



FIRST DAY EXCITEMENT!



(Left) The car line came back to life on August 24th at GES! Teachers were ready and waiting to help the students out of their car and into their school. Many parents chose to walk their children into the cafeteria to get them settled and back into a routine. For some, this is their very first “first day,” and that is an exciting time! Tears of joy and tears of fear soon were dried and the first day ended with smiles and hugs and laughter.

(Right) The GHS halls were filled with signs to motivate our fall athletic teams. The cheerleaders were up there early to make this happen. GHS students are “old pros” at the first day of school, but this year they were greeted by a new leader. Mr. Dodd, GHS Principal, addressed the students on the 1st day to make sure they were aware of the campus policies. Students were excited to get back to school and to see their friends!



(Left) 5th graders left the elementary school last year being the “big kids” on campus, and showed up this year at GMS being the “little ones” again. Waiting on their arrival were some pretty awesome teachers. Mrs. Bon is shown taking her 5th graders on a tour of the building. GMS students quickly found their friends and their way around to make the first day a GREAT day!



CONVOCAATION

The commons filled up bright and early on August 17th with teachers and staff members of GISD. They were served a yummy breakfast by the cafeteria staff before things got underway. Many students were involved in the 2015-16 Convocation. Boy Scout Troop #3 presented the flags and the GHS Choir followed the flag ceremony with the National Anthem. The GHS Band and the GHS Cheerleaders concluded the ceremony with our school songs. We love having our students involved in opening the school year!

During the ceremony, Dr. Siler shared several videos with the staff. The first was a motivational TEDTalks video that discussed GRIT. GRIT is what a teacher needs to persevere through some tough teaching challenges. GRIT is what a student needs to push through tough times, tough classes, or tough homework assignments. GRIT is what drives

success. This is a characteristic that will determine whether a person will meet the challenges given them. Do you have GRIT? We are confident that our teachers at Gunter have that characteristic and will help each student nurture and develop it.

The videos that followed highlighted the true meaning of GRIT. One teacher, and one student from each campus talked about what it took to overcome some challenges they had in the 14-15 school year. Stories were told from each perspective, but what we saw was the teacher explaining how the student had to persevere through tough times, and the student was talking about how the teacher helped them and made sure they achieved a certain level of accomplishment. Our staff and students form a bond that encourages growth. Gunter is truly a place where teachers choose to make a difference.

Teachers in Gunter have a great

opportunity to be successful because of great leadership. Our school board was honored for being selected as the Regional School Board of the Year. Board Members, John Jonas and LD Byrd joined the teachers to start the school year. Mrs. Candy Leonard, recovering from an injury at home, was honored by the staff with a "video message in unison" stating we LOVE you! GMS Teacher of the Year, Angela Morrison and GES Teacher of the Year, Heather Hale shared their philosophy on a teacher's role and how to create success in their classroom.

Students, as the 15-16 school year gets started, we hope that the motto adopted by the school this year moves you to do everything you can (and more) to be successful in your classes. Be diligent, be enthusiastic, be tough. In other words, show GRIT!



The Grand Finale of Staff Development Week

For many years now, Landmark Bank has provided the final lunch of Staff Development, and in no way disappointed this year! We love when they bring the Subway sandwich spread to end our week. Thank YOU! After eating lunch, GIFT held their annual employee give-away. Teachers and staff members names are placed in a drawing for prizes donated by GIFT board members. We love that Landmark and GIFT team up to end the week on such a positive note!



Congratulations to the Gunter ISD Board of Trustees who were named Region 10's small school district nominee for the 2015 TASA Outstanding School Board Awards. GISD is one of 16 school districts across the state who will be considered for School Board of the Year. Congratulations and many thanks to: Jeff Banks, Ron Box, LD Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith! Dr. Rickey Williams, Deputy Director of Region 10, presented this banner to our school board during the GISD Convocation.

In September, a state committee will choose five of the 16 districts to be named as Honor Boards then a state winner will be chosen in October.



Dr. Jill Siler, Superintendent
Gunter ISD

Back to School Update!

