

Ram Announcer

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**A Celebration of CommUNITY
and GA Pride**

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Families and Community Members:



Wendy Maynard-Somers, Superintendent

I am writing this letter to you on a beautiful April spring day. Our winter tested us all this year and unfortunately we lost a lot of instructional time as a result. However, our teachers and administrators have worked hard to ensure that the most important learning outcomes were placed as priorities for this second half of the school year. We are still waiting to see if our State legislators pass legislation forgiving more snow days. At this time we will plan for all students to have their last day of school on Friday, June 14.

As with every spring, there is still much to do before our seniors graduate and students are sent home for the summer break. For example, our Galesburg-Augusta Board of Education is interested in seeking your input to create a long-term vision of the district's athletic facilities and of our extra-curricular programs for all of our G-A students' futures. We believe that each child should graduate with the skill set needed to succeed: self-awareness, confidence, self-discipline and goal setting, respect for others, teamwork and communication, problem solving and ethical responsibility. We are committed to providing strong role models for students and building district and community pride.

Studying Facilities So All Students Succeed: To that end we need to hear from you! Please consider giving us your input, either through your participation in an online survey, or attending one of our stakeholder meetings.

Primary Parent Forum: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 ~ 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
Middle School Parent Forum: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 ~ 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
High School Parent Forum: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 ~ 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

The **Community Forum** will be held on Wednesday, **May 22, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School.** Please watch for a flyer, Facebook blast and listen for a robo-call inviting you to attend. My hope is that together, "We shoot for the moon. Even if we miss, we will land among the stars."

The online surveys for High School, Middle and Primary School parents can be found on the main page of our district website: <https://www.g-aschools.org/>

Have a wonderful summer. Thank you for sharing your children with us. I hope to see many of you at the many celebrations still to come this spring!

Sincerely,
Wendy

2019-2020 Schools of Choice Enrollment

May 6, 2019 through June 4, 2019

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools will be accepting K-12 Schools of Choice Applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be available beginning May 6, 2019 at the Superintendent's office, 1076 North 37th Street, Galesburg, MI or printed online at www.g-aschools.org. Applications must be returned by June 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to the office of the Superintendent. Please call 269-484-2000 if you have any questions.

Small Towns, Big Heart: A Celebration of CommUNITY

On Wednesday March 20th Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools hosted its tenth "Small Towns, Big Heart" Staff vs. Students charity basketball game. The event was a collaborative community service project between our district's student service organizations, parent support organizations, and district staff. The game itself featured a team comprised of district staff, and a team comprised of our middle school and high school basketball teams. The event also featured G-A spirit face painting, "Game Faces," prizes, intermission games, inflatables and was an opportunity for our community to celebrate its history and demonstrate its pride.

The event created a fun, family friendly atmosphere that helped foster the parent-student-teacher relationship, while collecting non-perishable foods and personal hygiene supplies for our local Galesburg Loaves and Fishes food pantry.



The charity event collected 3,607 pounds of food. And with the money raised during the event, the Galesburg-Augusta Loaves and Fishes pantry coordinators Keith and Carolyn Martin plan to purchase additional food. The pantry coordinators stated the additional food would likely bring the total to over 4,000 pounds of food, which directly supports our local families in need.



Thank you Galesburg-Augusta, G-A Pride!



GALESBURG-AUGUSTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

Monday, May 20, 2019
Monday, June 17, 2019
Monday, July 15, 2019
Monday, August 19, 2019
Monday, September 16, 2019

Monday, October 21, 2019
Monday, November 18, 2019
Monday, December 16, 2019
Monday, January 21, 2020

All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center.

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation

Purpose:

The Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization established to provide an avenue for individuals and businesses to contribute funds into the educational system in an organized manner that can be of benefit to the donor and to the staff and students of G-A Schools. All gifts are used solely for the support or enhancement of educational endeavors of the school district.



Why give?

The Foundation's ability to continue its mission depends on the generous support of individuals and groups in the Galesburg-Augusta community and beyond. Your generous gift will be used to enhance the educational experiences of our students by:

- **Supporting Education** through venture grants designed to supplement the educational program and provide teachers and students with unique learning experiences.
- **Providing Opportunities** through projects that enrich our students' exposure to 21st century learning to promote the district's commitment to educational excellence.
- **Recognizing Excellence** through opportunities to celebrate quality education while acknowledging the significant contributions of select individuals.
- **Building Futures** through endowed and non-endowed scholarships established to assist students desiring to continue their education beyond high school.

How to give.

The Foundation accepts contributions from individuals, families, corporations, small businesses, civic groups and other foundations.

- **Directly** by check payable to: Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation
1076 N. 37th Street
Galesburg, MI 49053
- **Indirectly** by selecting Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation as your organization of choice at the retailers listed below:
 - o Amazon Smile – <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3082334>
 - o Hardings Community Rewards – <https://hardings.com/savings-and-rewards/community-rewards/>

Your gift to the Foundation is a gift to our future – Our Students!



