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THE ONLINE NEWSLETTER FOR GUNTER ISD

Thank YOU, Veterans!

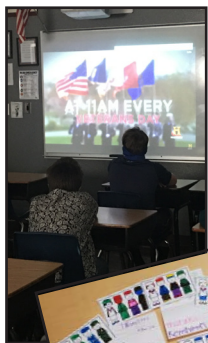
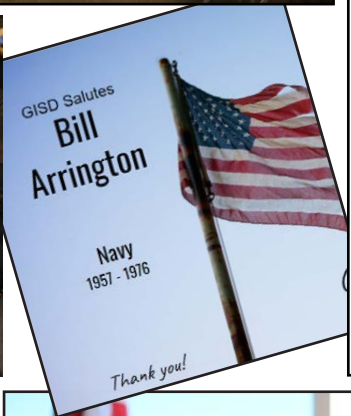


November 11th looked very different this year at Gunter ISD. In a normal year, we hold a fabulous celebration in our Event Center filled with students, flags, veterans and their stories. This year, we had to switch gears because of COVID.

Tigers don't give in, so we adjusted our celebration to include:

- ♥ a [touching video](#) created by Laci Bracewell featuring staff and students of GISD telling their stories and thanking the veterans
- ♥ a [website](#) created by the district with a slideshow of individual recognitions for each veteran in our local community
- ♥ cards, letters and posters created by students that will be delivered to the local veterans
- ♥ a podcast created by students explaining why Veterans Day is always on November 11th
- ♥ learning about Veterans Day in class through webquests and extra credit quizzes
- ♥ Social Media posts ran all day long featuring so many more pictures than we can show on this page :)

It is important to pass on the facts to the next generation of why these heroes had to fight for our freedom. Freedom is not free, and it is because of these heroes that we remain a free country. Not just on November 11th, but every single day we should remember to thank and honor those who have served or are serving our country.



Reminders!

Join us for a night of magical music!

Winter Band Concert

Middle School

Thursday, December 10 | 6:00 PM



Join us for a night of magical voices!

Winter Choir Concert

GMS & GHS

Thursday, December 10 | 7:15 PM

Both concerts will be held in the GHS Commons. Appropriate face coverings will be required to attend.

December 18th

All students will be released at 1 PM
There will be **NOT** be an afternoon bus run.
After Care will close at 3:30 PM

End of Semester

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
JANUARY 4TH

WINTER BREAK

Staff: December 19 - January 3
Students: December 19 - January 4

STUDENTS
RETURN ON
JANUARY 5TH



Stop by Gunter Nutrition on **Saturday, December 5th** from 8am-1pm to shop some of our local pop up businesses and help support our GHS PTO and Gunter Chamber's Scholarship fundraisers.

3D printed ornaments and Coasters:

- Coasters: \$25.00 per set of 4
- Ornaments: \$5.00 (personalized \$5.00 extra)

Contact us for possible other designs/sports

Gunter Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Raffle

Tickets: 1 for \$5.00 OR 5 for \$20.00

Chance to win **Apple Watch series 3**

Contact : Tiziana Kanouse (TK) : Tiziana@kanouse.us

All proceeds go to scholarships

The Season of Giving is Here

.....and the Gunter Tigers have the biggest hearts!

The GES Leadership team says thank you to everyone for donating so many canned foods! The donations benefited our local food pantry. We have the most giving community!

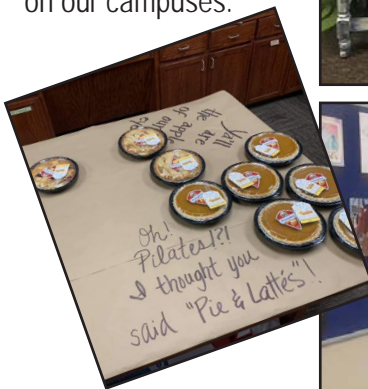


For Thanksgiving, the GMS Student Council collected an amazing 2,527 items for their non-perishable food drive. All collections will benefit the Gunter food pantry. Thank you for your giving heart!

