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# Newsletter



## From the Superintendent

Ty Sparks

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### Important Dates

- Band Booster Pot Luck  
9/30/16 @ 7:00
- GWHS Meet the Teacher  
10/3/16 @ 5:30 pm
- GW Education Founda-  
tion Fundraiser-Coliseum  
10/22/16 @ 6:00

The State of Texas is very clear about the content that is taught in each class. The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) is a set of standards prescribed by the Texas Education Agency for each course and grade. Our teachers do a very good job covering those standards, as evidenced in our success rate as a district.

In addition to ensuring that our students are educated, our teachers and staff members work to help make certain our students become good people and good citizens. Throughout our district, staff and students are working to improve character and to remind all about the importance of good behavior and good citizenship. I would like to describe just a few examples of the amazing work our teachers do in growing good young people.

At the high school this year, the staff will be implementing a new program developed by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to provide students with opportunities to explore the important concepts of courage, commitment, sacrifice, patriotism, integrity and citizenship and how these values can be exemplified in daily life.

In addition to this Medal of Honor program at the high school, the students of FCCLA will be providing their own development of the good character theme as they kick off a new campaign this year, "Dude, Be Nice". These students met with me and Mrs. Sellman this week to discuss their plans. I know you will enjoy hearing more about this upcoming project for our high school students.

Not to be outdone, the sixth grade teachers at the elementary are teaching a character trait every month. Integrity and patience are traits they have covered so far. Each month they use the new word as a theme in vocabulary, civics, writing, and more.

The junior high campus integrates skills such as organization and leadership into their course content and daily routine. Mrs. Peters, the counselor, also provides character lessons though advisory.

Primary Pride reigns at the primary school. The students are taught the eight pillars of the Character Counts curriculum and also use the Keystone curriculum from Capturing Kids' Hearts. Children read storybooks with character lessons incorporated. Even their music and songs point to being good.

Finally, our Food Service Staff have been thoughtful along this line also. A considerable amount of effort and care was put into several new bulletin boards for the cafeteria this fall that focus on positive character traits like kindness, responsibility, respect, and honesty.

There are many other examples that I see daily. As you can see, our employees truly care about your children. Like you, we want our students to be well-rounded, educated, and positive role models. We are proud of your children, and we know you are, too. Thank you for trusting your greatest treasure to us.

# New in the Cafeteria!

## SunButter

### Good News! A Peanut Free Choice for Primary and Elementary Campuses

SunButter Sunflower Butter is a delicious sunflower seed spread – perfect for sandwiches and recipes. With 7 grams of protein per serving, SunButter has as much protein as the leading peanut butter, and it is safe for students with peanut allergies and other food allergies. It's a perfect school safe solution to pack for lunches and snacks where peanuts can't be served.



A **FREE** SunButter recipe and ideas book may be downloaded at:

<http://sunbutter.com/freerecipebook/>

*It's been a great start to a new year!*



# GWES MAKES HISTORY

## George West Elementary Recognized for Student Achievement Distinctions

The Texas Education Agency announced on Wednesday, September 14 the list of campuses in the state that had earned all distinction designations applicable to their individual school.

Distinction designations are awarded to campuses based on achievement in performance indicators relative to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size, and student demographics. Depending on campus grade levels and type, the number of potential distinction designations can vary.

George West Elementary earned all possible distinctions which include:

- Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading;
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics;
- Academic Achievement in Science;
- Top 25%: Student Progress;
- Top 25%: Closing Performance Gaps; and
- Postsecondary Readiness.

“Earning one or more campus distinctions is noteworthy and should be a source of pride in a community,” said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. “Earning all possible distinctions is a significant accomplishment and should signal to parents that there is extraordinary work taking place on that campus.”

George West Elementary was one of only 5 Elementary campuses in Region II to receive this recognition. The other campuses included:

- Banquete Elementary
- Callallen Wood River Elementary
- Riviera Elementary
- Windsor Park GT Elementary (Corpus Christi ISD)

Another noteworthy accomplishment is that in the Distinction Designation Summary – Top 25% in Student Progress George West Elementary was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 40 school comparison group.

In the Distinction Designation Summary – Top 25% in Closing Performance Gaps George West was ranked 10 in the 40 school comparison group.