GALESBURG-AUGUSTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

315 W. Battle Creek St. Galesburg, MI 49053

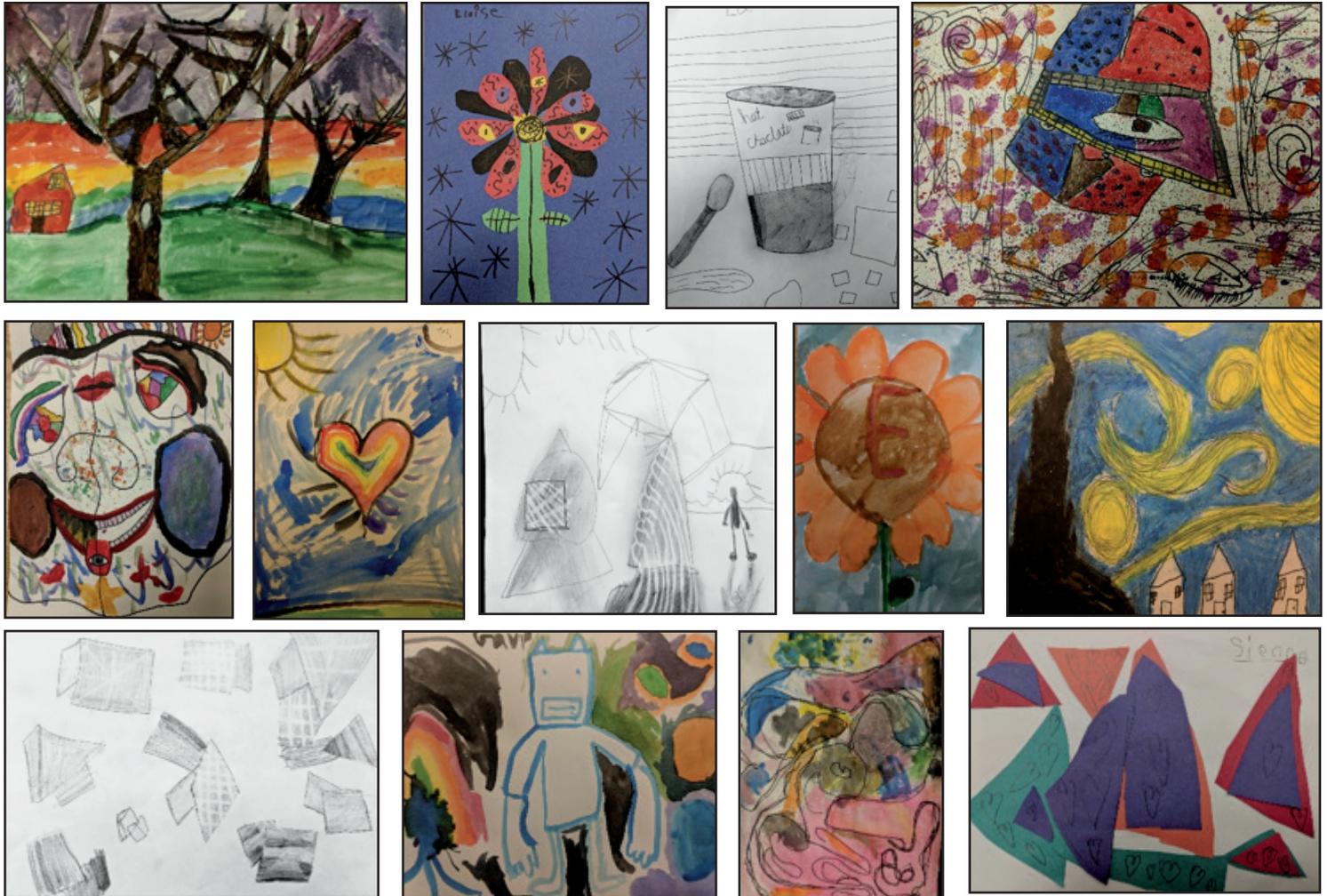
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Galesburg-Augusta
Primary School

ART

Our little Rams have been busy creating their own artistic masterpieces. Throughout the school year they have looked at the beauty of art, studied and talked about famous artists, critiqued other's work and produced a variety of artworks. Students have been working diligently on their hand and eye coordination by learning how to hold their pencil, color and shade their work, cut paper, manipulate a paintbrush using different techniques. Our little Rams are quite the artists!



Rams Power Packs

Galesburg-Augusta Primary is helping to provide food for those students who may need some over the weekend or for breaks throughout the year. Students who need a little extra bring home Rams Power Packs that include 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners and snacks. If you are willing to help with donations, we will be having a food drive in the Spring. Look for the flower out front in the lobby for food drop off.



Kids Heart Challenge

March 22, 2019

Dear Families,

I am very grateful and proud of everyone that participated and raised money for the 18th annual Kids Heart Challenge Event! All of your hard work paid off, we raised over \$10,000, the most that we have ever raised! This is so exciting because beyond help fighting heart disease, our school will receive a \$1400 in gift certificates for physical education equipment.

