

Veterans Day Celebration

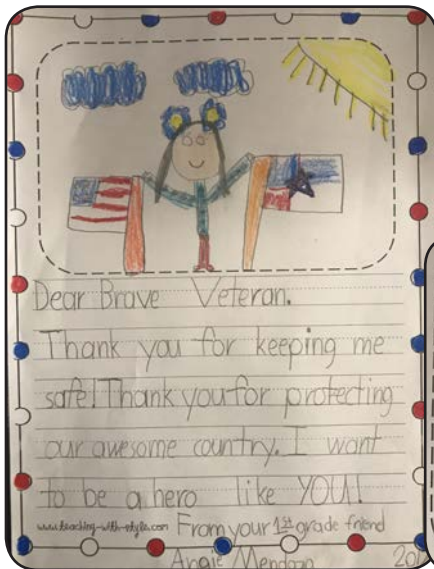
We were honored to serve breakfast to our veterans and senior community members on November 10th. Following the breakfast, we moved to the Event Center where songs were sung, music was played, and words were spoken. All of this together created a wonderful program, but nothing compared to the simple presence of so many veterans gathered in one area. Our students could see the comradery of servicemen by the hand shakes, embraces and smiles. Thank you so much to the veterans who came to our presentation. We love, honor, and respect all that you have done or are doing for our country. Special thanks to Chuck Bell, who gave such an inspiring speech for our program.



3rd Grade Veteran Presentation “We Honor You”

A salute to America’s Soldiers and Veterans
By John Jacobson

The 3rd grade class worked hard to learn the music for this salute. The pieces were harder than what they had done in the past, but all of their effort paid off! The presentation at the GISD event as well as this presentation was superb!



Mrs. Driskill's 1st grade students drew pictures and wrote letters for our veterans on Veterans Day. Thank you for being a hero for our students and thank you for your service!



Building for our Future...

Just when you thought things couldn't get more exciting with our Lady Tiger Volleyball Team and the Tiger Football Team advancing to the Regional Semifinals (as of the time that I am writing this update), get ready to get even more excited!!! Over the next 12 months, we will be making significant improvements to GISD utilizing three different funding sources and I'd like to spend a few moments walking you through each...



Dr. Jill Siler
Gunter ISD Superintendent

Surplus Revenue: We anticipated growth in our enrollment but our enrollment definitely exceeded our projections! Next year those funds will be used primarily towards additional staffing, but some of this year's surplus will help fund these larger projects:

- Ag Trailer (*did you know we have 110+ students in FFA?*)
- 6 Chromebook carts for GMS and GHS (*that is 150 more student devices for 550 students!*)
- Choir Risers
- Redo the sound system in the Commons (*sound boards, mics, acoustical improvements*)
- Additional Suburban for student transportation
- Renovations to Softball facilities (*batting cages, roofing, backstop padding, concessions, etc.*)
- Renovations to Baseball facilities (*fencing, roofing, press box, backstop padding, etc.*)
- Additional Special Education Aide for GMS/GHS
- Renovations to GHS Gyms & Locker Rooms
- Redo the Old Gym Floor (*if you haven't seen it lately, it is an un-GT sea-green color*)
- Additional Bus Driver / Maintenance Worker (*Ron is AMAZING but he needs help!*)

Remaining Bond Funds: Earlier this year we sold the final remaining bond funds from our 2005 Bond Election to use for several large capital projects. These items include:

- **New Ag Barn:** Will begin construction December 2017. Site is on the west side of the current Ag barn (towards GHS). This will hold 40+ hogs. We will make improvements to current barn as well.
- **New Strength & Conditioning Center with All-Purpose Area:** Will begin construction around December 2017. Site is behind the Visitors stands. Will include area for all student programs to lift weights as well as a turfed indoor area for all programs (band, cheer, athletics, etc.)
- **Fieldhouse Renovations:** Will begin spring 2018 and will renovate existing fieldhouse (locker rooms, showers, concession area, training room, offices, etc.)
- **Technology Infrastructure:** Increase wireless and fiber capability across district to allow more student device utilization.
- **Land for Future School Sites:** As you know the prices of land is rising by the day. While we have several school sites allocated to GISD in future developments, we are seeking a large tract of land for a future secondary school. We would not necessarily build on this land right away but our hope is to purchase the land while it is available and affordable.

Financing Project: While the bond funds allows us to do a LOT, we still had one project that was absolutely necessary (track) and one project that was not necessarily in the plans but became pretty clear that it made a lot of sense to do in tandem with another project (turf). *Did she just say turf???* Yes she did. Read on...

- **New Track.** If you've taken a run around our track you know there are issues... It is an uneven surface and undulates in many areas. There are drainage issues and it holds water. The ground underneath is unstable at best and a portion even collapsed when we pulled a heavy vehicle over it. You can also bend down and pull the asphalt layer up with your hands. It is so bad we haven't been able to host a Varsity Track meet in years. The job is huge – to the tune of \$850K (from multiple quotes). But it will be incredible when it is done and such an asset to all of our programs!
- **Turf.** Like I mentioned above, this wasn't actually on the list for our leadership team or board but as we realized the extent of the track work, it became evident that we would be remiss if we did not explore the pros/cons to shifting to turf at the same time. Here are a few reasons that brought us to that decision:
 - **KIDS!:** The thing I love the most about our board is that every decision is about the kids! Coach Fieszel came in and shared his vision for this project – that a shift to turf was a Kid-Vision. Currently our main field is off limits to almost everyone almost all year. (Jan-March it is dead; April-May we are growing grass; June-Aug we try not to touch it and Sept-Dec we try to keep it alive). As we shift to turf, we will have a green space that will positively impact every Tiger 365 days a year – from our pee wees to our Varsity; our softball and baseball teams can use it when their fields are wet and still do ground work; our band and cheerleaders can march and cheer on it year-round. It is also a huge improvement in terms of safety with regards to concussion prevention. The new turfs are some of the safest surfaces on which kids can play.
 - **Logistics & Funding:** If you can imagine excavating our entire track several feet down; removing the concrete barrier separating the track from the field; operating heavy construction equipment on our grass field to build the track... Knowing that in a few years we may want to transition to turf and would then have to build a bridge over the new track to bring in the equipment to do so... There's a reason why 99% of track/field turf projects are done together and this is definitely a big one! Bottom line – if we wait to turf the field down the road it is about 15% more (\$85K+) in total project cost.
 - **Financing & Savings:** By pulling out the track from the bond projects and financing it over a shorter term (12 yrs), it is saving the district \$250K. In addition we spend about \$30,000 annually on our grass field maintenance whereas turf management costs just \$4,500 annually. This \$25K net savings will help offset the cost of financing and/or turf replacement which is recommended every 8-10 years.

