

## GALESBURG-AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL

December 2020

Principal: Christie Robinson

Dean of Students: Brian Dolph

The best gift you can give someone is your time!



### Warm Holiday Wishes

On behalf of the staff at Galesburg-Augusta High School we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with love and memories. Our vacation is December 18, 2020-January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

### Virtual Learning

The week of January 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be a week of virtual learning. Hybrid classes will begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Contact Information

If you or someone on your Enrollment Card have changed their email or phone, please notify the high school main office as soon as possible. Call 484-2110 or email [jennifer.hagenbuch@garams.org](mailto:jennifer.hagenbuch@garams.org)



### Class of 2024

We are currently looking for a class advisor for the Class of 2024. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Robinson for more information.



### Attendance Policy

Galesburg-Augusta takes attendance very seriously, we feel it is a strong base for a student's success in and beyond high school. Being late to school or class affects student grades. Letters are sent home to families once a student reaches 6 absences in any given class and again for each class that a student may reach 10 absences. We work very closely with our Kalamazoo County Truancy Officer and report student attendance to them regularly. If your student is absent for any reason, the absence must be excused within 2 days of the absence. Absences and/or tardies reset at the semester. Please feel free to call Mrs. Groetsema (484-2142) for any questions you may have regarding your student's attendance.

### KVIC Students

All KVIC students must complete all course work by January 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no extensions for this deadline.

### ASCR

ASCR is an after school credit recovery program. All ASCR courses are online and allow students to progress at their own pace. Students are required to attend after school, and they must take assessments in the classroom. If you have a student who needs to enroll in a course, contact Christine Walmsley in the counseling office.

### PSAT Reports & Khan Academy

Results are in for the NMSQT/PSAT 10 for our 10th and 11th graders which they took in October. Students should be able to obtain their score reports by going into their College Board accounts. The reports should give students the information they need to sign up for Khan Academy for targeted practice, if they haven't already done so, or to link these most recent scores to their accounts.

### 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade PSAT Makeup Test Date

The PSAT 8 & 9 makeup test is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be sent as we get closer to the date.

**END OF SEMESTER**

### First Semester Final Grades

The 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 20-21 ends on January 22, 2021.

### School Pictures—Take Three!

School pictures are right around the corner.

Monday, January 25 from 8:00 to 2:00 (Cardinal)

Wednesday, January 27 from 12:30-2:30 (All KVIC students)

Friday, January 29 from 8:00 to 2:00 (Gold)



### Change in Schedule

The week of January 18<sup>th</sup> will be a little different. Monday & Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>) will be cardinal days, Wednesday & Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) will be Gold days, and Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) there will be no school.

### Yearbooks

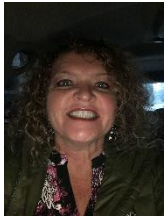
The 2019-2020 yearbooks are in. Stop by the office to pick up your copy. We have a few extras if you did not order one last year. They are \$60 each.

### 2020-2021 Yearbooks (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Now is the time to order your yearbook for the 2020-2021 school year! You can order them online and this yearbook will include 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03738500>

### New District Nurse



Eastern Service Area in collaboration with Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools and the Parchment School District has hired a school nurse, Nancy Saline. Nancy was previously employed with Ascension Borgess as a case manager. She also owns CPR

Solutions which provides First Aid, CPR, and AED training. She will be assisting with Covid issues as well as providing training, making recommendations where needed with our processes or procedures, and educating students regarding healthy lifestyle choices. She will assist the special education department with the development of health care plans, medical consents, and communication with medical staff when needed. Please introduce yourself and welcome her to GA if you see her in the hallways of your building.

### Class of 2025

The Class of 2025 has been zooming away enjoying their new sixth period classes: Creative Writing, Project Lead the Way, and Exploratory Math. Last week they enjoyed a matchmaker game as part of a tutorial on Xello (formerly Career Cruising) given by Mrs. Walmsley. They thoroughly enjoyed taking the career aptitude quiz and seeing what they might pursue as they grow older. Based on the Xello results, many 8th graders were interested in careers in art. Coming up they can join a zoom to participate in KRESA's career chat challenge featuring speakers that have successfully found careers in the arts.

### New Wednesday Schedule

Beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>, students will no longer have live zooms for each class period. Instead, your student will be assigned an SEL teacher. The SEL teacher will connect with your student in an individual zoom meeting each Wednesday. Attendance will be taken at the SEL zoom meetings for Wednesday attendance.

