



GEORGE WEST ISD

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NEWSLETTER



From the Superintendent

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What a great start we have had here in George West ISD! Our students have returned with energy and enthusiasm. It is good to have them back on campus.

We also have several new folks working in the district this year that have added to this encouraging start for our school year. We are fortunate to have hired several very strong teachers who have already made a positive impact in our schools.

Our bond project is also coming along. The design of our new facilities is now complete, and we will receive bids this week! It is about to get exciting around here as we begin this final phase of our process.

Below is a rendering of the new gymnasium from both inside and out. Other planned projects to begin this fall include the new band hall, student center at the high school. We will also begin work on an elementary classroom addition and ADA renovations at Longhorn Field.



Important Dates

- October 5 – HS Meet the Teacher @ 5:30
- October 5 – Report Cards
- November 24 – Early Release
- November 25-30 – Thanksgiving Holidays

Attendance Does Matter



Robin Sellman, Director of Educational Services

I would like to have a written “conversation” that is honest and direct. The purpose of the following article is to ask parents to view school attendance from a different angle, perhaps. ~ Robin Sellman

One of the most important things your child can do in his young years to achieve academic success is to attend school every day. Studies show that strong attendance directly relates to strong academic performance.

Often, as parents, we’re tempted to take our children out of school thinking, “one day won’t hurt” or “they don’t do anything anyway”. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

Let’s take just a minute to look at two of the most important benefits of regular class attendance.

Academic Growth and Success: When your child misses even a day, it is impossible to get the exact education that he missed in the classroom—even though makeup work is done or he goes to tutorials. Real-time instruction cannot be replaced.

Importance of Education: By ensuring your child is in school, you are teaching him that education is important and that it is a priority to you. The early years are a parent’s opportunity to teach a child responsibility. Going to school is one of those responsibilities.

Sometimes, a parent may pick up a student early to avoid traffic or because it is convenient. Unfortunately, this causes a child to miss important instructional time. There have been occasions when families plan vacations during the school year. Again, I think we need to be careful about the message we might be conveying to our children about the importance of education.

Additionally, GWISD is paid daily for student attendance. This, in part, is where we get the funds to educate your child. Taking a child out of school unnecessarily hurts the school. When those funds are hit significantly, it impacts what we can do as far as staffing or supplies. It’s not just that one afternoon that your child misses that hurts, but when absences from each family occur often throughout the district, it does add up. This does affect our impact on your child’s education.

Campus	Campus Attendance Rate 2014-2015	State Requirement Annual Attendance Rate
Primary	93.4%	95%
Elementary	95.6%	95%
Junior High	95.1%	95%
High School	93.9%	95%

Please understand, I realize there will be times that it is unavoidable that your child misses school. I encourage families to keep children in school when possible. Together, we’ll work to educate your child. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

GWHS TESTING DATES COMING SOON



Kristy Keach, Instructional Facilitator/Testing Coordinator

TAKS RE-TEST:

- October 19 – ELA
- October 20 – Math
- October 21 – Science
- October 22 – Social Studies

*******ALL TAKS RE-TESTS WILL BE GIVEN ONLINE. Texas Education Agency (TEA) NO LONGER OFFERS A PAPER TAKS TEST.*******

STAAR EOC RE-TEST:

- December 7 – English I
- December 8 – U.S. History
- December 9 – English II
- December 10 – Algebra I
- December 11 – 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.



2015-2016 Progress Report and Report Card Dates



Marking Period	Progress Report Dates		Report Card Dates	
	1st	Friday	9/11/2015	Monday
2nd	Monday	10/19/2015	Wednesday	11/11/2015
3rd	Tuesday	12/1/2015	Thursday	1/7/2016
4th	Monday	1/25/2016	Wednesday	2/24/2016
5th	Monday	3/21/2016	Tuesday	4/19/2016
6th	Monday	5/2/2016	TBA	Mailed Home



GWISD has changed the text messaging notification system. A test message was sent second week in September. It would have been from a 5 digit code rather than an 800 number. The District will use this system to communicate with parents more efficiently.