It's an exciting time to be a Gunter Tiger! If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me at jsiler@gunterisd.org – **Get'em Tigers, Get'em!**



Embracing our Differences!

Gunter Elementary had a special guest on campus this past month. The founder of Children's Alopecia Project {CAP} spoke to the students about alopecia. He explained what it was, but more importantly, he spoke to the kids about how everyone is different. During the week, students raised money for the awareness of alopecia by paying to wear a cap to school.



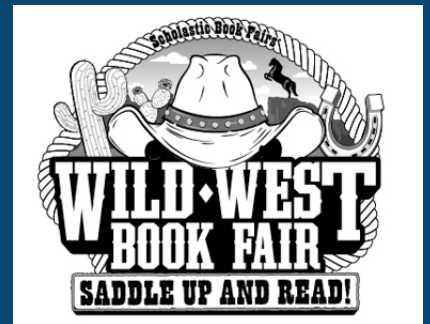
Alopecia

is a type of hair loss that occurs when your immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles, which is where hair growth begins. The damage to the follicle is usually not permanent. Experts do not know why the immune system attacks the follicles.

~ Web MD

Book Fair Thank You

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, parent volunteers and our Gunter High School National Honor Society volunteers who made our Fall Scholastic Book Fair a huge success! We appreciate everyone who attended Donuts for Dads and Grandparent's Day. A special thank you to the volunteers who planned and organized both of these events as well as those who assisted with the fair. Without our volunteers, the fair and our special events would not run smoothly! Sales from the book fair totaled \$8,545.41 (making this our highest grossing fair to date) with a cash profit of \$2,136.35 for the library. Profit from the book fair will be used to purchase new books for the library and will help fund our Summer Reading Program. Again, thank you!

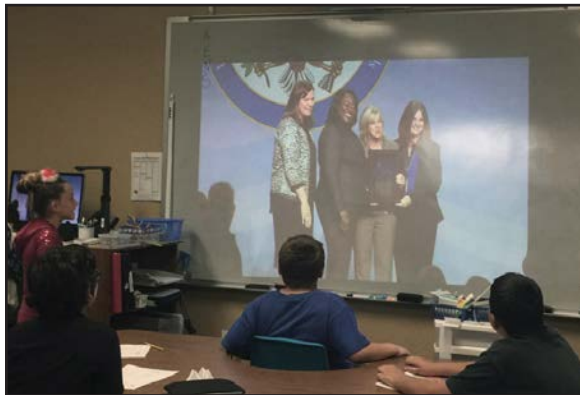


It was great to see all of our grandparents here to celebrate Grandparent's Day. Thanks for coming!

There's a new billboard in town!



Congratulations Gunter Elementary
2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



It's not often that you see the GES classrooms come to a halt, but on November 7th, they did. They stopped what they were doing to watch their teachers, principal and superintendent receive the National Blue Ribbon Award live from Washington, DC.

Live from Washington, D.C.

Sharesa Driskill, Debbie Locke, Carrie Teems, and Becky Beaty were the lucky teachers who had their names chosen to represent the staff at the National Blue Ribbon Ceremony in Washington D. C. They traveled with Dara Arrington, GES Principal and Dr. Siler, Superintendent. The award ceremony was streamed

live, allowing the campus to watch the special moment! You can see the pride in their faces as they accepted the award.

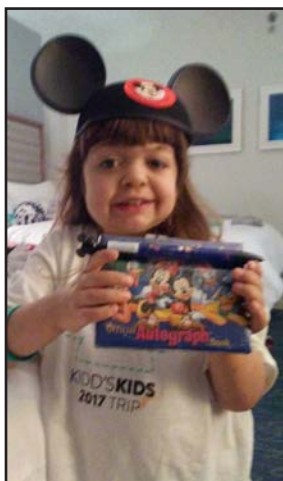


Math ROCKS!

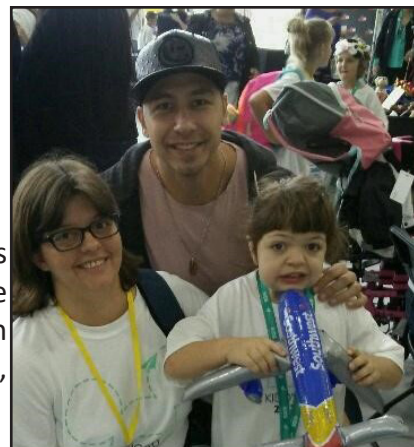


Thanks so much to everyone for coming out to the Math Rocks night at Gunter Elementary this week! Families learned multiple age-appropriate, fun math games using playing cards and families were able to take home a pack of cards and directions for all of the games at the end of the night. It was a HUGE success! Instructions for some of the games can be found on the elementary website under "Printable Forms". #MathRocks

Kidd's Kids



Introducing Hailey Clark! She is an amazingly joyous little girl with a huge personality that you just fall in love with the moment you meet her. Presently, she is on an exciting adventure with her family thanks to radio host, Kidd Kraddick and his program called Kidd's Kids.