In addition to the school being rewarded, I want to acknowledge the individual students that raised the most money. Below you will see a list of the students that gave a great deal of energy to raise money for a wonderful cause. Additionally, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Jankowski's 2nd grade class for having the most students in her class to register online. Her class will be receiving a free subway sandwich for each person in the class.

A special thanks to Mr. Smith and the High School students for mentoring the students during this event, and to Diana Lewis, and Jane Adams for their administrative assistance.

Thank you again to all of the students, parents and school family for making this event such a success.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Merasco Kids Heart Challenge Coordinator

Top 5 Students:

1.	Adalyn Mezo	\$680
2.	Haley Marshall	\$436
3.	Treyton Weber	\$275
4.	Ben Overgaard	\$251
5.	Hunter Kendall	\$250
6.	Keiri Tidd	\$250
7.	Breygen Dunn	\$250
8.	Cameron Miller	\$250
9.	Audrey Vanderhoof	\$250

WATCH D.O.G.S.

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/>

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program.



1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

If you would like to be a part of or WATCH D.O.G.S. program, please contact the Primary School Office.

Summer Reading Opportunities

The Ram Reading Bus will be heading out again this summer!! Look for information in June on our Facebook page about times and locations. We will also make sure the Little Free Library in front of the Primary School has a variety of books for students to borrow over the summer!



G-A PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:



Enrollment for 2019-2020 Preschool is now open!

Our GSRP: preschool is a 4-year-old, State-funded program that is free to families that qualify. To qualify your child must turn 4 years old* on or before December 1st and your family must meet the guidelines set up by the state.

*Placement may be prioritized for children who will be 4 year old on or before September 1.

Tuition Preschool: We offer 3 and 4-year-old tuition preschool for families that do not qualify for GSRP, but still want to utilize our preschool program. The 3-year-old tuition based students must have turned 3 before admission throughout the year. What you can expect from our tuition preschool:

- Certified Early Childhood Teachers!
- Full-day program for all 4-year-olds
- Half-day program for 3-year-olds
- Emphasis on developing literacy skills
- Technology centers with iPads
- Student work done in small groups, whole groups and center-based activities



If you would like to learn more about our preschool program, schedule a tour or speak with the building principal, Shaun Sportel. Please contact the office at 484-2040. We at G-A Primary are proud of our terrific facility and commitment to student achievement! We believe all children can learn and succeed. Our goal is success for every child!

Wrap around services: Keep in mind we do offer "before and after school" daycare for students aged 3-12!

We love March is reading month!



Flashlight reading

Hats off to reading



Books given to
RAMS Winners



Reading knocks my socks off

Decorating our doors



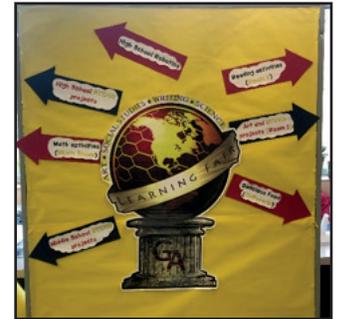
G-A PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:



Learning Fair

Another Learning Fair, another huge success. Thank you to all the parents who helped their sons and daughters with their projects and for all the parents and students who were able to come check out our event.

A huge shout out to the primary teachers for putting out a classroom project and for running our math and reading rooms during the event. Also, thank you to the HS robotics team and to Mr. Korinek for connecting the event with the MS/HS STEAM projects and helping to really make this a community event.



A big thank you to Wendy Lockner for your creativity, organization and your willingness to keep our Learning Fair going. Also thank you very much to all the teachers and staff at the Primary School who made this event a great one.



Dear Parents of G-A Primary 2019-2020 Kindergarten Students,

WELCOME TO GALESBURG-AUGUSTA PRIMARY! We want you to know how much we are looking forward to having your child begin school with us in the fall. If you missed our Parent Orientation Night, enrollment packets are still available to pick up at the Primary School office. To register for Kindergarten children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019.

It is important for you to get all of the necessary paperwork into the Primary Office so that your child will be ready to start school. It is mandatory (by law supported by Sec. 9208 of Public Health Code) that all items be on file at our office. Students will not be able to attend school until the following enrollment paperwork is completed:

1. Legal birth certificate (We must see the original certified document)
2. Validated proof of immunizations (to date)
3. Proof of vision and hearing screening
4. Parent questionnaire
5. Enrollment/Information card
6. Transportation form



GALESBURG-AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

750 W. Van Buren St., Augusta, MI 49012

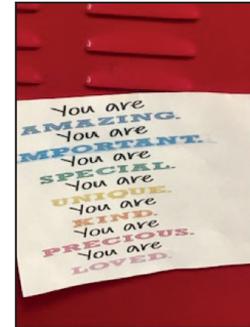
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Galesburg-Augusta
Middle School

