

## GALESBURG-AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL

January 2021

Principal: Christie Robinson

Dean of Students: Brian Dolph

*You can choose courage, or you can choose comfort, but you cannot choose both.*

*~Brene Brown*



### Hybrid Learning

Teachers and staff are excited to see your faces in person! Hybrid classes will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### KVIC Students

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

### Incompletes from 2019-2020

If you earned an incomplete during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2019-2020 school year, you have until January 22<sup>nd</sup> to complete the required course work to earn a credit for the class. If you have questions, contact your teacher directly.

### 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.

### NHS

The next blood drive is scheduled at Sherman Lake YMCA and is to take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Donors can sign up on the Red Cross website.



## END OF SEMESTER

### First Semester Final Grades

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

### 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.

### 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)



### Yearbooks

The 2019-2020 yearbooks are in. Stop by the library 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>

### **EFE/EFA Information Meeting**

Career and Technical Education Programs will be presenting to Sophomores during 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hour on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Gold group students will be in person and Cardinal group will be via zoom. Students will learn about EFE/EFA and other off campus programs they can apply to be a part of next year.

### **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



### **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.

### **2021-2022 Scheduling**

Mrs. Walmsley will be meeting with students to discuss scheduling for the 21-22 school year. Students will request elective courses through the online portal. Core courses are determined by current subject teachers. We encourage you to review the scheduling informational packet with your student and assist them in submitting elective course requests.

### **Bus Concerns**

If you have any questions regarding busing or your child's bus route please contact Missy, transportation supervisor, at 269-484-2210.



### **PSAT Reports & Khan Academy**

Results are in for the NMSQT/PSAT 10 for our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Junior & Senior Parents!**

The counseling department is available during conferences to have a guided conversation about your student's future. If you and your student would like to meet with Mrs. Walmsley for future planning, please schedule a meeting with her during conferences on February 25 and 26.

*Seniors* should be finalizing their FAFSA, submitting applications, and looking to commit to a school of their choice.

*Juniors* should be investigating the following things this semester:

- Career outlook ideas
- College or Trade School
- College campus visits
- Top 5 colleges/schools of choice
- Financial aid you need & application
- Scholarship applications



### **Upcoming Events**

January 11: Hybrid Model Resumes  
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)

## Counselors Corner

A Note to Parents: YOU GOT THIS!! It is so important that you take time for yourself and practice self-care throughout this unknown time. Remember: you can't fill others' cups if yours is empty. Practice mindfulness with your students! We do not expect (or want) you to spend all day teaching academic material to your students. It is important that you spend quality time together and use each moment as a teachable life lesson. Spend time with your family, play games, read bedtime stories. Enjoy your time together! We are here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out with ANYTHING you may need (resources, food bags, etc.); you are welcome to email me or call me. My contact info is below.

Mindfulness Strategy: Everybody's brain works differently. We all have strategies that work for us, and it's important to remember that what works for me may not work for you - and that's okay! Here is a mindfulness strategy to get you thinking about how your mind and body works.

Take 5 Breathing - use your finger to trace the fingers on your opposite hand. Inhale as you go up your finger and exhale as you go down your finger. Close your eyes if you feel comfortable doing so. Repeat for all 5 fingers. Ask yourself: how do you feel? Where did your mind wander to while taking deep breaths? Was this helpful?



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## 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

**Name Selection for Diploma**—Complete the form that was sent on Thursday for how you would like your name to appear on your diploma.

**Graduation**—June 4, 2021

**Senior Band Concert and Awards**—TBA  
**Awards Assembly**—TBA

**Senior Exams**—TBA

**Senior Breakfast, Parade, & Rehearsal**—TBA

**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.