Mrs. Rossi, Hailey's teacher says, "Everyone is so excited that Hailey was chosen to go on this fabulous trip. To know Hailey is to love her—you can't help it; she's fabulous." Hailey is an enthusiastic 3rd grader with a huge personality. She comes to school each morning with an ear-to-ear smile on her face, ready to embrace the day. Hailey always puts forth her best effort in all she does. She enjoys math, reading and LOVES anything Disney. She adores all the Disney Princesses and is a big fan of Olaf, but, of course, Mickey and Minnie are high on her list as well. Hailey truly believes that "half the fun is getting there", she has been just as excited about flying on an airplane as she is about meeting Mickey Mouse. Hailey has a pure heart of gold; what stands out about Hailey the most is that she is a true and loving friend.

Kidd's Kids mission is to provide hope and happiness by creating beautiful memories for families of children with life-altering or life-threatening conditions. Each year, over 50 children are chosen for an adventure to Disney World. You can read more about the program at www.kiddskids.com.



Celebrating a birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Grace Geisendorff, Saxon Harris, Tristan May, Logan May, and Rowan Heavey. If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact Lauri Johnson at the elementary school.



**November
Birthday Book Club**





The Five Days 'til Christmas Break

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 and would like to give them a Christmas gift.....

Sung to the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas

Monday, December 11th Candy Cane Day

On the first day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Hale gave to me..... a wonderful Christmas story! Be sure and wear Red and White! **Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Hale will read at 7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria

Tuesday, December 12th Reindeer Dancing Day

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

Wednesday, December 13th Ugly Christmas Sweater or Bling Sweater Day

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

Thursday, December 14th Christmas Character Day

On the fourth day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Hale gave to me..... extra recess! Enjoy dressing up as your favorite Christmas character.

Friday, December 15th Polar Express Day

On the Fifth day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Hale gave to me..... a day to wear your pajamas to school! Wear your pajamas and enjoy lots of Christmas fun!

Molly's Pilgrim

The perfect story for Thanksgiving was read in our 3rd grade classrooms. The story tells how Molly, a recent immigrant, creates a doll (with the help of her mother) to show the class that it takes all kinds of pilgrims to create a perfect Thanksgiving. After reading "Molly's Pilgrim", the students created pilgrims from materials they found at home. They are proudly holding them in the pictures below.



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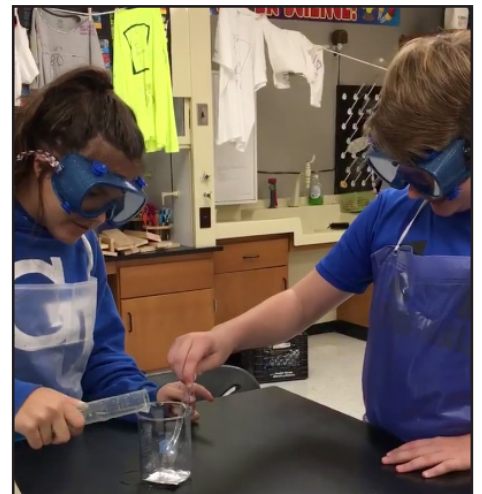
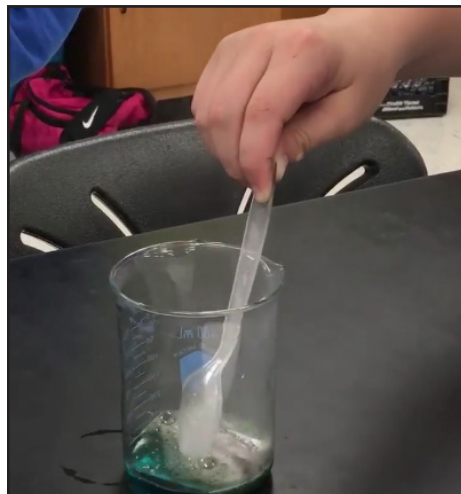
GMS UIL - Great Results!

Our students earned 33 individual certificates! WOW!

- Overall Math (all conferences) – Gunter #17
- 3A Math – Gunter #3
- Overall Calculator (all conferences)– Gunter #14
- 3A Calculator – Gunter #3
- Overall Spelling (all conferences) – Gunter #12
- 3A Spelling – Gunter #3
- Overall Science (all conferences) – Gunter #4
- 3A Science - Gunter #1



TOXINS!



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KTEN / Texoma Chevy Dealers Teacher of the Month

by Kim Patterson, GMS Principal

It is with great pleasure GMS presents to you the October KTEN Teacher of the Month, Mark Pelzel! Coach Pelzel is an outstanding teacher. His lessons are challenging, engaging and always student centered. Students enjoy both his English and Pre-AP English classes. Coach Pelzel is a leader among his peers. He often leads team meetings and is the first to help when another teacher is in need. Along with his classes, Coach Pelzel directs the GMS One Act Play, coaches cross country, basketball and baseball. You will often find Coach Pelzel cheering and supporting both our Tigers and Lady Tigers in extracurricular events spanning across all grade levels. Congratulations Coach Pelzel! We appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you Texoma Chevy Dealers, Holiday Chevrolet and KTEN for the opportunity to recognize outstanding teachers!

WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

December 2nd | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

GMS Cafeteria

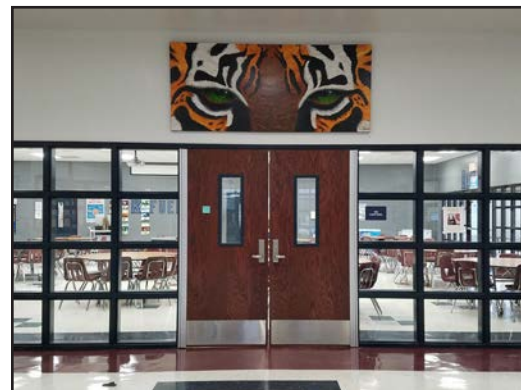
7th & 8th Grade

Dress is nice, but not formal.

Cost \$10 individual / \$15 couple



Sophomore, William Marshall, presented GMS with a painting that he has been working on for over a year. He is so talented, and we are proud to display it in the GMS entry.



Area Choir Qualifiers!