### NHS and NJHS



The NHS and NJHS held zoom ceremonies for members that are joining NHS and NJHS. A special thank you to the current NHS & NJHS members for all your hard work on the zoom

ceremonies: Megan Earles, Andrew Wilks-Millard, Jordyn Klimp, Aubree Sedore, Alyssa Luce, Shane Eldred, Grace Carter, Natalie Earles, Noah Tidd, Ben Smeltzer, Izzabelle Towery, and Adam Hubbard.



Congratulations and welcome to the following new members of NHS and NJHS:

NHS	NJHS
Abigail Newton	Lydia Kish
Avery Coleman	Kayleigh Kuhse
Josie Towery	Alexis Peruski
Jenna Stewart	Hayley Hall
Allysen Burril	Addyson Godde
Heath Bruinkool	Alexis Christiansen
Morgan Bresson	Caitlyn Gregg
Josephine Wager	Samantha Prince
Joy Connors	

The NHS hosted a successful blood drive with the help of the Red Cross on November 6th. The blood drive took place at Sherman Lake YMCA. The next blood drive is scheduled at the same location and is to take place on February 12th. Donors can sign up on the Red Cross website.

Members of both NJHS and NHS have been volunteering their time at the lunch packaging operations, which has been distributing food to students throughout the district.

### ELO Grades

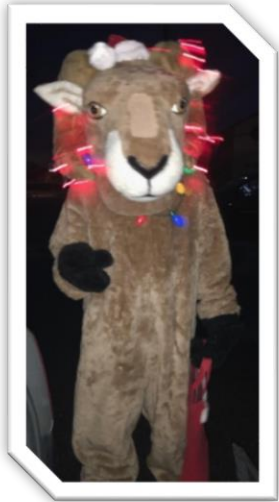
Beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters, teachers will be entering grades in their gradebooks that are noted as ELO's. An ELO is an essential learning objective that has been noted as a foundation for your student to master in their courses. As you watch their grades in PowerSchool you will see an ELO or Standard that will be listed in the gradebook and it should reflect a grade of mastery or a work in progress.



- M = Mastery of Skill
- D = Developing the Skill
- R = Remediation of the Skill is Needed
- N = Not Yet Presented in Class

## Family Drive-In Movie

We had so much fun at the "Drive-In Movie" on Thursday night. We had 50 cars join us and had two special visitors! The Grinch and the GA Ram was in attendance to greet and wish everyone a Happy Holiday.



## Thank You!

A special thank you to our GA Sports Boosters for donating the popcorn for our "Drive-In Movie" on Thursday, December 17. We appreciate all that you do for our GA families.

## Student Council

The student council has been busy these past few weeks. They organized a successful food drive at the Middle School. The donations were given to Loaves and Fishes. Thank you to the MS for hosting this event.

The student council also volunteered to help at the Family Drive-In Movie night. Thank you so much for your help!

## Upcoming Events

December 18: Christmas Break Begins  
January 3: Christmas Break Ends  
January 4-8: Virtual Learning Week  
January 11: Hybrid Model Begins  
January 18-19: Cardinal Day  
January 20-21: Gold Day  
January 22: No School & End of Semester  
January 25: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester & School Pictures (Cardinal)  
January 27: School Pictures (KVIC)  
January 29: School Pictures (Gold)



# 2021

## Senior Corner

**Senior Cap & Gown Orders** –All orders must be placed online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

**Senior Pictures for Yearbook** – January 15, 2021  
**Graduation** - June 4, 2021

**Senior Trip**--Plans are being made for a senior trip! We are looking into the annual Florida trip, but also looking into a backup plan in the event Covid doesn't allow us to travel that far. Please watch your school email for further information as it becomes available from Mrs. Groetsema.

## Ten Things to Do with Your Teen over Break

**Digital Scavenger Hunt** (send your teen out on a hunt for pictures in nature)

**Hike in the Woods** (bundle up and get some fresh air)

**Read a Book** (ask your teen a book title they would like to read, and read it together)

**Game Night** (put the electronics away and break out the board games)

**Sledding** (find a local hill and go!)

**Starters in a Jar** (place different conversation starters in a jar and draw a different one each day to discuss over dinner)

**Memory Lane** (gather some old family pictures and take a walk-talk)

**Goals for 2021** (develop short- and long-term goals for the new year)

**Wall of Love** (tape notes of love and appreciation on a wall in your house, encourage everyone to join)



Go Rams!