NHS headed up the "Block the Door" campaign before Thanksgiving at the high school. The object was for students to bring canned food to their 3rd period teacher, and if they brought enough to "block their door" they received a day of no work from that teacher. Several teachers needed dollies to cart the cans from their room :) Great job, students!

We  our Campus PTO's!

The campus PTO's gave so generously to our staff before the Thanksgiving break. At the elementary school, a "Giving Tree" was created and each staff member chose a gift card from the tree. At the middle and high school, each staff member was given a whole pie to take home. This group spoils us with gifts of love constantly, and we are so thankful for them. They truly lift the spirits on our campuses.



The GHS Choir, NHS, Student Council are leading a holiday collection for the Women's Shelter. Please join our student body in collecting non-perishable food items and basic necessities to help add a smile to somebody's face. While you are out shopping, put a few of these items in your cart and send them to the school by Wednesday, **December 16th**. (New items only please.)

- ♥ Slippers (all sizes from kids to adults)
- ♥ Socks (all sizes from kids to adults)
- ♥ Underwear (all sizes from kids to adults)
- ♥ Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, shaving cream, body soap, hand soap)
- ♥ Kid "shaving kits"
- ♥ Toys
- ♥ Lotions
- ♥ Dish liquid
- ♥ Cleaning products
- ♥ Buckets
- ♥ Mops
- ♥ Canned goods/non-perishables
- ♥ Brooms/dust pans
- ♥ Pj's (all sizes)
- ♥ Diapers (all sizes)
- ♥ Sheets
- ♥ Towels
- ♥ Blankets



Special thanks to Nat and Kathleen McClure who collected and donated items for the high school campus to have a drawing each day leading up to the Winter Break. There is a gift for each staff member! Thanks to everyone who donated! Coach Hellman was our most recent winner of a t-shirt... he loves what came along with it!



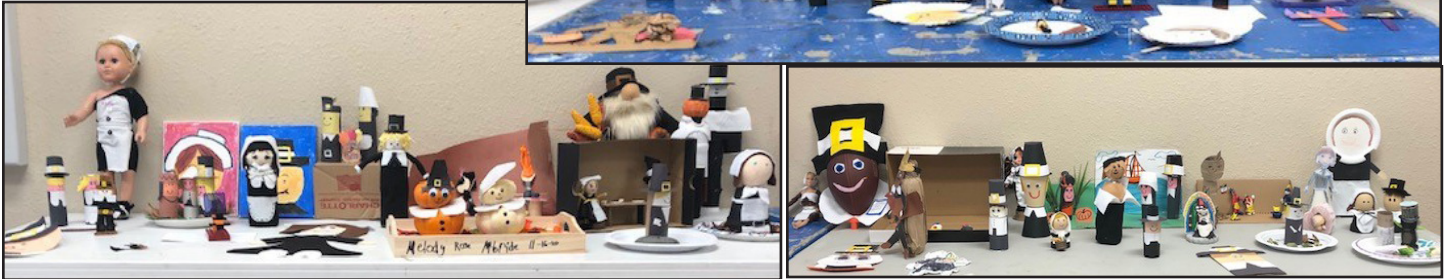
GUNTER CAFETERIA THANKSGIVING MEAL

Upon entering the cafeteria at the high school, the tables were decorated with flowers from our floral design class. The aroma of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie lured everyone in. Students and staff masked up, lined up, sanitized their hands, and were given a *tray full of heaven*. The story was the same at the other campuses! Can you tell by the smiles and fist pumps that the meal was a hit?

There is not a more anticipated meal at Gunter than the annual Thanksgiving meal prepared by Mrs. Rogers and her (ever so awesome) cafeteria staff! If you see them, give them a huge "thank you" for loving on our staff and students each and every day. Also, special thanks to student council who helped serve the tea and pie and GHS Counselor, Mr. Waggoner, who was spotted helping out in the kitchen!



After reading one of their favorite stories, *Molly's Pilgrim*, the 3rd grade students created their own Pilgrim from items they had at their house. They did an amazing job!



SAVE THE TURKEYS

These turkeys have been given some great disguises by our GES students. They are incognito until after Thanksgiving!