Congratulations to our GHS Choir students who competed at the Pre-Area Choir Contest. The following students will be moving on to AREA COMPETITION. Mrs. Kulbeth said, "They have been working hard since July to prepare for this competition. Their toughest challenge is yet to come when they head to Area Competition on January 13th. They are prepared, though. I'm so proud of their accomplishments this year!"

Soprano 1 - Keely Ward - 1st chair
Alto 1 - Emily Loftis - 2nd chair
Alto 1 - Hailey Wilde - 3rd chair
Alto 2 - Kara Curtis - 1st chair
Alto 2 - Zoe Carlile - 2nd chair
Alto 3 - Ana Mercado - 3rd chair

Tenor 1 - Penn Seiberling - 2nd Chair
Tenor 2 - Austin Rue - 2nd Chair
Bass 1 - Brian Avendano - 3rd chair
Bass 2 - Cade Carruthers - 1st chair
Bass 2 - Kanon Keeler - 2nd chair



Winter Choir Concert and Luncheon

MS & HS Choirs present

Sounds of the Seasons

December 17th

12:00 PM Lunch Served

Concert will follow

High School Commons

Tickets on Sale
December 1st - 12th
\$10/person (advance purchase)
\$12/person (at the door)



All Level Winter Band Concert

December 7th

6:30 PM

GHS Commons



Gunter High School Grayson County Shelter Collection

Please look at the list to the right and send any NEW items before December 14th that you are willing to purchase. All items are greatly needed and are appreciated.

Hygiene items

(Soap, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, brushes, etc)

Cleaning Supplies

(Dish soap, lysol, bucket, mop, broom, laundry detergent, cleaning cloths, etc)

Paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, paper plates, solo cups, etc)

Socks (all youth and adult sizes needed)

Underwear (all youth and adult sizes needed)

Diapers (all sizes)

Food (Baby food, Canned foods, Boxed food)

Batteries (all types), **Flashlights**, **Toys**

Junior / Senior Prom Payment Notice

- The first prom payment of \$75 is due by Dec 14th.

- The remaining \$75 is due by March 9th.

*You are more than welcome to pay all of it at once if you choose to.

Who must pay?

All juniors who are going to the prom are expected to pay \$150.

Any senior who did not attend the GHS prom last year will be expected to pay \$75 total.

Seniors who attended the GHS prom as juniors and had already paid their total cost last year do not need to pay any additional fees.



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

SPONSORED BY THE GUNTER INTERACT CLUB

November 27 - December 21

- ✧ We are looking to make a difference by donating our used clothes to those in need. Please donate any *gently used* clothing articles that you no longer want.
- ✧ Warmer clothes are preferred, but all quality clothes are acceptable!!
- ✧ If you have items, please bring them to the GHS Office.

All donations will go to the Grayson County Shelter and the Salvation Army. Let's Brighten someone's day one donation at a time!

** Interact club is a student led organization that helps better the world and our local tri-state area.



Gunter High School AP Language students toured the SMU campus.
#futureready

CPR Certified!



(Above & Below) Congratulations to the Advanced Health Science students, who all are now certified in Health Care Provider CPR.

Practicing Medical Skills!

Mrs. Clarke's health science classes are learning to apply splints properly. Maybe they should receive a theatre credit as well! Just look at their acting ability!



HOSA

Health Occupations Student Association

Announcing the 2017-18 Officers:

President: Austin Rue

Vice President: Paige Garner

Secretary: Emilie Nelson

Treasurer: Cade Roller



Members of HOSA participated in the 1st round (Area) of Academic Testing on the 29-30th of November.

The students competed in various events ranging from Medical Terminology, Medical Mathmatics, Pathophysiology, Medical Ethics Debate, Human Growth and Development, Medical Reading and HOSA Bowl. Stay tuned for the results!



Seniors Take Note!

by Jacob Waggoner, GHS Counselor

10 Tips for Seniors over the Winter Break:

1. Start/Complete your college applications. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/1771>)
2. Fill out some scholarship applications. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/1776>)
3. Go visit a college campus.
4. Work with your parents on completing the FAFSA using 2016 tax info. (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>)
5. Register for an ACT or SAT exam. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/1768>)
6. Browse a national scholarship clearinghouse. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/1772>)
7. Visit with someone who is currently working in the career field you hope to enter.
8. Complete a service project for someone in need.
9. Start working on your list of whom you want to invite to graduation in May.
10. Thank your parents for everything they have done for you over the past 12 years.

GAME, SET, CAREER

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal



One of the hardest realities for young people...anyone...is that it's not your time.

The final spike dropping on the Lady Tigers side of the net in the first round of the Regional Tournament signals the end of a season and the conclusion of four playing careers at Gunter High School. The "last game" for a high school senior is a cruel experience in finality.

It...is...over.

Less than one percent of high school athletes participate in collegiate sports. Adults will tell you to "enjoy it" or "make the most of it", but young ears are often deaf ones until the event slaps them square in the face. It goes by fast.

Camryn MacDonald was on the court three years ago when an opportunistic Glen Rose squad shocked a then 33-2 and #2 ranked team in the third round. That game was also in Midlothian. It was given that the Lady Tigers would return two days later to compete at the Regional Tournament and a shot at State. The Lady Tigers took down nemesis Brock and a date with #1 ranked Peaster loomed. Camryn was the sole youngster on a senior rich squad. That loss to Glen Rose wasn't supposed to happen.

Two years later Camryn is back in Midlothian leading the Lady Tigers to their second regional tournament appearance in the program's history. They draw #1 ranked and undefeated Beckville. This group is far different from Camryn's sophomore year. Five freshman are on the team, with four of them starting most of the year. Camryn, fellow Senior Sarah Franze, and four other teammates, who cannot even drive, get the lion's share of minutes on the hardwood. Despite the disappointing conclusion, there is solace in knowing that eight of the girls in uniform will return next year, and only two of them will be seniors. The Lady Tigers are going to be good for a long time.

