
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- October 13: PreACT (10th grade)
- October 15: Practice PreACT (9th grade) & College Prep Practice ACT (11th grade)
- October 19: End of the 1st 9-weeks
- October 22: Report Cards
- October 23: Homecoming



ATHLETICS

- **The area volleyball tournament** will be played this Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at West Point.
- **The varsity football team** will play at Boaz this Friday night with a 7:00 p.m. kick-off.
- **The cross country team** has a meet this Saturday at James Clemens High School in Madison.

CLUB NEWS

- **ODK membership.** Join the ODK Schoology group using code: **RJHP-SD6M-T8623** Membership requirements for this community service-oriented honor society are as follows: 1.) Overall scholastic average of 90 or greater each semester; 2.) Good conduct – students cannot have any discipline referrals; 3.) Active participation in our St. Jude's service project; 4.) Active participation in at least three GHS extra-curricular activities, e.g., band, athletics, clubs. The community service portion of ODK is mandatory. Membership forms can be found on the Schoology group page. See or [email](#) Mrs. Reese if you have any questions.
- **FBLA membership.** Anyone that would like to join **FBLA** should see Mrs. Blanchard by Friday, **October 16th**. Dues are \$15.
- **FBLA** is selling white and gray "G" masks for \$12. Contact Mrs. Blanchard to order: angieblanchard@gchoe.net
- **Anchor Club** will be collecting membership forms, dues, and T-shirt money during lunch. Dues are \$20. Short sleeve shirts are \$10, long sleeve shirts are \$13, and sweatshirts are \$15. The deadline to join is **October 15th**.
- Membership dues for **HOSA** are \$25.00. Please see Mrs. Bright by **October 16th** to become a member.

CRIMSON GUARD NEWS

- **Band Parents, we need you!** We need help at the concession stand at our remaining home football games. Signing up is easy! Just go to: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0c4eaba628a2fb6-92520>
- For information about the Crimson Guard and its corporate sponsorship program, **Power Partners**, please click here: [Power Partners](#)
- **Crimson Guard** account info was sent to parents via email. Please send your payment in an envelope to the band office. Checks are payable to GHS and are due by Monday, November 1st.



STAY ON TOP OF ATTENDANCE AND GRADES

Make a habit of checking attendance and grades regularly. This is easy to do using the STI Home Portal found on the left-hand side of our school website. Instructions for logging-on:

- ❖ 1. Click on **STI Home Portal** and enter your log-in and password. (Contact Angie Wright at 256-582-2046 if you do not know these.)
- ❖ 2. Click on **Grades** on the left side; then click on A to show the individual grades in each class.
- ❖ 3. Click on **Grading Period** to make sure you see the current 9-weeks.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- Phone calls will NOT be accepted for checkouts. Parents may check out their children in person or by sending a note, fax, or email. Correspondence will be verified by Mrs. Cox.
- Check-ins/outs are counted as absences from the missed classes.
- Parents must provide written doctor or home notes for check-ins/outs and absences.
- Doctor's notes faxed to school must come directly from the doctor. GHS fax: 256-582-4742.
- Home notes used for check-ins and check-outs count toward the six (6) allowed per year.
- For safety reasons and to protect instructional time, we request that--except for emergency situations--you do not check out your students *within the last 30 minutes of the school day*.



GUIDANCE NEWS

Seniors received important information about the year ahead from Mrs. Brown and Ms. Kee. [Click here](#) to see the video from this meeting. The link is also posted on the [Guidance section](#) of GHS website for future reference.

SCHOLARSHIP & COLLEGE INFO

- **AL Virtual College Fair:** To be held in October and November. [Click here for more info.](#)
- **UNIGO.** This is a GREAT scholarship link to many scholarships available for students in the state of Alabama. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-state/alabama-scholarships>

- **Snead State Senior Week**

This week, October 12-16, Snead will be sharing tips for high school seniors on preparing for college. These posts will be on our Snead State Recruiting Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/go2Snead/> Also, they will be hosting a Virtual Senior Night on Thursday, October 15, at 6:00pm. Register to attend this meeting at snead.edu/zoom



- **Auburn University Open House event with the College of Agriculture:** For 11th & 12th graders who may be interested in pursuing an Agricultural field of study, a virtual tour coming up **October 23rd**. Students will have the opportunity to do an academic and campus browse, sit in on a presentation about the College of Agriculture, and go on an Ag Hill tour with one of Auburn's Ag Ambassadors. Have a specific area of interest? AU offers optional tours in the afternoon to state-of-the-art research facilities located near campus. In the registration, you will have the chance to select the facility you are interested in. Facility tour options: E.W. Shell Fisheries Center; Equestrian Center; Miller Center Poultry; Patterson Greenhouse; and Biosystems Lab. **Student's can register at:** www.aub.ie/tiger-friday
- **UAB Events:**
 - Free College App Week: October 19 – 23.** Complete the UAB application during the Free College App Week if you want to participate in the free application week; if you start the application before October 19th you will not automatically qualify for the fee to be waived.
 - Campus Tours:** UAB is hosting in-person visits again! They are limited in capacity and do require masks and health checks, but if students are curious about visiting, they can at uab.edu/visit.
 - Financial Aid and Scholarships Sessions:** There will be two information sessions in October with one focused on the FAFSA and one on UAB Scholarships. Students and parents can register using the information below: **>UAB Scholarships Session: Tuesday, Oct 13th** at 6:00pm. To register: <https://calendly.com/uabrfairchild/scholarships>



Each year, the **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** awards 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000 to high school students across the United States through the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Students need a **3.0 GPA** and to fill out an **online application** by 4:00 p.m. on **October 31, 2020**. This requires no essays, and no recommendations. Find details at Cokeurl.com/scholarships.