One of the issues we had during the test was that there were incorrect numbers on file or a land line was listed as the main number. If you would like to receive text messages from the school, please email your **NAME** and **NUMBER** to

the campus secretary with the following addresses:

High School: msouthard@gwisd.esc2.net

Junior High: earcibal@gwisd.esc2.net

Elementary: sfreeman@gwisd.esc2.net

Primary: vday@gwisd.esc2.net



GW Education Foundation Sponsors Aim for Success



Students at George West ISD participated in educational presentations from Aim for Success, an organization devoted to helping students make good decisions in life concerning sexual activity, bullying, drugs and alcohol. Last week, the presentation for older students centered around avoiding sexual activity. Students learned about consequences including pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional impact and scars that may be left by having sex outside of marriage. The program highlighted the positive impact of making good choices, and students were encouraged to not gamble with life dreams and goals.

Younger students were treated to a program of either “Empowered to Defend” or “Super Friends with Super Powers”. The presentation was action-packed and taught students how to use their **5 Super Powers**: ***Smile, Standing Tall, Being Nice, Encouraging Others, and Defending Others.***

Students were encouraged to not be a bystander, but be a defender instead. Students were also warned about cyberbullying and the dangers hiding behind chat rooms and other online sites.

The programs were sponsored by the George West Education Foundation. Director of Educational Services, Robin Sellman, was grateful for the support from the organization. “The Foundation continues to support the students of George West. Here is another example. The programs our students heard have the potential to be life changing. If this information reaches even one child, the investment will prove to be so valuable. We appreciate The Foundation and its work.”





We would like to welcome new staff members to George West ISD for the 2015-2016 school year.

Primary Campus

- Lindsey Ammann
- Ellen Lopez
- Laralee Pankey
- Lupita Troutman

Elementary Campus

- Zach Burleson

Junior High Campus

- Kathleen Ferguson
- Allison Hicks
- Brandon Hicks
- Sarah Perrenot
- Terri Rathke

High School Campus

- Joel Bell
- Jennifer Drabbant
- Benito Garcia
- Heath Hohmann
- Catherine Howe
- Jay Jimerson
- Jeannie Kesler
- Brent Kornegay
- Emily Lewis
- Lamar Lewis
- Lloyd Ricketson

District Employees

- Sharon Clifton
- Steven Cook
- Rhyan Franklin
- Angela Lopez
- Ethel Murphy



Welcome back to school from the Transportation Department!

This year is going to be a great year with great drivers. Each of our George West ISD bus drivers are willing and able to transport students on a daily basis. Our bus drivers for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

Route 1 – Mike Peck

Route 2 – Kim Turner/Donna Hinnant

Route 3 – Carolina Ruiz

Route 4 – Kim Turner/Margaret Yarbrough

Route 5 – Kevin Ellison

Route 7 – Lisa Rutledge

Route 9 – Beverly Scott/Al Scott

Route 14 – Jason Ryherd

Route 97 – Angela Lopez

Monitor Rhyan Franklin

Important Bus Safety Notes

Please remind your child/children who ride a school bus that following the rules and being safe are very important on their ride to school or home. Bus drivers take safety very seriously and most of the rules on a bus are geared toward keeping your child and others safe.

The bus rules are as follows:

- ◆ The number one rule is to always listen to the bus driver-either on or off of the school bus.
- ◆ No standing or walking on the bus while the bus is in motion.
- ◆ No horseplay or fighting on the bus.
- ◆ No food or drink (besides water) is allowed on the school bus.
- ◆ Do not distract the driver while he or she is driving.
- ◆ Arrive at the school bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
- ◆ These are the standard rules and your bus driver (like a classroom teacher) may have other rules that must be followed.

Another thing to remember is that transportation to and from school is a privilege and not a right. If students do not behave on a school bus, bus riding privileges could be taken away.

Thank you for helping to make this a great year from the George West ISD Transportation Department.

Margaret Yarbrough, Transportation Director.