The coaching search in April for the person to lead the

Lady Tiger Volleyball program into the future is an exercise in visioning. Large numbers of sub-varsity and elementary age Gunter girls play competitive and select volleyball, and a talented group of freshman are expect to play a significant role in the upcoming Varsity season. Despite the focus consistently revolving around the future, the question keeps surfacing: "is this coach going to bring the best out of Camryn?" Someone is needed that can merge the ingredients of one dominant player, with little experience, and unprecedented youth. It is no secret that Camryn's passion is a mix of competitive fire and sheer stubbornness. She demands to be "coached" hard. To do anything significant in 2017, the Lady Tigers needed Camryn to step up.

Katelyn (Labhart) Gill has the pedigree. She has the experience. It just doesn't show up on paper in the traditional sense of hiring a coach for a winning program. Someone that finished their collegiate degree and career less than six months from their hire date is unusual unless they are coaching seventh grade girls. However, for the Lady Tigers the gamble makes perfect sense. And for Camryn MacDonald it is a no brainer. "Coach Gill intimidated me," Camryn admits. "I was about to be coached by someone that exemplifies what I want to be." Gill graduated from Texas A&M last spring after earning All SEC honors for a two time NCAA Tournament Program. Gill earned a degree in business and was prepared to begin her MBA. But with her soon to be husband Jordan slated to call plays for the Whitesboro Bearcat Football Team, a move back to Grayson County would factor into her educational plans. Coaching and going back to school had been "discussed" but taking over a program was not in their immediate view. A friend of a friend recommended Gill express interest in the position. A "look" based on due diligence of all available candidates began a series of conversations that resulted in Gill being tabbed as the next coach of the Lady Tigers. The decision makers saw someone that could make an immediate and long-term impact and more directly, the type of person they wanted "coaching their daughters." Gill would be good for Camryn.

"There is so much more to Volleyball than pass, set, hit," Camryn explains. "There is an element of passion required to be 'good'. Competition is 'emotional' and Coach helped me learn to grind it out rather than pout or sulk." The District Offensive MVP details how she along with her young teammates had to develop a "sense of urgency". "Coach Gill played in the top collegiate conference and was coached by Olympic coaches. She knows what is required to go from average to great."

Gill is quick to offer Camryn equal praise. "Camryn is a driven, fierce competitor and inclusive leader," she claims.

Gill goes on to stamp approval on Camryn's development in saying, "She made those around her better."

When asked the one thing she will take away from Katelyn Gill. "Play the next point," Camryn laughs and then turns visibly emotional. "She helped me find something within that was missing."

Camryn received acceptance to the University of Texas and plans on majoring in Biology. She intends to play "club" level volleyball, which does not require the time demands of Division I play but is still a very competitive atmosphere for student-athletes that want to focus solely on their studies.

We asked Camryn to pen a letter to her freshman teammates outlining lessons learned and expectations she leaves behind.



I want you to know how grateful I am for you guys. Coach Gill's ability to work with my competitive drive and your youthful minds was something that wasn't supposed to work, but it did. As soon as I started playing with the five fish, I was reminded of how simple volleyball really is and why I love it so much. To you five freshmen who are going into your 15's club season: cherish it. That is the place where you will make some of the best friends you could have. All the times you think you hate volleyball because of long practice or tournament, you know deep down you are lying to yourself. If you stay codependent with volleyball throughout your high-school days, you will see that your discipline and love for the game has you ready for anything. Volleyball gave me the motivation and taught me what it's like to strive for excellence among your peers, in the classroom, and on the court. Enjoy these next four years of club and school ball, because I know you'll roll your eyes while I say this, but believe me it genuinely does "fly by." Having the opportunity to play with your best friends is one of the best experiences someone could have, in the best sport around. I hope you learn to trust each other and have the belief in each other like never before. As soon as you five realize how simple the emotional aspect of the game is, you will realize how simple volleyball really is. I have the faith in you five leading a team, but you can't do it without every single one of you giving your all. Coach Gill is an amazing coach so respect and just do whatever she has to say. One thing

that she told me back in spring stuck with me all season. I thought of her words every time I would develop frustration in myself or my team: "Think of yourself as the center of a wheel, and all your teammates are spokes. If they don't reach their full potential or aren't trying to do so, then the wheel will never function properly." I think the biggest thing I could ask from each of you as you lead these next few years of high school is to hold not only yourselves, but your teammates as well, to be accountable of giving 100% in everything they/you do for the team. Last, never let your love for the game, or each other die. The words in the verse Corinthians 3:23 and Deuteronomy 31:6 have given me the relief I need to make it through the tough times. If you get frustrated with the game, remember why you love playing so much, whether it be the obnoxious cheering, or all the goofy team traditions, or finally getting that block you've been waiting for all season. Realize that whatever emotion and energy you put out in a game or practice will flow through the rest of the team. Always give 100%. Thank you so much for growing with me and reminding me why I fell in love with volleyball. Thank you for giving me a senior year I wouldn't trade for the world. Even though I will miss playing with you, I know you will just keep getting stronger and better, and one day, if you do listen to this advice, be the best team in the state. Don't ever let your love for volleyball die.

Cam

In this season of thankfulness, we can take solace in knowing our students are growing more as people than merely players, and obtaining championships is secondary to teaching students how to champion others.

And for that reason, Senior Camryn MacDonald is our Tiger Times Student of the Month for December.



ATHLETIC NEWS



Congratulations to our Tiger Shark, John Dalton, who swam in the Frisco Invitational Meet. He placed 12th overall in the 500 free and dropped 1.84 seconds off his time. He also placed 17th overall in the 100 back.

COLLEGE SIGNING!

Congratulations to GHS Senior, Daylan Bower, who signed to play baseball with Cameron University!



Shout out to our Gunter Graduate, Mikayla Watson!