The Three Days 'til Christmas Break



At GES Our ELEMENTARY students are CHAMPIONS! They are Patient and Respectful of others. They show Integrity and Determination in all they do while striving for Excellence each and every day. PRIDE! We are very proud of our students and their hard work, so Mrs. Hale is giving them the following days as a Christmas gift!

Wednesday, December 16th - *Reindeer Dancing Day*

On the first day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Hale gave to me.....Reindeer Dancing Day! Wear your antlers and workout clothes/sweats! We will play Christmas songs throughout the day and dance!

Thursday, December 17th - *Ugly Christmas Sweater or Bling Sweater Day*

On the second day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Hale gave to me..... NO HOMEWORK Day! Don't forget to wear your ugly or sparkly Christmas sweater!

Friday, December 18th - **POLAR EXPRESS DAY**

On the third day 'til Christmas break, Mrs. Hale gave to me.....Pajama Day at school! Wear your pajamas and enjoy lots of Christmas fun!

** All students will be released at 1 PM. Afterschool Care will close at 3:30 PM.



Math & M&M's

Mrs Cooke's students sorted, counted and graphed each color in a small package of M&M's. What did they find? The color that was used the most in a snack size bag of M&M's was Orange!



GMS HOLDS MOCK PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

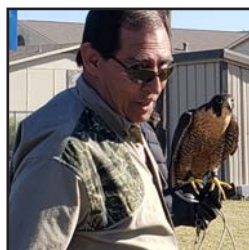


On Election Day our GMS students took part in their own presidential election. Mrs. Inglish combined forces with Mrs. Marr to set up a polling location for the GMS students to cast their vote for President of the United States. Students entered the library and were given a glove to put on. When a voting station became available, they were directed to go place their vote. The student council members reset the ballot after each voter, and gave each person a sticker or stamp on their way out.



Learning about our government and taking part in elections is important, and we are so happy that Mrs. Inglish makes this happen every election year!

Special thanks to Student Council members, Micah Fisher, Addison Hamner, Colt Nelson and Riley Rogan, for helping to make the process run smoothly!



Exciting things are happening in 5th grade! The students had recently finished studying adaptations, so it was perfect timing for a guest speaker on falconry!

Master Falconers, Jay Lehmer and Mark Griffin brought a falcon and a hawk to show the students. Jay is the grandfather of 5th grader, Halston Standerfer. Halston is studying the trade alongside his grandfather and

helped with the presentation. He was very knowledgeable about the falcon and explained so many things to his classmates.

The pictures show how beautiful these birds are, and the video link below shows Jay removing the helmet of the falcon that is kept on while traveling to keep the bird calm.

https://youtu.be/bmBJWfD-i_c



5th Grade has been reading the novel, *Wonder*. Students created an “I am a Wonder” self-portrait following the artistic style found in the illustrations in the book. They chose words that define who they are and show what is important to them, and they turned out amazing! Here are a couple of examples.



Mrs. Schroeter's students had to use context clues and problem solving skills to work their way out of an Escape Mystery. Each group solved 5 puzzles, completed the mission and headed home for the Thanksgiving break!



... different states of matter are found inside each kernel of popcorn. The kernel itself is a solid, and did you know that a small drop of water is stored within the soft starch?

But what made this so great was the fact that the students had never heard of Jiffy Pop! Watching the foil expand and getting to eat the end results was the perfect class activity for Mrs. Bon's students today.



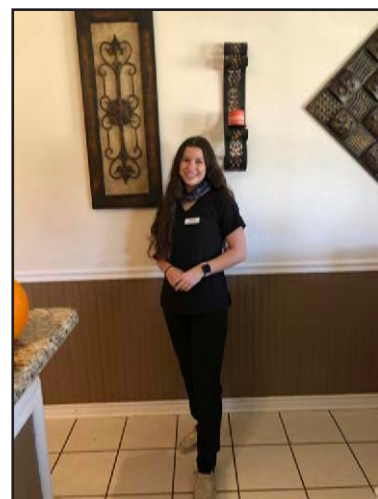
BROKEN BONES? NO PROBLEM...

Our GHS Health Science students learned the art of splinting. As you can see, they have mastered the task on each other!