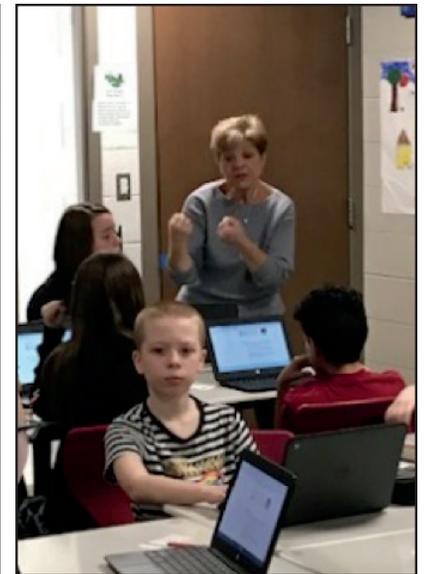
National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society hosted “Kindness Week”, March 4-8, 2019. In an effort to promote kindness and goodwill throughout the middle school, these young scholars created a week of activities to increase the level of mindfulness within our building with regard to kindness, generosity, and giving. Each day of the week had a theme, and a National Junior Honor Society representative shared a “kindness quote” each morning. We enjoyed all the following: writing a message of kindness to someone and adding this to the Kindness Tree (displayed in the cafeteria), posting a kindness quote on EVERY locker in the building, and wearing the color blue to show solidarity in our kindness efforts. The week was topped off with “kindness should be a shoe-in” ...students left one of their shoes in the hallway for sweet treats to be stuffed inside by members of our National Junior Honor Society. Thank you to Mrs. Pat Sexton and our NJHS students for such a great week!



Career Cruising

Each spring, Mrs. Sexton, the middle school guidance counselor, walks our middle school students through a process called Career Cruising. This is a web-based, career exploration and planning tool that provides all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students with opportunities to explore their personal interests, skills, and aptitudes. Career Cruising also provides them with access to a rich database of career-related resources and assists them in connecting their skills and interests to a wide range of career options. All students developed an Educational Development plan that goes with them to high school.



Celebrating Positive Behaviors

On Friday, February 8, 2019, the middle school honored the first semester Gold Club members! Those students who earned “Gold Club” status by remaining referral-free throughout the first semester (and those students who earned only one minor referral and completed a redemption task) had the opportunity to participate in an afternoon of fun. Scheduled events included: staff vs. students dodgeball, staff vs. students tug-of-war, DJ dance party, and games / prizes. The end-of-the-year, second semester celebration will include a day-trip to Eagle Lake.

These events allow the G-A Middle School staff the opportunity to congratulate each of these young people for making good behavior choices and for assisting us in maintaining a positive learning environment.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR IS A HIT!

On February 26, 27, and 28, Mrs. Washburn hosted a Scholastic Book Fair at the middle school. This was an excellent opportunity for students to purchase books and merchandise and, support our school library. Half of all money earned at the book fair was given back to the middle school for the purchasing of more books through Scholastic. Mrs. Washburn stated that some of the “best sellers” were those selling for under \$5.00. This allowed for more students to make purchases without “breaking the bank.” She also shared that “even if students come in, look around, and only buy a pencil...at least they were looking at books, having fun with books, and just getting excited about books!”

Mrs. Washburn says a book fair for the middle school is truly a community-building event, promoting relationships and camaraderie. One young man spent the first two days of the book fair sharing excitedly his desire for a particular book—a book that reminded him of a fond childhood experience. Hearing this, another student came to the book fair with his parents, asked his mother to purchase the book, and committed to doing specific chores to pay back his mother for the purchase. This young man then anxiously awaited the arrival of his fellow student at the start of the next school day so he could present the book to him. This is the epitome of a G-A Middle School student—caring, selfless, and giving!



In Preparation For High School...

On Thursday, March 14, 2019, the middle school and high school administrative and counseling teams hosted an assembly for the 8th grade students in preparation for their move to the high school next fall. In addition to discussing academic and behavior expectations, representatives from the various clubs and student organizations at the high school shared the objectives of their organizations and recruited 8th graders interested in participating next year. This was a great chance for the 8th grade students to begin thinking about next year and all of the opportunities available to them.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Some Dates to Remember:

- May 15... Spring Band Concert
- May 15... Eighth Grade WMU Visit
- May 21... Delayed Start (district-wide)
- May 23... Eighth grade dance (6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.)
- May 27... No School—Memorial Day
- May 28... Lunch and Learn—Eaton Corp.
- May 31... Library books due
- June 3-5... Fifth grade swimming (Sherman Lake)
- June 7... Second Semester Gold Club Reward (Eagle Lake)
- June 10 (tentative) Eighth grade trip (Michigan’s Adventure)
- June 13... Awards Ceremony—1/2 day students
- June 14... Field Day—1/2 day students

FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, in conjunction with the primary school's Learning Fair, several middle school students participated in the S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Showcase. These students shared examples of the work they completed in their Project Lead the Way programs. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to highlight their coursework, share their experiences, and display innovations at each grade level—fifth through ninth. Families, community members, students and staff came out to learn more about the amazing opportunities afforded to our students in the world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics!



