratulations
Garrett!**



Cross Country



Regan Carriger

On October 22, 2014 George West High School hosted the UIL District 30 AAA Cross Country meet.

The first event was the Varsity girls 2 mile where the Lady Horns captured the district title. District Champion Summer Garza-Morin lead the way by finishing with at time of 12:54, also finishing in the top ten were Monique Ortiz, 3rd, Nikaya Neal, 4th, Megan Martinez, 6th, Lillie Bottoms, 8th, Hunter Smith, 9th, Allyson Ruiz 10th. The team qualified for the Region IV meet in San Antonio on November 1st.

The Junior Varsity girls District title was also won by the Lady Horns. Sunni Weaver finished first, followed by Alyson Pawlik, and placing 4th through 8th were Emily Ellison, Mia Baker, Julia Wasicek, Maggie Upton and Landry Keith.

The Varsity boys claimed the district runner up title and will also continuing on to regionals. Garrett Pawlik placed 2nd in the 3 mile with at time of 17:19. Placing for the Longhorns were freshman JT Bryce, 5th, Wyatt Wasicek, 7th, Xavier Paiz, 8th, Alex Suniga, 19th, and Tristan Geffort, 26th.

The Yearling cross country team had a great showing as well. Crystal Amoles finished 3rd in the 7th grade girls division. The 8th grade boys Cannon McCool and Zach Pankey finished 8th and 9th respectively. The 8th Grade Girls District Champion was Joleeza Morin followed by runner up Faith Townsend and 4th place Kassidy Preston.



Lady Horn Basketball



Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams	
October 22, 2014	1st Practice Day				
October 25, 2014	First Scrimmage Day				
November 4, 2014	First Day for Games				
November 14, 2014	Kenedy	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 18, 2014	Stockdale	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 21, 2014	Pettus	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 24, 2014	Freer	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 25, 2014	Three Rivers	Home	5:00pm	JV&V	CONF
November 26-30, 2014	Thanksgiving Break				
December 2, 2014					
December 4-6, 2014	Karnes City Tournament	Away	TBA	V	CONF
December 9, 2014	Karnes City	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 12, 2014	Pleasanton	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 16, 2014	San Deigo	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 18-20, 2014	George West Holiday Classic	Home	TBA	V	CONF
December 21-28, 2014	Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas				
December 27, 2014	Sinton	Home	10:00am	JV & V	CONF
December 31, 2014	Karnes City JV Tournament	Away	TBA	JV	CONF
January 3, 2015		Home	TBA	JV & V	
January 6, 2015	Kenedy	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
January 9, 2015	Taft	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 13, 2015	Mathis	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 16, 2015	Aransas Pass	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 20, 2015	Odem	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 23, 2015	Skidmore-Tynan	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 27, 2015	Taft	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 30, 2015	Mathis	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 3, 2015	Aransas Pass	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 6, 2015	Odem	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 10, 2015	Skidmore-Tynan	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 14, 2015	District Certification				
February 16-17, 2015	Bi-District				
February 19-21, 2015	Area				
February 23-24, 2015	Regional Quarterfinals				
February 26-28, 2015	Regional Tournament				
March 5-7, 2015	State Tournament in Austin				

Head Coach: Letha B. Thompson
 Assistant Coaches: Tom Warlick

2014-2015 George West Longhorns Boys Basketall Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 21	Pettus	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Nov. 24	Freer	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Nov. 25	Ben Bolt	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Dec. 2	Poth	Home	JV, Varsity	6:00pm
Dec. 4-6	London Tournament	Away	Varsity	TBA
Dec. 9	Karnes City	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Dec. 11-13	Kingsville Acad. Tourn.	Away	JV	TBA
Dec. 12	Pleasanton	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Dec. 16	Refugio	TBA	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Dec. 18-20	GW Holiday Tournament	Home	Varsity	TBA
Dec. 30	Ben Bolt	Home	JV, Varsity	1:00pm
Jan. 6	Kenedy	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Jan. 13	Kingsville Academy	Away	JV, Varsity	5:30pm
Jan. 16	Aransas Pass*	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Jan. 20	Odem*	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Jan. 23	Skidmore-Tynan*	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Jan. 27	Taft*	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Jan. 30	Mathis*	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 3	Aransas Pass*	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 6	Odem*	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 10	Skidmore-Tynan*	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 13	Taft* (PN)	Home	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 17	Mathis*	Away	JV, Varsity	5:00pm
Feb. 23-24	Bi-District			
Feb. 26-28	Area			
Mar. 2-3	Regional Quarterfinals			
Mar. 6-7	Regional Tournament			
Mar. 12-14	State Tournament			

GW Holiday Tournament Teams:

George West, Falls City, Beeville, Pleasanton, Ben Bolt

Head Coach: Shawn Alvarez
 Asst. Coach: James Stanscek
 Athletic Director: Jay Newberry
 Superintendent: Ty Sparks
 Principal: Richard Waterhouse



*-District Game PN- Parents Night

Lady Yearling Basketball

Lady Yearling 2014-15 Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Time</u>
November 17	Taft	Away	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
December 1	Mathis	Home	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
December 8	Aransas Pass	Away	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
December 15	Odem	Home	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
January 8	Skidmore	Away	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
January 15	Taft	Home	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
January 22	Mathis	Away	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
January 29	Aransas Pass	Home	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
February 5	Odem	Away	7&8 A&B	5:00pm
February 12	Skidmore	Home	7&8 A&B	5:00pm

7th Coach: Jessica Hall

8th Coach: Tamara Bebnorz

Head Coach: Letha B. Thompson

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Yearling Basketball

2014-2015 GW Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 17	Taft	Home	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Dec. 1	Mathis	Away	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Dec. 4 & 6	Taft Tourney	Away	7th, 8th	TBA
Dec. 8	Aransas Pass	Home	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Dec. 15	Odem	Away	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Jan. 8	Skidmore-Tynan	Home	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Jan. 10	Banquete Tournament	Away	7th	TBA
Jan. 15	Taft	Away	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Jan. 22	Mathis	Home	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Jan. 24	Banquete Tournament	Away	8th	TBA
Jan. 29	Aransas Pass	Away	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Feb. 5	Odem	Home	7th, 8th	5:00pm
Feb. 12	Skidmore-Tynan	Away	7th, 8th	5:00pm

Coaches: Jason Heirholzer and Gared Chandler
 Athletic Director: Jay Newberry
 JH Principal: Ashley Lowe

Congratulations Lady Horns!

Regional Quarter Finals Champs
2014



Back Row: Sarah Crawford, Courtney Cole, Brittany Clifton, Elly Williamson, Kylie Wallace, Taylor Thompson, Landry Brand, Caroline Bellows, Leslie Gass

Front Row: Bridgett Upton, Christina Sok, Carson Crisp, Sierra Benavidez, Alexis Foil, Blake Brand, Kailey Keach

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George West ISD Early Release Times

Tuesday, November 25
And Friday, December 19
Release times are 12:30 p.m.

Buses will leave at 12:30
Primary buses run at 12:10

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