It was a fantastic first week of school! I don't know that I have seen more SMILES than I've seen this week (and maybe some tired kiddos too by late last week!). We welcomed back 814 students this year and our students and staff are fired up to be a part of the AMBUSH (a.k.a., the family of tigers).

Financial Update

If you haven't heard the continued good news, our financial health is in great shape for Gunter ISD. Due to increased property values (mostly due to new home construction) and increased enrollment along with some legislative funding, we were able to maintain our tax rate; pass a surplus budget and give a 4.5% raise to all of our staff. We also refinanced our largest set of bonds from 2005 and will save over \$1 million long-term and we were able to sell \$2 million of additional bonds to fund some critical capital projects (technology, carpet, building repairs, parking lots, etc.). A huge thanks to our Board of Trustees for their diligent work and leadership in this area!

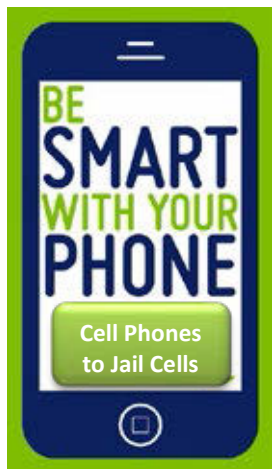
The GROWTH Mindset...

I shared with our staff during our Convocation my vision for this upcoming year and specifically our work with our students. Dr. Angela Duckworth shares a powerful message about the #1 indicator of success in people – and it is not intelligence or inherent talent or good looks... It is GRIT: the ability to work hard and persevere to accomplish long-term goals. In order for grit to come into play, we must BELIEVE we can grow and improve in all areas which has led us to a body of research around the *Growth Mindset* – the belief that our abilities and talents are not “fixed” but can grow and improve! That is where our energies will lie this year – on igniting our student’s effort to grow in ways that exceed their own expectations!



GUNTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

One area that we continue to challenge our students to grow in is their own character development. While we want every child to learn to read, write, and do math, what is most important is to teach them to think critically, be self-reflective about their work, and to make good choices. Our goal is their success not just in school, but in LIFE! At the K-5 level, this occurs so naturally through regular interactions in the classroom along with specific classroom sessions with our Counselors. At the secondary level, we are putting together a series of experiences for our students focused on some of the issues that are relevant to them. I wanted to share the two fall sessions with you so that you know what your child will be hearing. The first is about the real and serious dangers with social media. The second is about leaving a legacy and how we are measured by character. In the spring, we will have 1-2 more sessions, including one related to drugs/alcohol. If you would like to become involved in this work, whether as a volunteer in the planning stages or during an event or even as a financial sponsor, please drop me a note. We'd love to get you involved! The summary of our first two sessions are included **on the next page.**



**Cell Phones to Jail Cells:
Straight Talk About Sexting, Snapchat & Social Media**

**Each session will be
age-appropriate*

Leasor Crass Law Firm (education law specialists)

Thursday, September 24th (Gr 9-12 at 9:15am; Gr 6-8 at 10:20*)

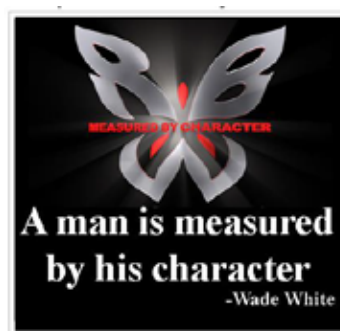
- Real life examples of teen use of social media (good & bad)
- The truth about Snapchat, Facebook, Text Messages, and other social media platforms (and the reality that nothing disappears when you hit “delete”)
- Sexting & the child pornography statutes – one click can lead to a felony
- Cyberbullying and sexual harassment
- Making smart decisions about social media and electronic communications.