SAVE THE DATE

GWFF
PRESENTS
**A LONGHORN
FIELD OF
DREAMS**
FEATURING
SHENANDOAH
OCTOBER 17, 2015
6PM
LIVE OAK COUNTY COLISEUM
(HWY 281 BETWEEN
GEORGE WEST & THREE RIVERS)

For underwriting opportunities
and table sales please contact
DARLENE RHODES (361) 850-0813
MABLE HUMPHREY (361) 597-0361

Primary Campus News



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 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. Last year's students did an outstanding job as 94% passed the Reading and 92% passed the Math assessment. Our Primary school had the best Reading scores out of a 20 school comparison group in region II. **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 Campus Book Fair October 12-16

Daily Shopping hours:

10 am-1 pm & 3 pm-4 pm

Family Night:

Tuesday, October 13, 5 pm-7 pm

Located in:

GW Primary Computer Lab



HOME & SCHOOL

Working Together for School Success

George West Elementary School

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: 4th grade – 9:50, 5th grade- 1:50, and 6th grade 1:00. Please call the office and set up an appointment if needed.

Award Ceremonies: The first awards ceremony is Thursday, October 1, 2015. Students will be recognized for their accomplishments for each 6 weeks. This is held in the cafeteria during PE times: 4th grade – 9:50, 5th grade – 1:50, and 6th grade - 1:00. We encourage parents to attend!

Home and School Connection: A good day at school begins and ends with a pleasant routine at home. Try these ideas for establishing good habits with your child:

A fresh start. A calm morning can help your child go to school with a positive attitude. Build an extra 10 minutes into his/her wake-up time so he/she won't be rushed. Also, let him/her think of tasks he/she could do the night before, such as pack gym clothes for next day, shower before bed, and/or putting backpack or musical instrument by the front door.

Backpack check. Use your child's backpack to spark conversations about school. Sit together while he/she goes through it, and talk about what's inside. Also, at the elementary each grade level uses planners. Students write homework assignments, tests, upcoming events and notes to parents in these planners. Check them daily so you can stay involved!

Screen-time limits. Large doses of TV, video games, and cell phones can distract your youngster from his/her job: being a student and kid. Encourage him/her to spend free time playing outside with friends, exercising or reading for pleasure. Note: Experts recommend no more than two hours of screen time per day.

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Elementary Campus News—Continued

Family Time Matters: Fun ways to strengthen bonds. Once school starts and our busy schedules begin, families don't get to hang out together as much as they do over the summer. Here is a list of activities you could do in 15 minutes or less at home: take silly family photos, have a limbo contest, look for constellations, play hopscotch, make s'mores, bake a cake, go for a walk and/or play a board game. You can post a list of activities for the week on frig and take turns picking one activity every day. This helps motivate families to make time for each other.

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.

4th grade: 10:45

5th grade: 11:00


6th grade: 11:15

Worth quoting: "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

~~Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Pat James, Principal

Stephanie Schuette, Counselor



Family Fridays!

If you're looking for activities to help create "family time", as well as strengthen your child's education, why not implement **Family Fridays**—a time when families focus on recreational reading or other similar activities. Because research shows that parents who read to their children, have books available, take trips, guide TV watching, and provide stimulating experiences contribute to student achievement **Family Fridays** are designed to challenge families to focus on such activities.



Junior High Campus News



Ashley Lowe, Principal

George West Junior High has "SMOOTH SAILING" for a great year! **Welcome back!**

GWJH is excited to have new staff members this year.

Joining us in 7th grade is: Allison Hicks – ELA

Katie Ferguson – Reading

Sarah Perrenot – Social Studies

Joining us in 8th grade is: Brandon Hicks – Social Studies/Athletics

Loretta Feist – Math



Dates to Remember:

NJHS Thin Blue Line Campaign October 2 @ 5:00

The NJHS students will be set up in the High School parking lot Friday, October 2, 2015. If you would like to place a blue tape line on your rear window or back bumper to support our local law enforcement, come by and check us out. Please circle through and support a great cause.

Fire Prevention October 5-9, 2015

Red Ribbon Week October 26-30, 2015

Story Teller Friday, November 6, 2015

Special points of interest:

We want our students to be Longhorn Leaders.