Sixth Grade Demonstrates Skill

Hands-on, project-based learning is going strong at G-A. Mr. Musialczyk's Project Lead the Way class designed an air skimmer that the students used to compete against each other. The competition was held at the middle school and students used rubber band launching pads to send their air skimmers skimming across the ground. The students designed, created and tested different variables. They then modified their skimmers in order to get them to move the greatest distance. In the end, Jaidyn Klimp won with a distance of 46.5 feet. Kaylee Green scored second with a distance of 37 feet, and Jay Garcia received third with a distance of 35 feet. Congratulations to all students who participated.



Skills for Life

Students in Mrs. Walker's Life Skills class have been busy this year. With tremendous thanks to the Education Enhancement Grant from the GACS Foundation, students have had the opportunity to practice employability skills and help prepare them for life beyond the school environment. With new kitchen appliances and supplies, students in Life Skills are learning how to read and follow recipes, use measuring tools, and practice kitchen safety. "We get to cook delicious foods, and I like that my friends are there," says student, Catori Collins. Along with these skills, students are learning the importance of working cooperatively, taking turns with job responsibilities, and encouraging one another. "I like learning how to be safe around a hot stove and learning new things like how to clean dishes," states student, Jenna Whitmore. Positive and respectful behaviors are rewarded with prizes (also provided by Education Enhancement Grant) that may be purchased at a "store" each Friday. Amazing work, students!



GALESBURG-AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL

1076 N. 37th St., Galesburg, MI 49053

Principal: Christie Robinson • (269)484-2010



Galesburg-Augusta
High School

PowerSchool

GACS will be converting to a new student information and grading system starting in the fall called PowerSchool. Parents and students will continue to have access to student grades, attendance, and records via the internet. In addition, we are investigating the application for personal devices such as cell phones for access. We appreciate your patience as we all transition to the new system and its many capabilities.



Prom 2019

Prom tickets are on sale today - April 19th for \$35. Prices will then rise to \$40. Please see Mrs. Brincks for tickets! All out of district students, freshmen, and sophomores will need to complete a guest pass form in order to attend. Forms are due on or before April 26.

Theme: Masquerade Ball

Where: Gull Lake View Golf Resort

When: May 11

Time: 7 - 11pm



Summer School for High School Students

Any student who needs to earn credits is invited to attend summer school! We welcome GA and non-GA students to attend.

The summer school schedule:

Session dates: July 8 - August 8

Session times: Morning 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Afternoon 12:30 am - 2:30 pm

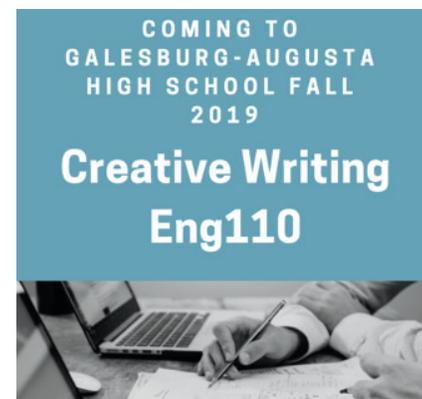
Classes will be held Monday - Thursday

Students must be present at summer school every day.



Creative Writing Eng110

Young or old? Employed or unemployed? Graduate or non graduate? Lifelong learner? We have an opportunity for you! Former teacher, Ardis Cook, returns to Galesburg-Augusta High School this fall to host a college course, English 110. This is a great opportunity to continue your credits, stretch your brain, or fill a void in a familiar and accessible location. If you are interested contact KVCC's admissions or registration to enroll.



Offered to all KVCC and
Early Middle College Students

INSTRUCTOR: ARDIS COOK

Visit KVCC.edu to register!

Behavior Celebration

Positive Behaviors continue to be a focus of the building. It is powerful to see the change in culture and atmosphere over time when we emphasize all of the good that is taking place at GA! This spring we will be taking our students to Eagle Lake to have a day of appreciation and celebration for a job well done. In addition, the PBIS team provides an opportunity for kids with minors to restore their status and qualify for the end of the year celebration by volunteering and giving back to the school and/or community. Restorative actions are a part of everyday life and we value the impact they have on our students' lives.



High School Orientation and Pictures

All high school students can report to the building for their pictures and schedules on August 26, 2019. Other items to be included and taken care of include:

- Pictures
- Schedules
- Check garams email accounts
- Check locker assignment and combination
- Make an appointment with Ms. Lake as needed
- Pick up yearbook
- Submit a request for help if needed



new Student ORIENTATION

Preparing You for Success from Day One

The schedule for August 26, 2019:

- 3:30-4:00 Sophomores Arrive
- 4:00-4:30 Juniors Arrive
- 4:30-5:00 Seniors Arrive
- 5:00-6:30 Freshmen Arrive
- 6:00 G-A Alt. HS Arrive
- 6:30 Freshmen Orientation

Students may pick up a picture order form at the school. The main office will be open Monday, August 19, 2019 for regular business hours. Picture retakes will be October 8, 2019.