Measured by Character www.measuredbycharacter.com

Wade White, founder of Measured by Character

Wednesday, October 7th (Grades 7-12 from 8:45-10:15)

Measured by Character is dedicated to empowering our youth by encouraging them to recognize that their lives have purpose and meaning. To share the knowledge that no matter their age, their lives are affecting the environment around them in either a positive or negative way! We share the knowledge that none of us are promised tomorrow, and we are creating our personal legacies with each passing day. We urge students to reflect on what type of legacy they are creating: A positive one or a negative one? What type of person will they choose to be? How will their legacy impact others, not only today, but for eternity?



The Measured by Character program was started by Wade White of Denton, Texas following the tragic death of his 18 year old son Ryan B. White (RBW) who died in an automobile accident in Aubrey, Texas on Good Friday, April 6th 2012, just weeks away from his high school graduation. Following Ryan's death, the volume of people who shared with the White family how their lives were touched and impacted by Ryan's life, by his character, was so great that it brought an immeasurable amount of comfort to the family. It also brought an acute awareness to the fact that every single human being, no matter their age, makes an impression on others throughout their lives. Each and every one of us are truly Measured By our Character, and the impact our character has on others, is our legacy.

As always, it is an exciting time in Gunter ISD! Please let us know if there is ever anything we can do to make your child's experience the best it can be!

Dr. Jill Siler, Gunter ISD Superintendent

jsiler@gunterisd.org



Please help us in welcoming our new employees to GISD!



Tom Bremer (Band)
Texas Tech University
Formerly Head Band Director at Salado HS (13 years); Assistant at Marlin ISD, Tahoka ISD and Kermit ISD



Jessica Seay (ESL)
University of North Texas
Bilingual Teacher at Carrollton-Farmers Branch (4 yrs) and Dual Language Teacher at Prosper



Ron Patton - Gunter Grad (Bus Driver / Maintenance)
Former experience in maintenance, bus driving & an auto mechanic (25 years); ~ He once painted an automobile in Dr. Siler's office ... when it was an Ag Shop



Doug Garner (Grounds)
- Gunter Grad; Facilities Manager at First Baptist Church of Gunter; Ranch Manager for Prestonwood Baptist Church. Retired from Texas Instruments (35 yrs)



Kimber Elmore (Librarian / GT Teacher)
University of Texas at Austin
Managing Partner at J. Hilburn Men's Custom Clothing (Dallas, 5 years); Taught 2nd & 3rd Grade Math at The Lamplighter School, Dallas (5 years); also taught theatre arts & speech in Sherman



Christina Russell (Technology Aide)
Gunter Grad; University of Texas at Dallas / Grayson College; Teachers Assistant at a Montessori Academy



Shally Fisher (Preschool/Pre-K Aide)
Sam Houston State University
Pre-K Teacher at Care Quest in Kansas (3yrs); Celina Christian Preschool (3 yrs)



Mark Pelzel (ELA / Coach)
Gunter Grad; University of North Texas; Teacher / Coach for Pilot Point ISD (2 years); Served as Junior Class / Prom Sponsor; Head Basketball Coach, Denton Home School High School (5 years)



Jacqueline Miller (Mathematics)
Dallas Baptist University (played volleyball and softball in college); Taught at S&S (1 yr), Coleman (2 yrs) & Jacksboro (2 yrs)... Certified in 7 areas



Rebecca Egger (ELA)
Texas A&M University
Taught in Gunter from 2009-2012 and most recently Melissa ISD



Randy Miller (DAEP / Coach)
Gunter Grad; Bachelors at Texas Tech, Masters at Howard Payne; Played football in college at Southeastern; Defensive Coordinator at S&S; Coached at Howard Payne University; Coached at Jacksboro HS and Gunter HS



Tim Hardy (Math / Coach)
University of North Texas
Asst Varsity Basketball Coach at McKinney Boyd; Prosper ISD for 9 years; Career as a Business Analyst / Project Manager before teaching



Brad Schnitker (Ag / FFA)
 Texas A&M University
 FFA Teacher in Pampa (3 years),
 Plainview (2 years); County
 Extension Agent (11 years)