PHARMACY TECHNICIANS IN TRAINING

Congratulations to Bria Savage, Landon Dahle, Reya Dawlah, and Thomas Kanouse. All four students have been approved by the Texas board of Pharmacy to practice as Pharmacy Technicians in training. They are participating in clinical rotations at local pharmacies. We are very grateful for our community partners that allow them to work and learn in their pharmacies. (Not pictured: Reya and Thomas)



COVID TESTING AT GISD



GISD is now offering free COVID tests on campus for students and staff. The tests are BinaxNOW rapid, antigen nasal swab tests that have been provided by the state for testing in schools. ALL tests are voluntary; parent permission is required for students under the age of 18. Tests are only for GISD students and staff who are experiencing COVID symptoms. The nurses have been equipped with full PPE for these tests and have already been doing strep & flu tests on site for several years through Children's Health. Please do not come on campus if you are experiencing symptoms. Just contact one of our nurses to arrange drive-up testing.

Please note that we have a limited # of tests and are not able to do tests for screening purposes (ie, they are only available to those who are symptomatic at this time). In addition, a negative test does not reduce quarantine requirements if you have been designated a close contact. All of the details of this testing program are at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GTCovidTesting>



Congratulations to the following middle school students who have made the Middle School Region Choir! Out of our 12 candidates, 9 have made the choirs, and 6 of those 9 placed in the top 5!

Trace Howard - Tenor 2 - 1st Chair
 Mitchell Gage - Tenor 2 - 2nd Chair
 Jaxon Graham - Bass - 2nd Chair
 Hayden Farrell - Bass - 6th Chair
 Delyla Dahle - Soprano 1 - 2nd Chair
 Avery Hale - Soprano 1 - 5th Chair
 Kayla Rizzo - Soprano 2 - 3rd Chair
 Burkeigh Coats - Alto - 10th Chair
 Mary Nichols - Soprano 2 - 14th Chair

BAND COMPETITIONS ...

Road to Success

Ponder Marching Classic - October 31st

2nd Place Overall!

We were only beat by Argyle HS who has been competing at the state level for many years, and we came very close to them in several subcategories. We placed 1st in class 3A.

UIL Region Marching Contest - November 18th

Congratulations to the High school band who received a Division 1, which is the highest rating possible. They will be advancing to the AREA Marching Contest! Check out their performance here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY515oJBTAo&feature=youtu.be>