A big congratulations goes out to the George West Elementary students, staff, and parents, for their hard work last year! Thank you to the staff for your commitment to high student achievement.





# Primary School News

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Pat James, Principal

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 you 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 Kinder, First, and Second grade 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. Last year's students did an outstanding job as 92% passed the Reading and 95% passed the Math assessment. **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!**



## Primary Book Fair

October 10-14, 2016

Shopping Times:

10 am - 1 pm & 3 pm - 4 pm Daily

Family Night: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

5:00-7:00 pm



# Elementary School News

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Stephanie Schuette, Counselor

This year is off to a wonderful start. Students have been working very hard and getting used to their new grade level. They 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 pep-rallies, Fabulous Friday's and other fun activities at the Elementary.

**Attendance:** Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. Also, please do not check your child out early unless an emergency. It is very important your child is on time, here all day and ready to learn!

**Conference times:** Teachers are available for conference at: 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 9:50, 5<sup>th</sup> grade- 1:50, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade 12:45. Please call the office and set up an appointment if needed.

**Award Ceremonies:** The first awards ceremony is Thursday, October 6, 2016. Students will be recognized for their accomplishments for each 6 weeks. This is held in the cafeteria during PE times: 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 9:50, 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 1:50, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 1:00. We encourage parents to attend!

## Home and School Connection: Building Friendships

Children with friends enjoy school more, develop important social skills, and even do better academically. Here are ways to help you child build and strengthen friendships.

**Find shared interest** – Suggest that your child ask classmates what they do in their spare time and what they really like doing when not at school. Then, your child can talk about his or her interest. Your child and a classmate may discover new activities to share or realize they like the same things – which can naturally lead to friendships.

**Be a good friend** – Talk to your child about what you value in your friendships, and ask about his/hers. You might say, "I can always count on Diane at work to help me think of new ideas for pep rallies." Perhaps your child will say, "Nancy invites me to play at recess even when she is playing with the older girls from her class." She'll realize which traits she values in a friend, such as dependability and loyalty. Discuss ways she can show those traits, too (helping a friend study, making them feel included).



## Elementary School News, Continued

### Important Dates:

Oct 6	Awards Ceremonies
Oct 10	Book Fair Week
Oct 11	Family Book Fair Night
Oct 12	Fall Pictures
Oct 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Field Day
Oct 28	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Aquarium
Oct 31	Early Release at 12:30

**Elementary lunch times:** We welcome parents/ grandparents/guardians to come have lunch with your child. Please check in front office to get a visitors pass first.

4 <sup>th</sup> grade:	10:45
5 <sup>th</sup> grade:	11:05
6 <sup>th</sup> grade:	11:20



**Worth quoting:** “This is not a time to Whine, It is a time to Shine”, Avery Pawelek

Pat James, Principal  
Stephanie Schuette, Counselor

### *Why is attendance important?*

The **attendance** rate is **important** because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.

## Longhorn Leaders: Learning for a Greater Purpose

This year we are focusing on two themes at the Junior High:

“Leadership”: Leading by Example

“Character”: Who you are when no one is watching

Junior High is a difficult age for many parents. Our children are starting to want independence but are often times are not ready for the responsibility that comes with this new found freedom. As parents, you can help your child become more independent by helping them grow into the young adult you hoped they would be.

Here are some tips to foster independence and good character through decision making:

Start small

Choosing when to do homework

Choosing activities

If they do make a mistake like forgetting homework or poor grades, ask:

- o What could you do better next time?
- o What did you learn from this bad grade?
- o How much time do you think you will need to complete this task?
- o Remain consistent with discipline.

Every time they choose phone time over homework, the consequence should be the same.

When they bring home a bad grade, don't allow the “Not my fault response”. Instead ask:

- What did you do to try and figure out the answer?
- Do you think this method helped you?
- How will you do things differently next time?
- Do you need to work on homework in a different area to learn the skills to be successful on the test?

Remember, the part of the brain that controls **EMOTION AND JUDGEMENT ARE THE LAST TO DEVELOP!**

So, it's not all their fault after all. But with a little guidance from you and a LOT of understanding, our kids will make it through this tough time. We did!

Helping a child learn from mistakes will foster independence and help to create a good character. This way when you are not there later in life, they will be able to make good decisions for their future. And in kind will be able to work on becoming a strong leader through the right example rather than in name only.