Bocce Ball Sherman Meet

The Gunter Middle School Special Olympics Athletes recently competed in the Sherman ISD Bocce Ball Meet and placed as follows:

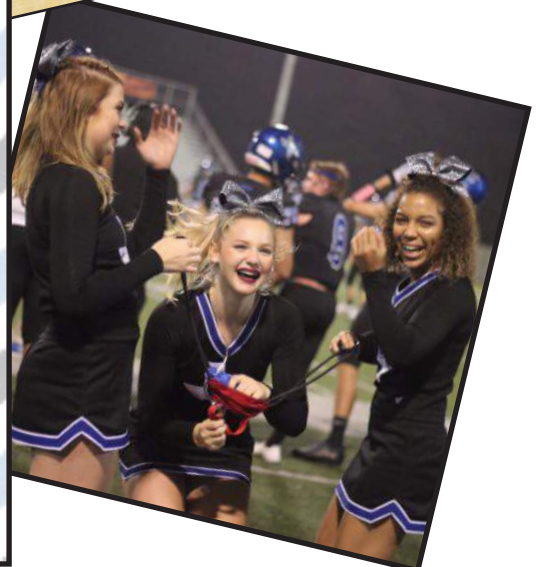
Individual Half-Court: Jenna Hemphill, Gold Medal
Individual Half-Court: Tollie Ferguson, Silver Medal
Individual Half-Court: Ethan Almazan, Silver Medal
Individual Half-Court Ramp: Cole Reynolds, Bronze Medal



Team Doubles:
Charlie Mesita and Leydi Rodriguez, Gold Medals
Team Doubles:
Melanie Gray and Jaiden Davis, Silver Medals

CHEERLEADERS

Thanks for your support of our Fall Athletes!



Congratulations to the GHS 2018 UIL State Spirit Team

Ashley Bruner

Zoe Carlile

Katelyn Dean

Peyton Fanning

Natalee Hayes

Alyssa Hinkley

Brooke Hogan

Taylor Howard

Karsyn Kemp

Ryle Leach

Alternates: Aubrey Wendt, Renatta Vincent

Lexie Lenderman

Beth Martinek

Neelie Parker

Bria Savage

Zoey Singleton

Hunter Simco

Ashley Tillett

Addie Turner

Chloe Walton

Sydney Wright

GROWING CHAMPIONS

Not just a slogan!

JUNIOR VARSITY - DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Final game of the season: 28-22 WIN over Melissa

Final Record: 8-1

Undefeated District Record



DISTRICT CHAMPS AT JUNIOR HIGH

Junior High football had an amazing year. The 7th and 8th grade teams, both went undefeated, and were named DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Special thanks to the junior high cheerleaders who cheered for both teams. To show their appreciation, the football teams presented the cheerleaders with flowers.

Not only do we prepare our younger athletes in junior high to become a great Tiger athlete in high school, we are proud to say we prepare them to be gentlemen :)

SUPERBOWL CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Gunter Youth Football teams who won the Superbowl this season!

6th Grade Tackle
5th Grade Tackle
3rd Grade Flag Football
2nd Grade Flag Football

Thanks to Phillip Farrell (Tackle Commissioner) and Sid Bolt (Flag Commissioner) for all of your hard work this season.



A special shout out to our 2nd grade team who have gone undefeated for **THREE** seasons in a row!



FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

TEAMS TO REMEMBER PLAY IN DECEMBER!

Football Region Semifinals

Class 3A Division II Region II

Gunter (12-0) vs. Holliday (11-1)

7 p.m. December 1st at Springtown

See you there!

**DISTRICT CHAMPIONS
VS LEONARD
70-0 WIN**

**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS
VS HENRIETTA
45-13 WIN**

**AREA CHAMPIONS
VS DAINGERFIELD
38-3 WIN**



Peyton Lowe takes the ball into the end zone for the final touchdown of the Area Playoff game while Dylan Jantz and Layke Reed hold off two of the Daingerfield Tigers.





VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

The Lady Tigers had a great season!
Congratulations!

Area Champions vs Greenville

Game 1 - 27-25 (WIN)
Game 2 - 26-24 (WIN)
Game 3 - 27-25 (WIN)

QuarterFinal Champions vs Farmersville

Game 1 - 25-22 (WIN)
Game 2 - 25-23 (WIN)
Game 3 - 23-25 (LOSS)
Game 4 - 25-20 (WIN)

SemiFinal Qualifiers vs Beckville

Game 1 - 18-25 (Loss)
Game 2 - 20-25 (Loss)
Game 3 - 15-25 (Loss)



District 9-3A All District Volleyball

- ◆ Offensive Player of the Year: Camryn MacDonald-SR
- ◆ Newcomer of the Year: Jacee Childers-FR
- ◆ 1st Team All District - Beth Gilbreath-FR
- ◆ 2nd Team All District - Sarah Franze-SR
- ◆ Honorable Mention - Nyah Ingram-FR

Academic All District

- ◆ Camryn MacDonald, Jacee Childers, Sarah Franze

TGCA 3A All-State - Camryn MacDonald



BASKETBALL

Boys Scores

vs Blueridge
JV 43-34 WIN
Varsity 53-41 WIN

vs Callisburg
9th 51-12 WIN
8A 42-21 WIN
8B 27-14 WIN
7A 43-26 WIN
7B 34-11 WIN

vs Pottsboro
JVW 44-20 WIN
7B 10-22 LOSS
7A 33-39 LOSS
8B 2-40 LOSS
8A 17-43 LOSS

vs Boles
Varsity 72-46 WIN

Girls Junior High Scores

vs Callisburg
7B 16-7 WIN
8B 6-18 LOSS
7A 28-8 WIN
8A 14-12 WIN

Gunter vs Pottsboro
7B 4-40 LOSS
8B 2-28 LOSS
7A 13-31 LOSS
8A 13-37 LOSS

Girls Varsity Scores

vs Van Alstyne 54-46 LOSS
vs Bells 72-71 LOSS
vs Princeton 76-49 LOSS
vs Valley View 53-52 WIN



High School Exam Schedule

Monday, December 18
Test Day for 1,3,5,7
60 minutes

1st 8:00 – 9:00
2nd 9:05 – 9:30
Break 9:34 – 9:53
3rd 9:57 – 10:57
4th 11:01 – 11:36
5th 11:40 – 1:11
6th 1:15 - 1:45
7th 1:49 – 2:49
8th 2:53 – 3:35