UIL AREA Marching Contest - December 3rd

Gunter Tiger Band performs at 4:15 PM

Midlothian ISD Stadium

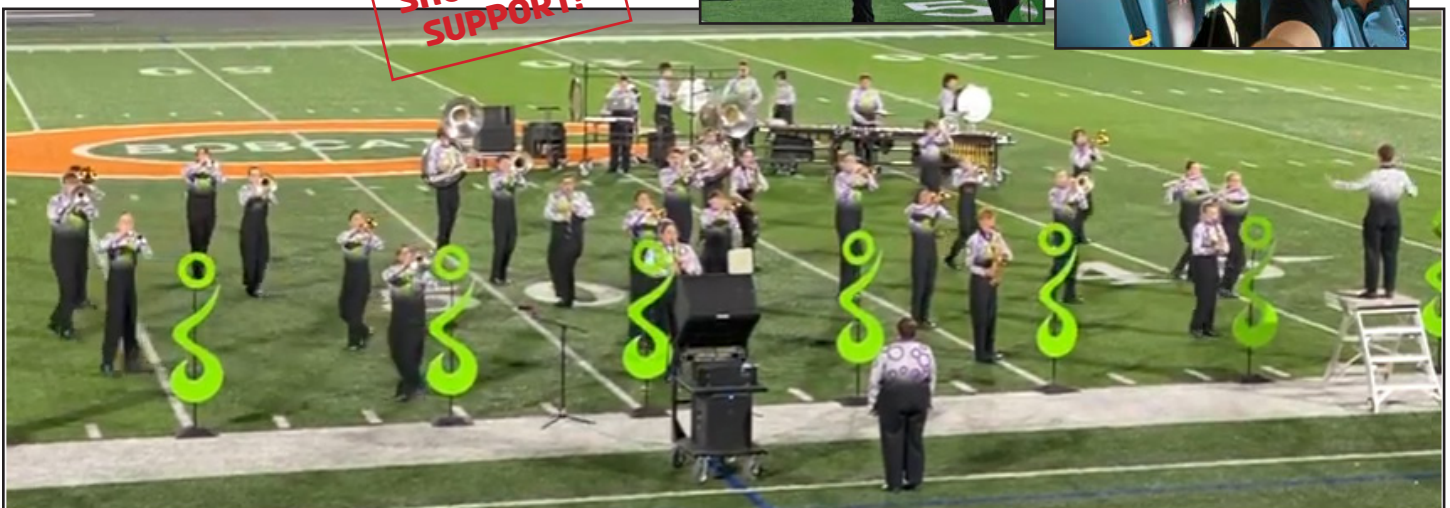
Adults \$5 / Students \$3

Cash only admission.

**COME ON
OUT AND
SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Looking forward to:

- Middle School All-Region Auditions
November 28th-December 3rd.
- High School All-Region Auditions
December 5th-9th.
- Area Marching Competition December
3rd - Midlothian, TX (Times TBD)
- Middle School Band Winter Concert
December 10th | 6:00 pm
HS Commons





Robotics Competition

Gunter Robotics did an awesome job at their competition where they competed against schools ranging from 1A-6A. The top 3 teams advance, and sadly, Gunter was not one of them, but they did receive commendations on the CAD drawings created by Aiden McDowell. The judges comment, "they are industry standard and those kids could leave high school and find a job in the industry," proves just how hard our students work in this competition.



Robotics Competition Team:

Design team: Aidan McDowell, Reya Dawlah, Sam Cole

Build team: Aidan McDowell, Sam Cole, Penn Seiberling, Jake Seiberling

Software team: Reya Dawlah

Drivers: Sam Cole, Dylan Marsh, Saxon Dahle, Raiden Windlow (8th grade)

Raiden had the highest scoring round.

Spotters: Drew Smith, Reya Dawlah

Support: Reagan Andres, Zachary Clemens, Hayden Rizzo, Matthew Yosten (8th grade)



The following FFA Members competed virtually in the District 3 FFA Contest. Congratulations on a great showing!

- ▶ 2nd Place Senior Chapter Conducting (Pictured below)
- ▶ 3rd Place Senior Creed Speaking – Beth Martinek
- ▶ 4th Place Senior Quiz- Malison Fisher, Abby Marks, Beth Martinek and Gunnar Griggs Bell
- ▶ 4th Place Senior Job Interview – Malison Fisher
- ▶ 4th Place Green Hand Chapter Conducting - Brooks Griggs Bell, Ryli Bracewell, Avery Diers, Grace Fuggett, Lexi Gann, Cannon Lemberg, Regan Long and Shey Menkhoff



VOLLEYBALL

PLAYOFFS

Congratulations to the Volleyball girls on a great season. They ended their season with a record of **29-4!**

Bi-District vs Commerce
10/29

25-8, 25-15, 25-13

RI-DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Area vs Ponder
11/3

25-15, 25-19, 25-20

AREA CHAMPS!

Regional Quarterfinals
vs Rains 11/5

13-25, 25-19, 25-16, 24-26, 15-5

REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS!

Regional Semi-Finals vs Sabine
11/9

25-15, 25-13, 25-7

REGIONAL SEMIFINAL CHAMPS!

Regional Finals vs Harmony
11/14

25-11, 25-19, 25-21

REGIONAL CHAMPS!