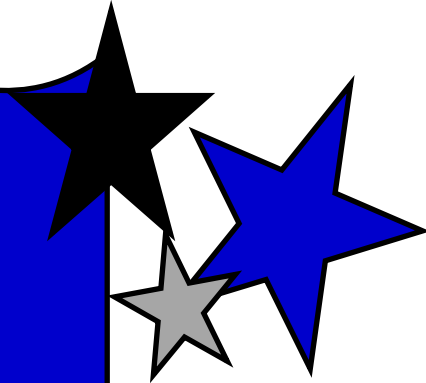
# Junior High News

Ashley Lowe, Principal

## GWJH Received 5 out of 7 Distinctions from TEA!

- ◇ Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading
- ◇ Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- ◇ Top 25 Percent Student Progress
- ◇ Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps
- ◇ Postsecondary Readiness

*Congratulations teachers and students!*



## 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.

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



### *10 Important Things for Students to Be Good Digital Citizens:*

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



# High School Announcements

## STAAR EOC RE-TEST:

December 5 – English I  
December 6– U.S. History  
December 7 – English II  
December 8 – Algebra I  
December 9 – Biology

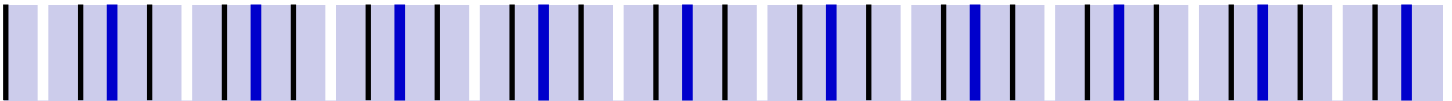
\*\*\*\*\* All STAAR EOC tests are on paper.\*\*\*\*\*

## IMPORTANT:

Students who have not met the Level II: Satisfactory standard will need to re-test until they meet the standard. All five End-Of-Course tests are required for graduation.

Please avoid scheduling doctor appointments for the dates listed above if your student needs to re-test.

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.



## GWHS JUNIORS!

Herff Jones will be here on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 am to meet with the Junior Class for a brief presentation on ordering class rings. Herff Jones will return on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 9:30 am in the library to take ring orders.



## GWHS SENIORS!

Herff Jones will return on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 am for a brief presentation on how to order cap & gown units and invitations. Herff Jones will return on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to take measurements and orders for cap and gown units and invitations.

# High School News

## College Recruiter Information:

GWHS allows college recruiters from around the state to visit students at the high school. During the fall, seniors are encouraged to attend the presentations that cover information such as admissions, application process, programs of study, housing, financial aid, and scholarships. Most recruiters will return in the spring to do a presentation for the sophomores and juniors. If students are interested in particular colleges, please contact the high school counselor to make arrangements for them to come to GWHS.

Students have already had the opportunity to visit with recruiters from the following colleges/universities: Texas A&M College Station and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Upcoming scheduled college recruiter visits:

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Cunningham, Texas Tech University

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Oscar Torres, University of Houston at Victoria  
TBA – Karen Gutierrez, University of TX at San Antonio (9/19 date had to be rescheduled)

TBA – Rachel Riley, Texas State University

TBA – Adrian Garcia, Texas A&M University Kingsville

## Freshman Class Supper

October 7, 2016  
Hamburger Dinner

Come out and support  
the Class of 2020!

*Congratulations to  
the NHS for  
collecting 87 units  
of blood!*

We're so proud of the  
difference you make!

## Major Stock Shows

Swine tag orders  
are due to

Mr. Posey  
September 26.  
Tags are \$12 each.

# GWHS Meet the Teacher Night

Monday, 10/3/16

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

GWHS Common's Area



Not only will you meet the high school teachers, but:

- \*1st Six Week's Report Cards will be handed out
- \*You will learn about the clubs and organizations available at the HS
- \*Trio and Upward Bound will have representatives to explain their programs
- \*CBC Dual Enrollment Specialist will be available
- \*Parents can sign up for Parent Portal - on-line grades and attendance program
- \*Scholarship Lists and College Information will be available
- \*And Much More