RESPECT ♦ RESPONSIBILITY ♦ SAFETY

- ⇒ Value yourself. Be honest and ethical, and practice strong moral values.
- ⇒ Treat all members of the school community and all visitors with politeness and respect.
- ⇒ Honor the ideas and opinions of others.
- ⇒ Offer to help.
- ⇒ Be responsible with property and belongings.
- ⇒ Be respectful to all adults, teachers, staff, and each other.

...from the Counselor



Marianne Peters

News in Summary from: "Work in Progress: Parents Must be Patient as Teen Brain Develops" (an article from the September 10th *Corpus Christi Caller Times* in the Local section.

- Is your child having trouble with disorganization, procrastination, or impulsiveness?
- Do they stay up all night only to oversleep for school the next day?
- Do you wonder why your child cannot follow through with simple tasks?
 - Unfortunately (or fortunately depending on how you look at it), there is a reason for all of this sudden insanity.
 - Teen brains are not like adult brains (just because they look like adults doesn't mean they act like adults) and cannot always understand the science behind why they are the way they are.
 - **The adolescent brain hasn't fully developed and won't until the early 20s** (great!).
 - The part of the brain that controls **emotion** and **judgment** is one of the LAST to develop!
 - As parents, our job is to guide our kids into making good decisions on their own according to this article. Something that teens have difficulty doing.
 - **Consistency is the key:** They have to know what is expected and what **consequences** their actions have. These need to be stable and consistent as well.
 - Be reasonable but firm and don't set your child up for failure ("Teachable Moments")
 - Some things just don't occur to your child, so you have to help them make the connections.
 - What could you do better next time?
 - What did you learn from this mistake (my favorite)?
 - How much time do you think you will need to finish?
 - Remember: As frustrated as you are with your child, they are just as frustrated navigating through the teenage years. Pick your battles and adopt a mantra of "guidance" while allowing them to **make the mistakes** from which they need to learn.

Junior High Campus News Continued



Ashley Lowe, Principal

Many people have purchased and donated memorial books over the years to remember and honor special people in their lives, or in the life of someone who is special to them. Recently, the GWJH library purchased the book Unbroken, the story of famous WWII hero Louis Zamperini. Mrs. Ferrell thought it would be a good idea to have a living memorial to amazing teachers who have shown strength and perseverance in unusual circumstances. These people have been able to demonstrate to students and adults alike what it means to have an indomitable spirit, just like the spirit Mr. Zamperini showed during his fight to survive.

GWJH is blessed to have a staff of incredibly strong adults who do their best to inspire and nurture students. One of our special fighters is Amanda Terry, our special education teacher. Mrs. Terry is a cancer survivor and champion for students of all abilities and gifts. It is an honor to work with her and all the staff who have recently shown great strength in adversity and are an asset to our district.

George West Junior High Teacher

Amanda Terry





Thin Blue Line

Come and join
National Junior Honor Society
 in support of our law enforcement officers for the
Thin Blue Line Campaign.

If you would like to place a blue tape line on your rear window or back bumper to support our officers, come by and check us out.

Friday, October 2, 2015
 5:00-6:30 Before the game
 Front Parking Lot at the High School

High School Highlights



Rick Waterhouse, Principal

Morgan Miller Qualifies as 2016 National Merit Commended Student

GWHS principal, Richard Waterhouse, announced that Morgan C. Miller has been named a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by Mr. Waterhouse to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



Hola from the Spanish Club!

Jeanie Kesler, Sponsor

Congratulations to Spanish Club Officers for 2015-16

President- Randy Gutierrez

1st VP- Alyssa Kelley

2nd VP- Daymian Culpepper

Secretary- Darin Cuevas

Treasurer- Daniella Vargas

Co-Historians- Jaqueline Treviño & Cydnie Castillo

Reporter/Webmaster- Sydney Freeborn

Parliamentarian- Makayla Blackman

Student Council Rep- María Carrillo

AND SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VP ALYSSA KELLEY who has been selected to receive the **Cultural Program Trip Scholarship** by the Pan American Student Forum of Texas.