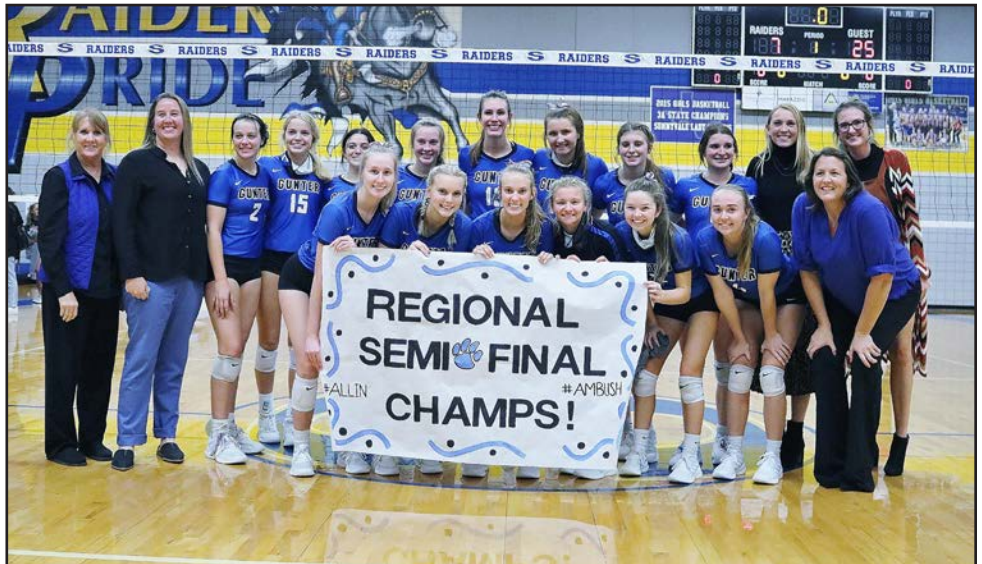
State Semi-Finals vs Bushland
11/17

16-25, 18-25, 25-23, 22-25

STATE SEMI-FINALS QUALIFIER!

We are excited to announce the following District 11 - ALL DISTRICT AWARDS!

- ♥ Coach Gill was named COACH OF THE YEAR!
- ♥ MVP - Jacee Childers
- ♥ Co-Hitter of the Year - Rayanna Mauldin
- ♥ Blocker of the Year - Hanna Rubis
- ♥ Defensive Player of the Year - Nyah Ingram
- ♥ Coach of the Year - Katelyn Gill
- ♥ 1st Team All-District - Shae Pruiett, Bethany Gilbreath
- ♥ 2nd Team All-District - Miranda Putnicki, Kinzee Hamilton
- ♥ Honorable Mention - Briley Singleton, Lakin Satre, Audrey Curtis
- ♥ Academic All-District: Nyah Ingram, Lakin Satre, Bethany Gilbreath, Kinzee Hamilton, Audrey Curtis, Briley Singleton, Jacee Childers, Miranda Putnicki



All three campuses and the town of Gunter participated in sending the girls off to the STATE finals. The girls didn't bring home the championship, but we are so proud of their

accomplishments! **This was the first time our volleyball team has made it to the STATE round of playoffs.** They have set the bar high for the upcoming 2020-21 volleyball team!



FOOTBALL

Final District Game vs S&S	56-0	DISTRICT CHAMPS
Bi-District Championship vs Rice	62-0	BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS
Area Championship vs Henrietta	59-6	AREA CHAMPS
Regional Semifinal vs City View	44-19	REGIONAL SEMIFINAL CHAMPS



REGIONAL FINALS

Championship Game
Gunter vs Eastland

DECEMBER 3RD | 7PM

@ GLOBE LIFE PARK IN ARLINGTON, TX
Check our Facebook Page for more details!

Congratulations to
#2 Hudson Graham
(Junior/Quarterback)
for being named the
Week 13 Texoma
High School Football
Player of the Week.



FRIDAY NIGHT TIGER TEAMS!



Congratulations to Sarah Denton
who represented Gunter
at the STATE Cross Country meet!
3rd trip to STATE in 3 years!
We are proud of YOU!

VARSITY CHEER

It certainly hasn't been a typical year for our cheerleaders. They have only had the chance to plan a couple of pep rallies, but they have been supporting our teams in every way possible! From hallway signs to cheers on the sideline, we appreciate your hard work.





GMS CHEER



Great work on
the sidelines
this year!



SUB-VARSITY FOOTBALL

How do you create a strong high school football program? You start when they are young with the best coaches, and expect results.

Let me introduce you to our sub-varsity teams. Take a look at their successes this year. Combined, our four teams went 30-4 and outscored our opponents 991-239.

Each team won the district championship for their respective division as well.