Grief Group

Ms. Lake collaborated with a local agency to provide additional counseling for several of our students who have suffered loss in their lives. The group met weekly for a series of coping mechanisms and fellowship with their peers. We hope to host additional sessions next fall for students who may benefit from additional support in their grieving process.

Farewell Ms. Wahla

GAHS+Michigan State University+Americorps = Gabby Wahla!

Ms. Wahla we will miss you at GAHS and all of the wonderful things you have done for our kids! Your dedication to the growth of independence, and guidance for our kids on their plans after high school could never be measured! We will miss your smiling face! Good luck with your next adventure!



Post Secondary Planning

The word "college" has taken on a new meaning in the world of education. Historically we have associated "college" with a four-year university. Today we recognize college as any option a student pursues after they complete high school. Our graduates will be looking for employment, enlisting in the service, joining apprenticeships, entering the trades, enrolling in a community college, as well as entering a four-year university. The available pathways for our graduates are limitless. Good luck as you move on to the next stage in your life!



Band Trip to Washington D.C.

Our band had the privilege of performing in Washington D.C. over spring break. A huge thank you to Mr. Walker and the Music Boosters for making this an amazing trip for our students! The trip included:

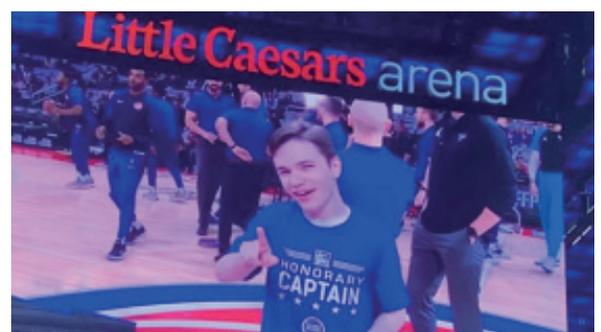
National Gallery of Art
Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center
Tour of the United States Capitol
National Archives
Lincoln Memorial
Kennedy Center
National Symphony Orchestra
Arlington National Cemetery
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
The Fashion Centre at Pentagon City
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Hard Rock Cafe
Thomas Jefferson Memorial
Marine Corps Memorial
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Vietnam Women's Memorial
Korean War Veterans Memorial
Lincoln Memorial
National WWII Memorial
Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
Smithsonian Museums
Armed Forces Retirement House Performance



Autism Awareness

One of our students was an honorary captain of the Detroit Pistons! James Garrett was the captain at the April 7, 2019 basketball game as the Pistons and the Charlotte Hornets promoted and celebrated autism awareness. If you have had the pleasure of working with James, you know his kind heart, witty humor, mad music skills, passion for Nascar and hard rock! We are proud of you James!! Way to represent!



National Honor Society & The Red Cross

The National Honor Society is excited to announce they will be putting on their final blood drive of the year. This wonderful event will be taking place on Friday, May 3rd from 7:00 am until 12:45 pm. Anyone may donate as long as:

1. They are over 16 and have the parent consent form (a member will pass one out to them) signed by their legal guardian
2. They exceed all the health requirements in order to be able to donate safely.

We hope to see new and familiar faces. We encourage everyone you know to attend in order to help us reach our goal of 100+ donors!

(Submitted by Student: Samantha Verburg)

Thank you for another outstanding year of donations! Our small town with a big heart comes together to save hundreds of lives every year!



Supporting the Whole Child

One of the greatest challenges we face is meeting our students where they are academically and emotionally. A focus of the district this year has been the attention and support of the whole child; this includes the emotional, social, physical, and academic stresses they may face. In an attempt to meet those needs, it has been a goal at the high school to provide additional services on campus for our kids. Over the course of the school year, we have worked hard to locate local agencies that would be willing to place an onsite counselor/therapist to meet with our students on a regular basis to help them work through issues impacting their academic success.



Samantha Sanders and Teletherapy Group, LLC. has partnered with Galesburg-Augusta High School to provide personal counseling sessions for students who may have a difficult time scheduling appointments outside the school day. In addition to services provided during the school year, Ms. Sanders will be extending an invitation to students who may want to stay connected virtually during the summer months. We are blessed to have another resource to support our students.

If you believe your student may benefit from additional emotional support contact the counseling office for more information.

GO RAMS!

Robotics

The 2019 Robotic Rams blasted off into Deep Space as the Space Cowboys for FIRST Robotics. After six weeks of stifling weather and intense, late-night building, the twenty-member team competed at Gull Lake and Jackson District Events. At both events, the team competed with and against 39 other teams and the Senior Drive Team of Conner Beatty, Josh Davidson, Luna Beatty, and Alec Beatty continually strategized, networked and operated the robot resulting in an 11th place and 9th place finish after qualifying rounds. They ultimately slid into 7th/8th Seed Alliance Captain positions and the detailed scouting of all members paid off helping the team to choose two alliance partner teams for playoff competition. The wise choices could not overcome the tops seeded team's superior capabilities and the alliance fell in quarterfinals in each event.