Alyssa will be among half a dozen other students chosen from across the state to spend almost a week in Puerto Rico in November. To be considered, Alyssa had to be an active member of her local Spanish Club chapter, have an A/B grade point average, be interested in learning about another culture, be recommended by her teacher/sponsor, been involved in various school and community activities, as well as do research to complete several essays. Join us in wishing her a “buen viaje”!!!!

FCCLA



Natalie Carroll, Sponsor



George West FCCLA is in full swing! FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a student led organization with family as the central focus. Any student who is enrolled currently or has ever taken an FCS class (including Junior High) may join. Membership is \$25 which includes a t-shirt and is due no later than September 25th to Mrs. Carroll (Room 502). Students meet monthly every first Wednesday of the month and are provided lunch.

As a member, students may participate in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events where they plan and execute a project focusing on a need within their school, family or community. We have 13 teams already in the planning phase! If your child is interested in completing a STAR event please don't hesitate to have them come talk to me in Room 502. The best way to get started is to think of a concern you have within your school, home or community and act on it! Choose something you are passionate about so you will enjoy your project. Each STAR event is presented at the Regional level in Corpus this coming February. If they place in the top 6 at Regionals, they advance to State in Dallas in April. If they place in the top 2 at State, they advance to Nationals which will be held in San Diego, CA this July!



GWHS National Honor Society



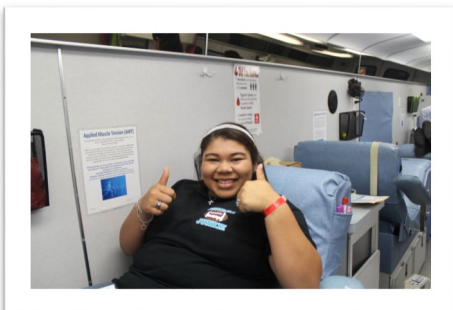
Glenda Locke, Sponsor

The George West High School National Honor Society (NHS) has a history of supporting the Coastal Bend Blood Center through the years. The organization hosts four blood drives during the year and one during the summer. A typical blood drive brings in somewhere around 45-55 units of blood. This crucial event is significant in that blood donors save lives. It is that simple, and it is that important.

According to statistics provided by the Coastal Bend Blood Center, "more than four million Americans would die each year, if not for blood donors." Further stats support that more than 120 people a day must donate blood in order to maintain the blood supply in the ten-county area served by the center.



At last week's GWHS Blood Drive, the George West community donated 96 units of blood! Donors beat the school goal of 56 unit! NHS sponsor, Glenda Locke, was extremely excited and proud of her students. "These NHS students recruited donors and encouraged them to give the gift of life. Today, we learned how powerful we can be when we come together and work toward a common goal. I'm so very proud of these students and our community."



Scholarship Information from the Counselor



Heather Lee

SLAC Scholarship One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student enrolled in a college, trades, or technical school by no later than September 2015. Additional information and applications can be found here <http://www.slacscholars.com/pages/slac-scholars-application> **Deadline: Complete the Online Application no later than September 15, 2015.**

NEW 9/11/15: Wendy's High School Heisman High-achieving senior athletes who participate in at least one of the wide range of sports listed on their website as well as in school and community activities. Must have a GPA of a 3.0. Additional information and applications can be found here <https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/> **Deadline: Complete the Online Application no later than 3:00 pm - October 2, 2015.**

NEW 9/11/15:Coca-Cola Scholarship High school seniors with a minimum of 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply. 150 Coca-Cola scholars are selected each year to receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Additional information and applications can be found here <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/> **Deadline: Complete the Online Application no later than October 31, 2015.**

NEW 9/11/15:Voice of Democracy Scholarship FOR GRADES 9-12: Record a 3-5 minute speech about "My Vision for America" on an audio CD or flash drive. "You too can win \$30,000." Additional information and applications can be found here <https://www.vfw.org/VOD/> **Deadline: Turn in CD or flash drive to your local participating VFW by November 1, 2015**

NEW 9/14/15:Prudential Spirit of Community Award FOR MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Are you a middle level or high school student who's making a difference through volunteering? Apply for a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. next May! Additional information and applications can be found here <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc> **Deadline: November 3, 2015**