# High School Counseling News

2016-2017

Heather Lee

## ACT/SAT TEST DATES

Date	Test	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
9/10/2016	ACT	8/5/2016	Aug. 6-19, 2016
10/1/2016	SAT	9/1/2016	Mail 9/13, Phone/Online 9/20
10/19/2016	PSAT*	9/15/2016	Administered at GWHS*
10/22/2016	ACT	9/16/2016	Sept. 17-30, 2016
11/5/2016	SAT	10/7/2016	Mail 10/18, Phone/Online 10/25
12/3/2016	SAT	11/3/2016	Mail 11/15, Phone/Online 11/22
12/10/2016	ACT	11/4/2016	November 5-18, 2016
1/21/2017	SAT	12/21/2016	Mail 1/3, Phone/Online 1/10
2/11/2017	ACT	1/13/2017	January 14-20, 2017
3/11/2017	SAT	2/10/2017	Mail 2/21, Phone/Online 2/28
4/8/2017	ACT	3/3/2017	March 4-17, 2017
5/6/2017	SAT	4/7/2017	Mail 4/18, Phone/Online 4/25
6/3/2017	SAT	5/9/2017	Mail 5/16, Phone/Online 5/24
6/10/2017	ACT	5/5/2017	May 6-19, 2017

### How to Register - On-Line at:

SAT: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register>

ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org/register/>

*If you need financial assistance or paper registration forms, please see Mrs. Lee.*

*Don't forget to upload your picture!*

### FREE Test Prep Sites:

Number 2 - <https://www.number2.com>

Princeton Review - <http://www.princetonreview.com/>

Peterson - <http://www.petersons.com/>

GradPoint – see Mrs. Lee to sign-up for an account!

*\*To qualify for the PSAT/NMSQT – National Merit Scholarship, students must take the PSAT when they are in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders may take the PSAT, however, only 11<sup>th</sup> grade scores will qualify them for the scholarship.*

## 2016-2017 GWHS Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

### Open Scholarship Searches

For a free search for other scholarships go to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)  
For additional "Offbeat" scholarships to help you pay for college: <https://www.mint.com/blog/how-to/scholarships-03042011/>  
[Click here for additional "Fun and Unique Scholarships" for High School Students](#)

Scholarships in Texas List provided by Best Value Schools ([www.bestvalueschools.com](http://www.bestvalueschools.com)) - highlights a variety of college scholarships available to students residing in or planning to study in the state of Texas. <http://www.bestvalueschools.com/scholarships-in-texas/>

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid


Federal Student Aid: Beginning **October 1, 2016**, parents of graduating seniors should start applying for financial aid using your 2015 tax return information. File early! Money is awarded on a first come first serve basis. Additional information and the FSFA application can be found at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>  
TEXAS DEADLINE: March 15<sup>th</sup>

Name of Scholarship	Post ed Date	Dead- line	Age/ Grade Level	Local	Description	Award Amount	School Attend- ing	Link/ Webpage
<b>Wendy's High School Heisman</b>	8/23/2016	<b>Phase 1– 3 pm, 10/3/2016</b> <i>(submit your portion by end of Sept. so reviewer can do theirs by 10/3)</i>	High School Senior Athletes	No	Eligibility Criteria: Cumulative GPA 3.0 or better Participate in at least one of the recognized sports Be a leader in school & community Serve as a role model for underclassmen	\$1,000 - \$10,000		<a href="https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/">https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/</a>
<b>High School Aerospace Scholars</b>	9/19/2016	<b>10/26/2016</b>	High School Junior	No	NASA wants today's students to become the engineers, scientists, researchers and innovators of tomorrow. Eligibility: US Citizen, TX HS Junior, Committed to a one-year relationship with NASA			<a href="https://nas.okstate.edu/has/index.html">https://nas.okstate.edu/has/index.html</a>
<b>Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship</b>	8/12/2016	<b>10/31/2016</b>	High School Seniors	No	The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is an achievement based scholarship. Applicants are evaluated on leadership, academics and service. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the end of the junior year of HS.	TBA (\$1,000-\$20,000)	Accredited US Post-Secondary Institution	<a href="http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/">http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/</a>
<b>Voice of Democracy</b> (sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Post 6119)	9/19/2016	<b>11/1/2016</b>	Students in grades 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> can apply	Local then advanced to State then National	Students will record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. Theme: My responsibility to America	Local: \$500 National ranges from: \$1,000-\$30,000	American university, college or vocational/technical school	<a href="https://www.vfw.org/VOD/">https://www.vfw.org/VOD/</a>
<b>Prudential Spirit of Community Award</b>	9/19/2016	<b>11/8/2016</b>	Students in grades 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> can apply	No	Students who are making a difference through volunteering are encouraged to apply.	\$1,000 & a trip to Washington, DC		<a href="https://spirit.prudential.com/">https://spirit.prudential.com/</a>
<b>Texas A&amp;M University Scholarships</b>	7/19/2016	<b>12/1/2016</b>	High School Seniors who will be attending TAMU in the Fall of 2017	No	Scholarships & Financial Aid offers academic scholarships for incoming freshmen. Students apply for all university level scholarships through the ApplyTexas application. In the scholarship competition, a student's test score is only one of many components considered in the review process. Consideration is given to academic achievement in a college preparatory curriculum within the context of a student's academic environment. Additional factors for selection include, but are not limited to, leadership, community service, special talents, first generation college status, and academic achievement under difficult circumstances. Some scholarships also have a financial need component.	Varies	Texas A&M University, College Station	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adapp/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adapp/gen/c_start.WBX</a>