**Great Job
Tigers!**



SUBVARSITY SEASON RECORDS

JV

9-1 District Champs
Points for: 280
Points against: 78
4 shutouts



8th Grade

8-1 District Champs
Points for: 353
Points against: 52
6 shutouts



7th Grade

8-1 District Champs
Points for: 258
Points against: 52
6 shutouts

MS Combined

5-1 District Champs
Points for: 100
Points against: 57
2 shutouts

Basketball Season Starts Up!



Girls Varsity Team
Beat Krum 58-51
Beat Argyle 44-43
Lost to Little Elm 58-56
Beat Sherman 68-37
Lost to PCHS 47-49
Beat Lebanon Trail 61-32
Beat Celina 41-22

Girls Middle School
Gunter vs Bells Nov. 18th
B team won 23-13
7A won 27-21
8A lost 30-32

Boys Varsity Team
Loss vs Ector 51-44
Loss vs Ponder 47-24
Loss vs Glen Rose 59-25
Loss vs Whitesboro 55-39

Boys JV Team
Win vs Ector 67-8
Loss vs Ponder 47-27
Loss vs Glen Rose 44-17
Loss vs Whitesboro 28-24

Boys MS Team
8th B Win vs Bells 34-16
8th A win vs Bells 36-10
7th A Loss vs Bells 28-27

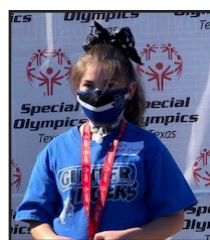
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

VA BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to these middle school students who attended their first competition of the year at the Van Alstyne Special Olympics Bocce Ball Meet. Special thanks to PE Pals and Special Olympic Volunteers; Camryn Craddock and Addison Hammer for making it so special for the girls!

The athletes earned the following medals:

- Hailey Clark - Gold Medal
- Alexis Lewis - Silver Medal
- K'lee Curtis - Silver Medal
- Brylie Krapf-Flynn - Bronze Medal



ANNA BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

The Gunter Middle School Tigers were renamed as the "Cute Gunter Girls" at the Anna Special Olympics Bocce Ball Meet and brought back the following ribbons:

- Hailey Clark - 1st place
- Brylie Krapf - Flynn-2nd place
- Alexis Lewis - 3rd place
- K'lee Curtis - 3rd place



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Globe Life Park

1000 Ballpark Way, Arlington TX 76001

We are the VISITORS and will enter through the Third Base Gate
(Gates open at 6:00 PM)

Tickets will be sold in pods of 2, 4, and 6
Tickets on Sale at www.texasrangers.com/football
(Sales open December 1st)

Parking \$15 – May be purchased online or onsite
General Admission Parking: Lots M, N, E, L
(Lots will open at 5:30 PM) - No Tailgating Allowed

“No Bag Policy” will be enforced. You may not take bags into the building.

PPE equipment must be worn during the entirety of the event (unless you are eating or drinking)

December 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 4:30p HS Girls Basketball @ Ponder 5p HS Boys Basketball @ Bland	2	3 Football Playoff Game Time: TBA @Globe Life Park - Arlington	4 5p HS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Pilot Point 5p HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Farmersville	5 11:30a HS Boys Basketball @ Collinsville
6 4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Whitewright 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Whitewright	7	8 4:30p HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Pilot Point 5p HS Girls Basketball @ Prosper Rock Hill	9	10 6p MS Winter Band Concert 7:15p Winter Choir Concert	11 5p Girls HS Basketball @ Blue Ridge 5p HHS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Celeste	12 1:30p HS Boys Basketball @ Celina
13 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Blue Ridge 4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Blue Ridge 6p School Board Meeting @ Admin	14	15 5p HS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Bells	16	17	18 1p Early Release 4:30p HS Boys Basketball @ Bonham 5p HS Girls Basketball @ Bonham End 2nd 9 Week Grading Period	19
20	21	22 4:30p HS Boys Basketball @ Pottsboro 5p HS Girls Basketball @ Pottsboro	23	24	25	26
WINTER BREAK						
27 2p HS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Dodd City	28	29 1p HS Boys Basketball @ Callisburg	30 1p HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Frisco Leadership Prep 2p HS Girls Basketball @ Muenster	31 New Years Eve	January 4th - Professional Development for Faculty/Staff January 5th - Students return from break.	
WINTER BREAK						