NEW 9/28/15:High School Aerospace Scholars Program High school JUNIORS interested in space and science – this is for you:NASA wants you to become the engineers, scientists, researchers and innovators of tomorrow. High School Aerospace Scholars offers a one-of-a-kind experience for Texas high school students like you to jump start your future and explore the possibilities of a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related major or career. Your adventure starts in the fall with an online course and culminates - for students who earn the opportunity - with an on-site summer experience at NASA's Johnson Space Center. To be eligible: you must be a US Citizen, TX high school junior, interested in STEM, committed to a 1 year relationship with NASA, and able to access the internet. Additional information and applications can be found on the GWISD Scholarship Page! Additional information and applications can be found here <https://nas.okstate.edu/has/> **Deadline: November 3, 2015**

NEW 9/28/15:Texas Student Housing Scholarship Application is now available. Seniors who will be attending college in Austin, College Station, or Denton, Texas and are interested in a \$2,500/year scholarship to assist with housing costs – this scholarship is for you. You cannot have signed an Off Campus housing lease with a TSH facility managed by Asset Campus Housing. Check with your college to make sure they allow off campus housing for 1st year students before applying. For more information, please see Mrs. Lee or visit www.texasstudenthousing.net **Application deadline: January 31, 2016!**

Want reminders about scholarships and due dates?

Text @1604f5 to 81010



George West High School “Meet the Teacher”

Date: Monday, 10/5/2015

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

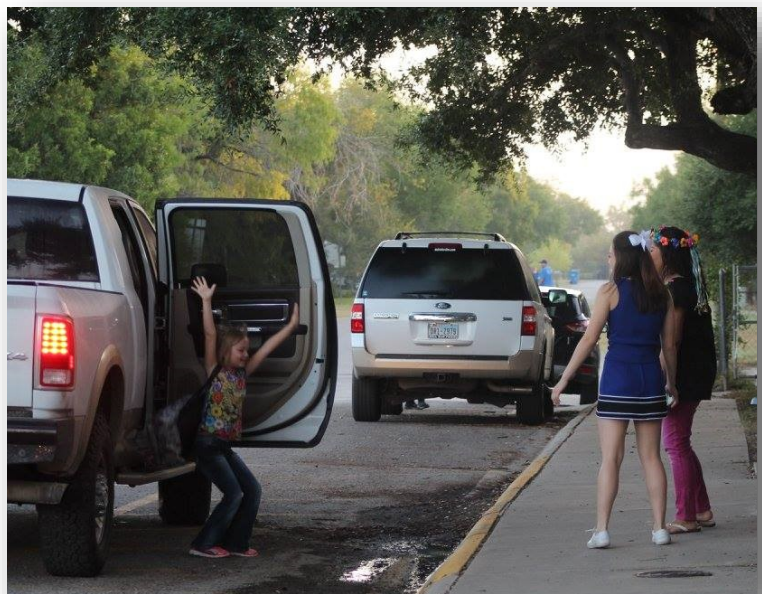
Location: GWHS Common’s Area

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
- ◆ Parents can sign up for Parent Portal – on-line grades and attendance program
- ◆ Scholarships Lists and College Information will be available
- ◆ And much more

EXCITEMENT IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE

Fridays have looked quite a bit different in the morning drop off zones this Fall. The 2015 Long-horns were out manning the crosswalk, greeting students in front of George West Elementary and making sure students got across the street safely. Horns were shaking hands, giving high-fives, and wishing elementary students well for this great Friday. The 2015 Cheerleaders reported to the Primary School to do the same for the Little Year-lings. We appreciate these students going out of their way to help start Fridays off a little brighter.