# Scholarships, Continued

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Name of Scholarship	Posted Date	Deadline	Age/Grade Level	Local	Description	Award Amount	School Attending	Link/Web-page
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	7/25/2016	12/1/2016 (PRIORITY DEADLINE IS 10/1/2016)	High School Seniors who will be attending TX A&M CC in the Fall of 2017	No	<p>The application becomes available after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must apply for scholarships through the Apply Texas application. <a href="http://scholarships.tamucc.edu/index.html">http://scholarships.tamucc.edu/index.html</a></p> <p>There are "Major Specific" scholarships available. Please view their website for additional information and specific deadlines: <a href="http://scholarships.tamucc.edu/majors.html">http://scholarships.tamucc.edu/majors.html</a></p>	Varies	Texas A&M University CC	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX</a>
University of Texas Scholarships	7/19/2016	12/1/2016 (PRIORITY DEADLINE IS 10/1/2016)	High School Seniors who will be attending UT Austin in the Fall of 2017	No	<p>By applying for scholarships using the ApplyTexas Application, you are automatically considered for the majority of scholarships administered by: The Office of Financial Aid at The University of Texas at Austin. Some of the many scholarships that this office administers are listed under <a href="#">FA-Administered Scholarships</a>.</p> <p>A limited number of colleges, departments, and other entities at, or associated with, The University of Texas at Austin. Contact your prospective <a href="#">academic department</a> to learn about its particular scholarship application procedures.</p> <p>« Don't forget to complete your <a href="#">Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</a>! »</p>	Varies	University of Texas, Austin	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX</a>
Texas State University Freshman Competitive Scholarships	7/25/2016	December 15	High School Seniors who will be attending Texas State in the Fall of 2017	No	<p>Competitive Scholarships criteria varies. Review the information in the "Financial Aid &amp; Scholarships Brochure" <a href="http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/">http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/</a></p> <p>Applications submitted through Apply Texas, Texas State Scholarship application. Students must be admitted by 12/15 and complete the scholarship application on Apply Texas by this date. Students will also need to complete the FAFSA.</p>	Varies	Texas State	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX</a>