Lunches
A Lunch 11:40 – 12:10
B Lunch 12:41 – 1:11

Tuesday, December 19
Test Day for 2,4,6,8
60 minutes

1st 8:00 – 8:30
2nd 8:34 – 9:34
Break 9:38 – 9:58
3rd 10:02 – 10:32
4th 10:36 – 11:36
5th 11:40 – 12:50
6th 12:54 – 1:54
7th 1:58 – 2:31
8th 2:35 – 3:35

Lunches
A Lunch 11:40 – 12:10
B Lunch 12:20 – 12:50

- ▶ There are NO exemptions. Students will attend all classes and take an exam. (except Dual Credit/OW)
- ▶ Exams are 15% of the semester grade.
- ▶ Dual Credit students will report to their classes.
- ▶ Any Senior student with Dual Credit courses ending their day will check in and be excused.
- ▶ Wednesday is an early release day. Students will attend periods 1-5.



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Thursday, October 26, 2017

GISD Regular Board Meeting 6:00pm

The Regular meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge was conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd, Board Member.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Mr. Chris Dodd and Mr. Matt Cooper.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student / Staff Recognition
 - Superintendent Honor Roll – Principals recognized the following students:
 - Elementary School – Madison Haning & Dustin Heist
 - Middle School – Audrey Curtis & Benjamin Wilde
 - High School – Lexie Lenderman & Ryan Morrison
 - Staff Recognition for Innovative Learning – Principals recognized the following teachers:
 - Elementary School – Tina Smith, 4th grade Math
 - Middle School – Charlotte English, 8th grade Social Studies
 - High School – Britni McDonald, 9th grade Science
 - Principal Appreciation Month – Dr. Siler recognized principals and thanked them for all they do for our students and staff
- A full Financial Report and Quarterly Investment Report was given.
- Communications
 - Strategic Planning Update – The Action Team leaders shared the Action Plans including the specific results and possible steps with the Strategic Planning Team (SPT) at a retreat earlier this week. The final Strategic Plan will be presented to the board at the December meeting.
 - 2018-2019 Reserved Seating Discussion – Gunter Tiger Fan Club is interested in doing some sort of reserved seating for next season. Dr. Siler shared some preliminary thoughts and the board discussed various options for implementation.
 - Bond Update – Dr. Siler shared an update on the current bond projects:
 - Fieldhouse Renovations: Will begin spring 2018 and will renovate existing fieldhouse (locker rooms, concession area, training room, offices, etc.)
 - New Strength & Conditioning Center with all-purpose area: Will begin construction around December 2017. Site is behind the Visitors stands
 - New Ag Barn: Will begin construction around December 2017. Site is on the west side of the current Ag barn (towards GHS). This will hold 40+ hogs.

- Technology Infrastructure, including wireless upgrades for GHS
- Funds for land for future school sites
- New track. Construction to begin in December 2017.
- Enrollment Update
 - Elementary School 365
 - Middle School 266
 - High School 296
 - TOTAL 927
- Upcoming Events / Meeting Dates
 - ~~November 16th~~, FIRST Hearing 6:00pm/Board Meeting 6:15pm @ Admin
 - *This meeting has changed to Monday, November 27th at GES*
 - December 19th, TAPR Hearing 6:00pm/Board Meeting 6:15pm @ Admin
 - January 16th, Recognition Dinner 6:00pm, Board Meeting, 6:30pm @ ES
 - February 20th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
 - March 8th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
 - April 16th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
 - May 17th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
- Board Member Report
 - School Board Hours – School board training hours were shared through October, 2017.
 - Gunter Board Assessment – Dr. Harris facilitated a conversation around the Board Self-Assessment and discussed strengths and opportunities for growth.
 - Board Operating Procedures – Dr. Harris went over proposed changes to Board Operating Procedures. The 2nd reading and vote will take place at the November meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing, Budget Amendments were approved for – September 19th Board Meeting, September 2017 Bills and GCSEC Budget Amendment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Admissions/Inter-District Transfer Policy FDA. No changes were made to this policy. The Board will discuss later in the year whether every campus will take transfers for the 2018-19 school year due to increased enrollment.
- The Board approved Symmetry Turf as the vendor for the track/turf projects. The current scope of the project includes to excavate the entire track and replace the foundation and track surface as well as provide turf for the Strength & Conditioning Center. The Board also talked about the impact to the grass field during track construction as well as the increased cost of turfing the field at a later date. The board requested further data on the costs to upkeep the grass field as well as financing options to see if it would be more cost effective to turf the field at the same time as reconstructing the track.
- The Board approved several budget amendments due to increased revenue from increased enrollment. The board approved several purchases with this additional revenue:
 - Bus driver/Maintenance worker

- Special education instructional aide for GMS / GHS
- Primary Playground Playset for GES
- Trailer for the Ag Program
- Suburban for Student/Staff Travel
- Choir Risers
- Upgrade Sound System for the Commons
- 6 Carts of Chromebooks for GMS / GHS (3 for each campus)
- Softball / Baseball Renovations (repairs to press boxes, slab for softball batting cage, fence upgrades, etc.)
- Gym Renovations (including redoing the floor in the auxiliary gym)
- Also discussed but not decided was expanding seating in the stadium

No Closed Session

- The Board approved hiring Mark Skinner as the new Transportation Director for the 2017-2018 school year.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:42pm

Give a Toy and Spread the Joy!



CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER TOY DRIVE

Sponsored by Gunter Elementary

Please help us make a hospitalized child's life a little brighter this holiday season by donating a toy to our toy drive.

Please drop off NEW toys
at the elementary school by
December 13th

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

Sponsored by Gunter Middle School

Please help us make a child's life a little brighter this holiday season by donating a toy to our toy drive.

Please drop off NEW toys
at the middle school
December 4th - 15th



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Monday, November 27, 2017

GISD SPECIAL HEARING 6:00pm

Public Hearing to discuss the 2016-2017 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "FIRST" was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. All members were present.