EXCITEMENT IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE

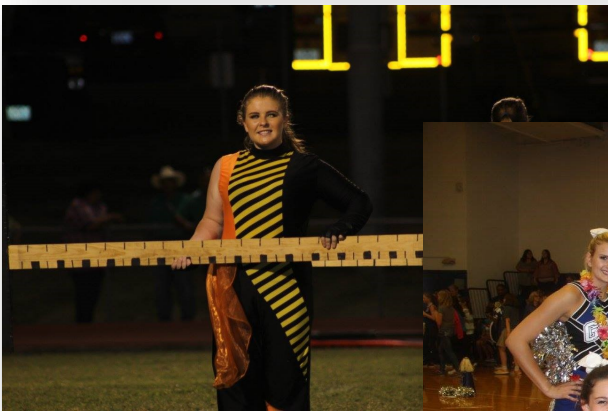




Volleyball 2015



Friday Night Lights





Cross Country Running Up a Storm



Lady Horn Volleyball

2015

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

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George West Yearlings



2015 Football Schedule Junior High



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thurs. Sept. 10 th	Odem	Away	5:30
Thurs. Sept. 17 th	Falfurrias	Home	5:30
Thurs. Sept. 24 th	Hebbronville	Away	5:30
Thurs. Oct. 1 st	Falls City (7 th) Poteet(8 th)	Away Home	5:00 5:00
Thurs. Oct. 8 th	Dilley	Home	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 15 th	Open		
Thurs. Oct. 22 nd	Hallettsville	Away	5:00
Thurs. Oct. 29 th	Mathis	Home	5:00
Thurs. Nov. 5 th	Goliad	Away	5:00

George West Longhorns



2015 Football Schedule 9th/JV





Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Friday, Aug. 14th	Beeville Scrimmage	Home	TBD
Thursday, Aug. 20 th	Ganado Scrimmage	Away	TBD
Thurs. Aug. 27 th	Flour Bluff(9 th) San Diego(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 3rd	Beeville (9 th) Freer(JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 10 th	Sinton(9 th) Odem(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 17 th	Flour Bluff (9 th) Falfurrias(JVF)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Sept. 24 th	Calallen(9 th) Hebbronville	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Oct. 1 st	Alice(9 th) Falls City(JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Oct. 8 th	Woodsboro(9 th) Brooks Academy(JV)	Away	6:00/6:00
Thurs. Oct. 15th	Open		
Thurs. Oct. 22 nd	Woodsboro(9 th) Hallettsville(JV)	Home	5/6:30
Thurs. Oct. 29 th	Mathis(9 th , JV)	Away	5/6:30
Thurs. Nov. 5 th	Goliad(9 th , JV)	Home	5/6:30

George West Longhorns

2015 Football Schedule Varsity



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Friday, Aug. 14th	Beeville Scrimmage	Home	TBD
Thursday, Aug. 20th	Ganado Scrimmage	Away	TBD
Friday, Aug. 28 th	San Diego	Away	7:30
Friday, Sept. 4th	Freer (JH Recognition)	Home	7:30
Friday, Sept. 11 th	Odem	Away	7:30
Friday, Sept. 18 th	Falfurrias(Pop Warner)	Home	7:30
Friday, Sept. 25 th	Hebbronville	Away	7:30
Friday, Oct. 2 nd	Falls City	Home(PN)	7:30
Friday, Oct. 9 th	Brooks Academy ***	Home(HC)	7:30
Friday, Oct. 16 th	Open		
Friday, Oct. 23 rd	Hallettsville***	Away	7:30
Friday, Oct. 30 th	Mathis***	Home	7:30
Friday, Nov. 6 th	Goliad	Away	7:30

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">George West</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">2015 HS and Jr. High Cross Country Schedule</h3>	
Date	Site	Time
09/05/2015	Falfurrias (HS only)	8:30 am
09/12/2015	Beeville (includes Jr. High)	8:00 am
09/19/2015	Dilley (includes Jr. High)	11:00 am
09/24/2015	Islander Splash (Jr. High only)	5:00 pm
09/26/2015	Islander Splash (TAMUCC) (HS)	2:00 pm
10/10/2015	Poth (includes Jr. High)	8:00 am
10/24/2015	Jr. High and HS District Meet (Dilley)	TBA
10/26/2015	Regional Meet (TAMUCC)	8:30 am
11/05/2015	State Meet (Round Rock)	8:30 am

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Senior Athletes 2015



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