<b>Proud Texan Scholarship</b> Sponsored by The Law Office of Hilda L. Sibrian	7/19/2016	<b>12/30/2016</b>	High School Graduate, College or Graduate Student Attending college in 2017	No	Are you a student in the state of Texas who will be enrolled in a two-year to five-year institution in Texas in 2017? Do you have a passion for helping others, in addition to a love for the state of Texas? We, at The Law Office of Hilda L. Sibrian, P.C., want to help you further your education with a \$2,500 scholarship. We value and understand the importance of a good education because that is the key to success.	\$2,500	Must be attending 2 to 5 year institution in Texas	<a href="http://hildasibrian.com/en/scholarship/">http://hildasibrian.com/en/scholarship/</a>
<b>Texas Student Housing Scholarship</b>	9/19/2016	<b>1/31/2017</b>	Seniors and Current College Students	No	This scholarship is open to students accepted to colleges in Austin, College Station, or Denton, TX that have not Signed off-campus housing leases.	\$2,500	Must attend colleges in Austin, College Station, or Denton	<a href="http://www.texasstudenthousing.net/">http://www.texasstudenthousing.net/</a>
<b>Texas Tech University Incoming Freshman Scholarships</b>	7/25/2016	<b>February 1</b> <i>Prior to the upcoming academic year</i>	New entering college freshmen	No	Students must apply for scholarships through the Apply Texas application. In addition to general scholarships, the Presidential freshman scholarships are awarded to first-time freshman who show exceptional academic ability through superior test scores and class ranking. Additional information can be found: <a href="https://www.depts.ttu.edu/scholarships/incFreshman.php">https://www.depts.ttu.edu/scholarships/incFreshman.php</a>	Varies	Texas Tech University	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX</a>
<b>Texas State University – Bobcat Promise</b>	7/25/2016	<b>March 15</b> <i>Prior to the upcoming academic year</i>	New entering college freshmen	No	Guarantees free tuition & mandatory fees for 15 credit hours per semester with a family adjusted gross income that does not exceed the set amount. Eligible students must apply and be accepted for admission, as well as submit a completed FAFSA by March 15 <sup>th</sup> . <a href="http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/bobcatpromise">http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/bobcatpromise</a>	Up to \$9,500 per year (renewable for 8 continuous long semesters)	Texas State University	<a href="https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX">https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX</a>
<b>Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards</b> (sponsored by Ladies Aux Post 6119)	9/19/2016	<b>3/31/2017</b>	Students in grades 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , or 12 <sup>th</sup>	Local & then advanced	US citizen, Maximum age of 18 years at the time of local entry, art must be on paper or canvas, water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used	Local Amount: TBA  National: up to \$10,000		<a href="https://vfvauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/">https://vfvauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/</a>
<b>Ladies Auxiliary Post 6119 Scholarship</b>	9/19/2016	<b>5/8/2017</b>	Seniors	Yes	Seniors applying must complete the scholarship application and complete the required essay	\$300		Scholarship Applications can be downloaded by selecting the icon below: 
<b>Rover College Scholarship</b>	9/19/2016	<b>5/31/2017</b>	Graduating HS Senior, College Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior	No	Eligibility: US Resident, GPA of 3.0 or above *Students will submit a 400-500 word essay answering the set question.	\$1,000		<a href="https://www.rover.com/college-scholarship/">https://www.rover.com/college-scholarship/</a>

# HOMECOMING 2016

## Homecoming Court — Dukes & Duchesses



(L-R) Katie Day, Sophomore Duchess; Justin Duarte, Sophomore Duke; Freshman Duchess, Grace Schuette; Brenden Henicke, Freshman Duke; Alyson Pawlik, Junior Duchess, and Devin Naylor, Junior Duke

## Homecoming Court King & Queen Nominees



Kyle Gee, Maggie Upton, Kaleb Daws, Kylie Wallace, & Jake Galloway

## Homecoming King & Queen



Kaleb Daws & Kylie Wallace

# FCCLA — Recent Activities

Natalie Carroll



FCCLA officer team prepares **BACK TO SCHOOL** goodies for teachers and staff

Kory Humphrey, our first FCCLA member of the 2016-2017 school year!



Members are hard at work at the pregame FCCLA/FFA dinner.




FCCLA members discuss an exciting new project the group plans for GWHS this Fall, "Dude. Be nice."