- **DAR Scholarship.** The online DAR Scholarship submission window will be open for applications between November 1 and January 31. Visit <https://dar.academicworks.com/> For more information about DAR scholarships, refer to the DAR website www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships
- **Elks National Foundation Scholarship:** The Most Valuable Student Contest awards four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership and financial need. *Please choose Marshall County Elks Lodge 2869 as your sponsoring lodge.* Details can be found at enf.elks.org/MVS Contact Judy Chalmers by phone at 256-673-7060, or email her at store410@gmail.com

- **The Yale Young Global Scholars** application is open for students in grades 10 & 11. Experience life as a student at Yale while attending an academic session of your choosing. You'll meet peers from over 130 countries (including U.S. states), and join discussions where students offer global perspectives. Yale provides over \$3 million in need-based financial aid. Apply by **November 10** and get a decision back by late December. Fee waivers are available to make your application free.



Early Action Deadline: November 10, 2020 at 11:59pm ET
Regular Decision Deadline: January 12, 2021 at 11:59pm ET

Apply today: <https://globalscholars.yale.edu/how-to-apply>

Webinar series: <https://globalscholars.yale.edu/how-apply/info-sessions>*

*Register to attend live and/or to view recordings on your own time.

- **The Smith Scholarship Foundation** provides scholarships up to \$15,000 per year, renewable for four years, for tuition, room/board, books, study abroad opportunities, dorm pack, business attire, mentors, emergency assistance and professional advancement seminars.

The qualifications are 1) must be a graduating Alabama high school senior; 2) must have a minimum of a C+ grade point average; 3) planning to attend an approved 2-year or 4-year public college in the State of Alabama; and 4) significant contribution to family or community. There is no ACT minimum, however, the applicant must have taken the ACT or do so before an award can be made. **This is the scholarship for students who have potential but may not qualify for traditional test and grade-based scholarships.** They want to reach students who would not otherwise be able to attend college. Applications will be accepted from October 15, 2020 to January 15, 2021. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2021. **The deadline for application is January 15, 2021.** Complete the online application on their website at www.smithscholarships.com.

- **Berea College.** Berea is offering a VIRTUAL campus visit on **Wednesday, October 21, at 10:00 am**. The link is <https://bera.zoom.us/j/92381533521> Please click on the link to join the ZOOM meet.
- **Troy University's** housing application is open until March 1st but the housing assignments are first come, first serve. **Fall Trojan Day** will be **Saturday, Oct 17th**. This is their large preview day with a presentation on admissions, housing and scholarships. It also includes a tour of campus and a session with student organizations and academic departments. For more info, visit www.troy.edu/trojanday.
- The Alabama State Department of Education has partnered with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) to bring college information to students on a virtual platform. Due to COVID-19, representatives from colleges and universities will not visit high schools or conduct college and career fairs in-person. Many schools have held virtual college and career fairs but the DOE wants to ensure all high school juniors and seniors receive valuable information about scholarships and admission deadlines. To participate, students should click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alabamacollegeoptin> and opt-in to receive direct communications from Alabama's colleges and universities. ACHE will collect each high school junior and senior entered on the link, and the information will be shared with Alabama's colleges and universities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Christian Balin, at (334) 353-3067 or by email christian.balin@ache.edu.

The PSAT will be given at GHS on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, to students in the 10th and 11th grades who choose to take the test and pay the \$17 fee (due to Ms. Kee NO LATER than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020).

What are the benefits of taking the PSAT? Not only is the PSAT great practice for taking college admission exams, doing well on the PSAT can provide the following scholarships:

National Merit® \$2,500 Scholarships: Every finalist competes for these single payment scholarships, which are awarded on a state-representational basis. Winners are selected without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice, or major and career plans.

Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards: Corporate sponsors designate their awards for children of their employees or members, for residents of a community where a company has operations, or for finalists with career plans the sponsor wishes to encourage. These scholarships may be renewable for four years of undergraduate study or one-time awards.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards: Officials of each college select winners of their awards from finalists who have been accepted for admission and have informed NMSC by the published deadlines that the sponsor college or university is their first choice. **These awards are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study.**

AP Exams are \$95 and can be paid now to Mrs. Shifflett in the front office. Checks should be made out to GHS.

SCHOOLGY HELP LINK FOR PARENTS



SENIOR INFORMATION: Join Senior Remind, a free texting service that we use to communicate with students and parents:

 [Senior Parent Remind.pdf](#)

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