Dr. Siler presented the FIRST Report. Gunter ISD received a score of 96/100 on the Financial Integrity Rating Report. The only deductions came from our fund balance (2.6 months on hand vs. recommended 3 months) and also the liabilities to assets ratio (including future retirement liabilities for all employees including the Grayson County Special Education COOP). The 96/100 score earned a Superior rating, which is the highest rating given. The Hearing adjourned at 6:04pm

GISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:15pm

The Regular meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Pledge was led by Dr. Gary Harris and a word of introduction and an invocation were led by community member Rick Cohagan.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Mr. Matt Cooper, Mrs. Dara Arrington and several GISD employees and community members.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Staff Recognition – Gunter Elementary was recognized for winning the National Blue Ribbon award. Staff shared about their trip to Washington D.C. earlier this month. National Blue Ribbon plaques and banner were presented to Gunter Elementary Staff.
- A full Financial Report was given.
- Communications
 - Demographic Study Presentation – Templeton Demographics shared a presentation highlighting future growth/enrollment projections for the district. The full demographic presentation is hosted online at www.gunter.isd.org under About Us - About Our District
 - Schneider Electric Presentation – The team from Schneider shared about the solar conservation project with our students where they brought 70+ solar car kits and facilitated sessions with our elementary and middle school students. Through this activity, they were also teaching about renewable and non-renewable energy sources.
 - Bond Update – Corgan Architects gave an update on the scope and timeline of the Fieldhouse renovations.
 - Land Discussion – Dr. Siler shared that another real estate expert will be visiting with the Board at the December meeting to share land values and opportunities.
 - Culture of Voting Resolution – The board discussed whether to adopt a draft resolution encouraging district staff and students to exercise their right to vote.

- State Funding Presentation – Matt Cooper shared a presentation on state funding sources.
- Enrollment Update
 - Elementary School 364
 - Middle School 267
 - High School 295
 - TOTAL 926
- Upcoming Events / Meeting Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ December 19th, TAPR Hearing 6:00pm/Board Meeting 6:15pm ▪ January 15th, Fall Athletic Banquet, 6:00pm ▪ January 16th, School Board Recognition Dinner 6:00pm, Board Meeting, 6:30pm ▪ February 20th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS ▪ March 8th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm ▪ April 9th, GIFT Reception, 6:30pm ▪ April 16th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm ▪ April 28th, FFA Auction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 1st, Band Banquet ▪ May 7th, Academic Banquet, 6:00pm ▪ May 8th FFA Banquet ▪ May 14th, Spring athletic Banquet, 6:00pm ▪ May 17th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm ▪ May 20th, Baccalaureate, 6:00pm @ FBC ▪ May 25th, Graduation, 7:00pm @ Kidd Key in Sherman ▪ June 18th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm
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- Board Member Report - none

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing, Budget Amendment #2, 2017 Tax Roll Values, Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Status Resolution for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents were adopted.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Scope of work from Symmetry to include full track rebuild and transitioning the stadium football field to turf. A full update of capital improvements is included at the end of these Board Briefs that also includes an explanation of these projects.
- The Board approved the Issuance of the Maintenance Tax Note with SAMCO in the amount of \$1,605,676 paid over 12 years and authorized Financial Advisor to proceed.
- The Board approved the Board Operating Procedures. Changes to this document had been proposed and reviewed in detail at the October board meeting. It was adopted and accepted without change. The approved procedures can be found online at www.gunterisd.org under About Us - Board of Trustees
- The Board approved to cast all 109 votes to elect Charlie Williams as a Grayson County Appraisal District Board of Director.

8:33pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

9:01pm Reconvened from Closed Session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01pm

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Saturday, December 2nd

Holly Jolly Arts & Crafts Fair



Hosted by:
Gunter Texas Area
Chamber of Commerce
9 AM - 3 PM

Location
Gunter High School



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for A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<div>1</div> 9:30a Pep Rally 7:00p Football Playoff at Springtown vs Holliday	<div>2</div> Bass Fishing Tourn @ Lake Texoma Holly Jolly Craft Bazaar 7p MS Winter Dance 7-8th Grade
			VB Basketball Tourn @ Celeste			
<div>3</div> 1p GHS ACT Prep Class	<div>4</div> Band - HS All Region @ Whitesboro STAAR--ENG 1 STAAR--U.S. History 4:30p MS Boys BB @ Gunter vs S&S 4:30pMS Girls BB @ S&S	<div>5</div> STAAR--ALGEBRA 1 5p HS Boys Basketball @ Bells	<div>6</div> STAAR--BIOLOGY & ENG II	<div>7</div> 2p & 7p 3rd Grade Musical 7p All Bands Winter Concert	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>
				VG & VB Basketball Tournament @ Madill		
<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Ponder 4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Whitesboro	<div>12</div> 5p Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs VA 5:30p Girls Basketball @ S&S	<div>13</div> 6p FFA Winter Dinner Hanukkah Begins	<div>14</div> 2:45p 5th Grade Favorite Relative Tea 5:30p HS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Ponder	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>17</div> 12p Winter Choir Concert and Luncheon	<div>18</div> 4:30p HS Boys/Girls Basketball @ Callisburg GHS Semester Exams 1,3,5,7	<div>19</div> 6p Board Meeting GHS Semester Exams 2,4,6,8	<div>20</div> 1p Early Release 	<div>21</div> TBA - HS Boys/Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Whitesboro	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>
				Winter Holiday Break		
<div>24</div> Christmas Eve	<div>25</div> Christmas Day	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> VG Basketball Tourn @ Pilot Point	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> VB Basketball Tourn @ Allen
Winter Holiday Break						
<div>31</div> New Year's Eve	<div>1</div>  New Year's Day	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> 4:30p Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Callisburg	<div>5</div> Staff Development Day 4:30p HS Basketball @ Pilot Point--JVG,JVB,VG&VB	<div>6</div> MS Boys Basketball Tourn @ Van Alstyne
Winter Holiday Break - Students Return to Class on January 8th						