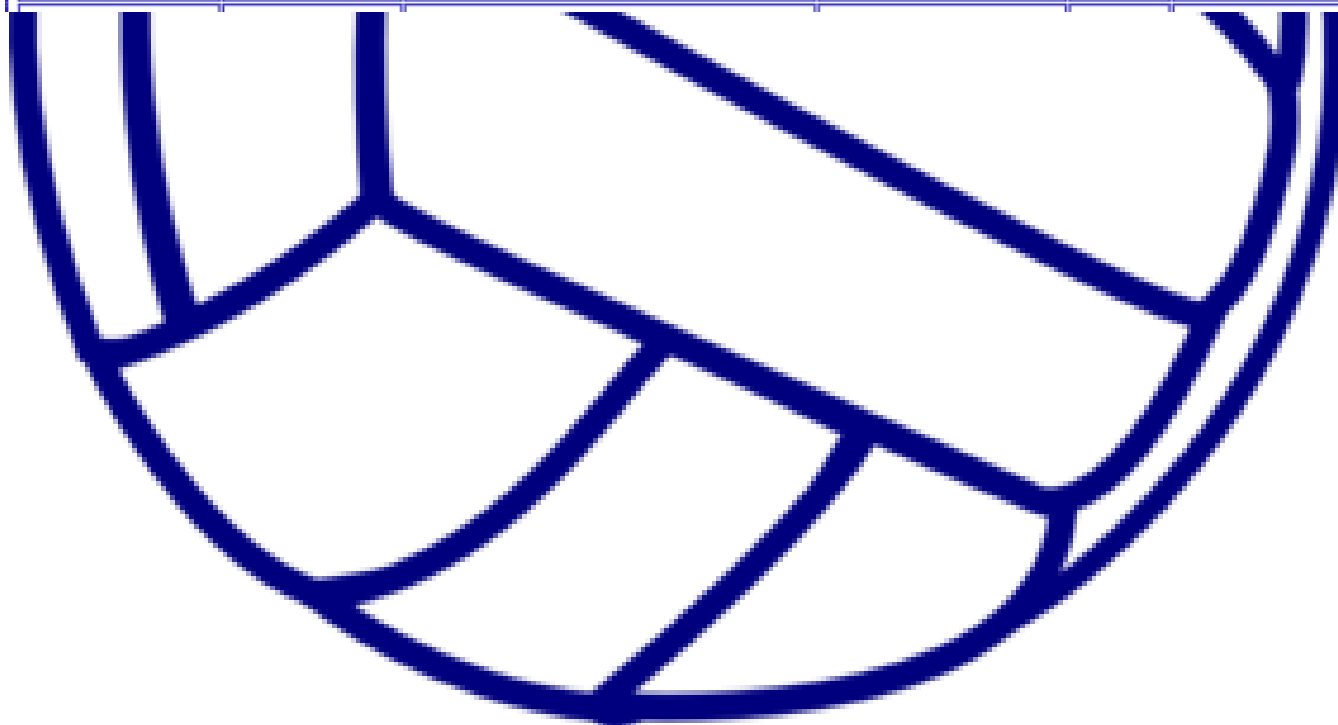
# Volleyball Schedule

					
Date		Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Aug. 5	Fri.	Flour Bluff (Scrim.)	Flour Bluff	10:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 6	Sat.	Taft (Scrim.)	Taft	10:00	JV/V
Aug. 9	Tues.	Karnes City/Edna	George West	5:00	JV/V
Aug. 11-13	Thur./Sat.	Yorktown Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 16	Tues.	Stockdale	Stockdale	1:00	F/JV/V
Aug. 19&20	Fri./Sat.	Sinton Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 19&20	Fri./Sat.	CCISD Subvarsity Tournament		TBA	F/JV
Aug. 25-27	Thur./Sat.	Goliad Varsity Tournament		TBA	V
Aug. 30	Tues.	Sinton	Sinton	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 6	Tues.	<b>Cotulla</b>	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 8&10	Thurs./Sat.	<b>Sinton Subvarsity Tournament</b>		TBA	F/JV
Sept. 9	Friday	Odem	George West	4:30	V
Sept. 9&10	Fri./Sat.	Sinton Subvarsity Tournament			F/JV
Sept. 13	Tues.	<b>San Diego</b>	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Sept. 16	Fri.	<b>Falfurrias</b>	Falfurrias	4:30	V
Sept. 23	Fri.	<b>Hebbronville</b>	Hebbronville	4:30	V
Sept. 27	Tues.	<b>Dilley</b>	Dilley	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 4	Tues.	<b>Hebbronville</b>	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 11	Tues.	<b>San Diego</b>	San Diego	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 14	Fri.	<b>Cotulla</b>	Cotulla	4:30	V
Oct. 18	Tues.	<b>**Dilley</b>	George West	5:00	F/JV/V
Oct. 21	Fri.	<b>London</b>	George West	5:00	V
Oct. 29		District Certification			
Oct. 31-Nov. 1		Bi-District			
Nov. 3-5		Area			
Nov. 7-8		Regional Quarterfinals			
Nov. 11-12		Regional Tournament			
Nov. 17-19		State Tournament			