"Space Cowboys" Wins Imagery Award

A newly formed Marketing & Media team conceptualized a team theme, the "Space Cowboys" to fall into the Deep Space theme. They designed a western style shirt and capped it off with customized cowboy hats. Through community networking, they teamed with a vinyl cutter who helped create decals for the robot that artistically matched the team theme while incorporating the team's major sponsors. This detailed work earned the honor of being selected for the Imagery Award that "celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of machine and team appearance". In building, design and in competition, the team



G-A Community Schools Foundation

On Monday, February 25th, the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation held their 4th annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Dig-In Café (Augusta, MI). The Dig-In Café was gracious enough to open up on Monday (they are generally closed on Mondays) and allow the GACS Foundation to hold the fundraising dinner there. The Dig-In Café staff also volunteered to do all the prep work and cooking for the event, while GACS Foundation Board Members, GACS Staff, and Middle School Jr. National Honor Society students worked as waiters, bussers, and greeters. In three short hours the Foundation was able to raise over \$1,500! Dollars raised will help the Foundation continue to provide scholarships and grants to the students and staff of Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools. The Foundation is very grateful to the community and the Dig-In Café for all their support.



GALESBURG-AUGUSTA GIRLS TENNIS SCHEDULE 2019-20

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	rev. 2-21-19 TIME
Sat. 3-23	Niles Brandywine Indoor Tourn	Away	TBD
Tues. 3-26	Comstock	Home	4:30 p.m.
Tues. 4-9	B.C. Harper Creek	Away	4 p.m.??
Thurs. 4-11	Three Rivers	Home	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 4-13	G-K Tournament at Mattawan	Away	TBD
Tues. 4-16	Hackett Catholic Prep	Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 4-18	Bronson	Away	4:30 p.m.
Tues. 4-23	Schoolcraft	Away	4:30 p.m.
Wed. 4-24	B.C. St. Philip	Home	4 p.m.
Sat. 4-27	B.C. Pennfield	Away	10 a.m.
Tues. 4-30	Coloma	Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 5-2	Berrien Springs	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 5-4	Niles Brandywine Tournament	Away	10 a.m.
Tues. 5-7	Kalamazoo Christian	Home	4:30 p.m.
May 16,17, or 18	Regionals	TBD	TBD

GALESBURG-AUGUSTA VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2019-20

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	rev. 2-15-19
Mon. 3-25	Bloomington DH	Away	4 p.m.
Wed. 3-27	Paw Paw	Home	
Tues. 4-9	Comstock DH	Away	4 p.m.
Thurs. 4-11	Hackett DH	Away	
Mon. 4-15	Plainwell DH	Away	4 p.m.
Wed. 4-17	Lawton DH	Home	
Thurs. 4-25	Delton DH	Away	
Fri. 4-26	B.C. Pennfield DH	Home	4 p.m.
Mon. 4-29	Coloma DH	Home	
Thurs. 5-2	K-Christian DH	Home	
Mon. 5-6	Schoolcraft DH	Away	
Thurs. 5-9	Constantine DH	Home	
Mon. 5-13	Watervliet DH	Away	
Thurs. 5-16	Gobles DH	Away	
Fri. 5-17	Parchment DH	Away	4 p.m.
Mon. 5-20	S.A.C. Rain Date		
Fri. 5-24	Cross River Rivalry vs. Climax-Scotts	Home	5 p.m.

GALESBURG-AUGUSTA TRACK SCHEDULE 2019-20

DATE	OPPONENT	rev. 3-5-19 MEET TIME
Wed. 3-27	at Gobles with Schoolcraft	4:30 p.m.
Wed. 4-10	at Delton with Martin	4:30 p.m.
Fri. 4-12	Marcellus Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Wed. 4-17	at K-Christian with Martin	4:30 p.m.
Fri. 4-19	Comstock Invitational	
Wed. 4-24	at Lawton	4:30 p.m.
Fri. 4-26	Schoolcraft Invitational	TBD
Fri. 5-3	Parchment Relays	4 p.m.
Wed. 5-8	at Lawton vs. Hackett & Constantine	4:30 p.m.
Fri. 5-10	Gobles Invitational	
Mon. 5-13	S.A.C. Divisional @ Schoolcraft	TBD
Tues. 5-14	S.A.C. Divisional rain date	
Fri. 5-17	Regionals @ Centreville HS	TBD
Tues. 5-21	S.A.C. Championship @ Constantine	TBD

Please check the school website at g-aschools.org for the most up to date schedules.