\*\* Parents Night

# Junior High Volleyball Schedule

 <b>George West JH Lady Yearlings Volleyball 2016-2017</b> 					
Date		Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Sept. 1	Thursday	San Diego	San Diego	5:00	7&8 A&B
Sept. 8	Thursday	Cotulla	Cotulla	5:00	7&8 A&B
Sept. 12	Monday	Hebbronville	GW	5:00	7&8 A&B
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tuloso Tournament</b>		<b>TBA</b>	<b>7&amp;8 A</b>
Sept. 19	Monday	Dilley	Dilley	5:00	7&8 A&B
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Calallen Tournament</b>	<b>Cotulla</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7&amp;8 A</b>
Oct. 3	Monday	San Diego	GW	5:00	7&8 A&B
Oct. 10	Monday	Cotulla	GW	5:00	7&8 A
Oct. 17	Monday	Hebbronville	Hebbronville	5:00	7&8 A&B
Oct. 24	Monday	Dilley	GW	5:00	7&8 A&B



# Cross Country

	<b>George West</b>	
	<b>2016 Junior High Cross Country Schedule</b>	
Date	Site	Time
09/10/2016	Beeville	8:30 am
09/15/2016	Islander Splash	5:20 pm
9/24/2016	Texas A&M Kingsville	10:30 am
10/1/2016	Calallen	8:00 am
10/8/2016	Poth	8:00 am
10/12/2016	Tilden	8: 00 am
10/19/2016	District Meet (San Diego)	4: 00 pm

	<b>George West</b>	
	<b>2016 Cross Country Schedule</b>	
Date	Site	Time
09/10/2016	Beeville	8:30 am
09/17/2016	Islander Splash	12:55 pm
9/24/2016	Texas A&M Kingsville	9:00 am
10/1/2016	Calallen	8:00 am
10/8/2016	Poth	8:00 am
10/12/2016	Tilden	8: 00 am
10/19/2016	District Meet (San Diego)	8:00 am
10/29/2016	Regionals – A&M Corpus Christi	TBA
11/12/2016	State Meet – Round Rock	TBA



# Football

## George West Longhorns



### 2016 Football Schedule 9<sup>th</sup>/JV



<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday, Aug. 12th	Ingleside Scrimmage	Home	TBD
Friday, Aug. 19th	Poth Scrimmage	Away	TBD
Thurs. Aug. 25th	Rockport-Fulton(9 <sup>th</sup> ) San Diego(JV)	Away	4:30/6:00
Thurs. Sept. 1st	Goliad (9 <sup>th</sup> ) Dilley(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 8th	Gregory Portland (9 <sup>th</sup> ) Odem(JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 15th	Need 9th Falfurrias(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 22nd	Skidmore/Tynan(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Hebronville	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 29th	Open		
Thurs. Oct. 6th	Jourdanton(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Jourdanton(JV)	Away	5:00/6:00
Thurs. Oct. 13th	CC Veterans Memorial(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Cotulla(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Oct. 20th	Goliad(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Goliad(JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Oct. 27th	Mathis(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Mathis(JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Nov. 3rd	Need 9th Taft(JV)	Home	5/6:30

# Football

## George West Longhorns



### 2016 Football Schedule Varsity



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Friday, Aug. 12th	Ingleside Scrimmage	Home	TBD
Friday, Aug. 19th	Poth Scrimmage	Away	TBD
Friday, Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego	Home	7:30
Friday, Sept. 2nd	Dilley	Away	7:30
Friday, Sept. 9th	Odem (HC)	Home	7:30
Friday, Sept. 16th	Falfurrias	Away	7:30
Friday, Sept. 23rd	Hebronville	Away	7:30
Friday, Sept. 30th	Open		
Friday, Oct. 7th	Jourdanton*(PN)	Home	7:30
Friday, Oct. 14th	Cotulla*	Away	7:30
Friday, Oct. 21st	Goliad* (Pop Warner)	Home	7:30
Friday, Oct. 28th	Mathis*(JH Recognition)	Home	7:30
Friday, Nov. 4th	Taft*	Away	7:30





# SAVE THE DATE

*George West Education Foundation*  
presents our 5th Annual Fundraiser

*God Blessed George West Texas*

Featuring

*Little Texas*

October 22, 2016 @6PM

Live Oak County Coliseum

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## 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.

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