GALESBURG-AUGUSTA JV SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2019-20

DATE	OPPONENT	REV. 2-18-19 SITE	
Wed. 3-27	Paw Paw (DH)	Away	
Mon. 4-22	S.A.C. Rain Date		
Thurs. 4-25	Delton (DH)	Home	
Fri. 4-26	B.C. Pennfield (DH)	Away	4 p.m.
Mon. 5-6	Schoolcraft (DH) ??	Home	
Thurs. 5-9	Constantine (DH)	Away	
Mon. 5-13	Watervliet (DH)	Home	
Mon. 5-20	S.A.C. Rain Date		

All games start at 4:30 p.m., unless noted.
DH=Double Header

SEVERAL TEAMS IN OUR LEAGUE DO NOT HAVE A JV SB TEAM, SO WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT GAMES.

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GALESBURG-AUGUSTA VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2019-20

DATE	OPPONENT	rev. 3-20 SITE
Wed. 3-27	Paw Paw (DH)	Home
Tues. 4-9	Lawrence (DH)	Away
Thurs. 4-11	Hackett (DH)	Away
Sat. 4-13	G-A Var. Tourn.	Home
Mon. 4-15	Harper Creek (DH)	Home
Wed. 4-17	Lawton (DH)	Home
Mon. 4-22	S.A.C. Rain Date	
Thurs. 4-25	Delton (DH)	Away
Fri. 4-26	B.C. Pennfield (DH)	Home
Sat. 4-27	Gull Lake Tourn.	Away
Tues. 4-30	Athens (DH)	Away
Thurs. 5-2	Kalamazoo Chr. (DH)	Home
Sat. 5-4	Mendon Tourn.	Away
Mon. 5-6	Schoolcraft (DH)	Away
Thurs. 5-9	Constantine (DH)	Home
Mon. 5-13	Watervliet (DH)	Away
Thurs. 5-16	Gobles (DH)	Away
Sat. 5-18	Marshall (DH)	Home
Mon. 5-20	S.A.C. Rain Date	
Fri. 5-24	Climax-Scotts "Cross River Rivalry" DH	Home



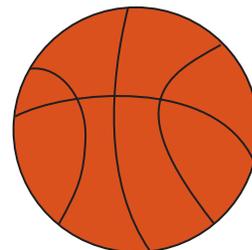
G-A High School Girls Basketball Players Receive Recognition

Samantha Verburg, a 12th grade student, was named to the SAC All Conference Team, Battle Creek All Area Team, and received honorable mention for the Kalamazoo Area Dream Team and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All State Team.

Brynne Johnson, an 11th grade student, was named SAC All Conference Honorable Mention, and Battle Creek All Area Honorable Mention.

Jordan Klimp, a 10th grade student, was named SAC All Conference Honorable Mention, and Battle Creek All Area Honorable Mention.

Coach Vickie DeLeon stated that she is very proud of these girls and that they worked very hard to be recognized. Congratulations!!



Pictured with coach DeLeon from left to right: Samantha Verberg, Brynne Johnson and Jordan Klimp.

ATHLETIC NEWS

The spring schedules for high school sports are included in this addition of the Ram Announcer. They are also posted on the school website (g-aschools.org) under the high school tab and on the school calendar on the district page. Athletic schedules may change throughout the season, so please check for updates.

All middle school and high school athletes **MUST** have a valid physical on file prior to the start of the season. Physicals given on or after April 15th, 2018 are valid for this current school year. Physicals given on or after April 15th, 2019 will be valid from that date through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

You **MUST** use the M.H.S.A.A. Physical Form for the physical to be valid. This form can be found on the school website (www.g-aschools.org), and is also available in the high school office.

All uniforms and school issued equipment must be turned in at the conclusion each athletic season. Also, all outstanding athletic bills, which includes participation fees must be paid prior to the student-athlete's next season. Participation will not be allowed until the above obligations have been met.

Making Us Ram Proud!!



Special Summer Family Events

Galesburg-Charleston Memorial District Library

Movie in the Park — Friday, June 14, 8:30 pm

Kick off Greater Galesburg Days with a family friendly movie in the park!

Animal Astronauts — Tuesday, June 18, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Did you know that a little dog named Laika was the first animal to orbit the earth? Featuring a variety of live mammals, reptiles and birds, this program will teach us about the early animal astronauts.

Our Universe Rocks — Thursday, June 27, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

This space-themed Rock & Roll show will have us dancing, clapping, twisting and rocking. It will be out of this world!

Kalamazoo Air Zoo — Thursday, Thursday, July 18, 11:00 am—12:00 pm

“Fly me to the Moon” will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Apollo mission to land on the Moon. Investigate, explore and learn about the moon, gravity, and our solar system.

Toys in Space — Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Zeemo will astound us with toys that were taken into space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, including yo-yos, tops, balloons and even a Slinky!

Community Picnic in the Park — Sunday, August 11, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Bring a salad or dessert to share with your friends. Fun, games, music and prizes!

Reading & Math Programs

Win fun prizes this summer while keeping your reading and math skills sharp!

Registration begins June 18, 2019

Like us on Facebook for more fun summertime events!
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