Maren Pelzel (3rd Grade)
 University of North Texas (Tom
 Bean HS Grad); Plano ISD
 Elementary Teacher (6 years)
 awarded RHES "New Teacher of
 the Year," 2009

A Teacher
 is a compass that activates
 the magnets of *curiosity*
knowledge & wisdom
 in the pupils.
 Ever Garrison



Crystal Smith
 (Kindergarten Teacher)
 Texas Women's University
 (played college softball)
 Dallas ISD (13 years – kinder,
 1st, 2nd, 4th)

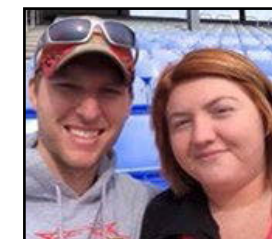
All part of one big TIGER family! #AMBUSH



Welcome to the Grayson County Co-op employees new to our GMS Campus



April Loewen
 - Austin College
 Been with Grayson County Sped
 Coop since 1998; Worked with
 PPCD in Howe and STC in
 Whitesboro; Will be the STC
 Teacher at Gunter Middle School



Craig Byrd
 - Texas State Technical College
 Previously been a Substitute for
 the Coop; Part-Time Bus Driver
 & STC Aide at Gunter MS

Gunter is Growing

That was the topic at the Gunter Community Forum held in our commons on August 17th.



The meeting welcomed over 100 guests who were greeted by the group president, L.D. Byrd. After enjoying refreshments by Fresh From My Oven, a local business, the meeting was opened with reports given by:

- Mayor, Tim Slattery
- Gunter ISD Superintendent, Dr. Jill Siler
- City of Celina Engineer, Gabe Johnson
- Marilee Water, Denny Brackeen
- Grayson County Judge, Bill Magers

The keynote speaker, State Rep. Larry Phillips spoke about growth as well. He mentioned a population growth for the area, along with growth of major businesses.

The next Gunter Community Group meeting will be a Veteran's Day celebration. We invite everyone to attend.



Gunter Library Distributes School Supplies

The Gunter Library and Museum, in coordination with the Gunter Community Food Pantry and the Valley Church of Christ, distributed school supplies to about 50 children from GUSD on Saturday, August 15. School supplies and money to purchase supplies was collected by Friends of the Gunter Library, a 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the Library and the Gunter Community. Summer reading programs have ended and we gave away a Kindle Fire HD, 2 Digiland Tablets, Hero Bags, and assorted items from our Treasure chest to registered adults and children. Watch for more fun and prizes next summer! Story Time is still ongoing with plenty of items left in our Treasure chests for children, plus activities and fun! Primary Story Time is on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and Bi-lingual Story Time on Tuesdays at 3:45 PM. We also have classes on computers, knitting, and genealogy and a book discussion club. See our website <http://www.gunterlibrary.com>

Save the date! The Gunter Library and Museum will be hosting a Chili Cook-off and Craft show October 24, 2015. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more details!



<http://gunterparksfoundation.com> P.O. Box 411, Gunter, Texas, 75058

COME EXPERIENCE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO CLIMB, TOUCH, SIT IN, AND SEE FIRST HAND REAL TRACTORS, BULLDOZERS, GARBAGE TRUCKS, FIRE TRUCKS, BACKHOES, AMBULANCES, AND HELICOPTERS!!!

FOOD AND FAMILY FUN

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW COMMUNITY-BUILT PLAYGROUND.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
THE GUNTER CITY PARK

\$5/PERSON OR \$20/FAMILY

RAIN DATE

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, EVENT WILL MOVE TO SEPTEMBER 26

**Gunter Girl Scouts
Kick-Off Party!
Tuesday, September 8th
6:00 PM @ Gunter Fire Station**



**Camp*Swaps*Crafts*Fun*Leadership skills*Friendships
For girls grades K – 12**

Parents and girls are invited to come join us and learn more!

Contacts:

Donna Harvey, scoutleader4christ@gmail.com, 940-367-0177

or

Chrissy Stephan, cstephan1@hotmail.com, 469-826-7967



**T-Shirt and GTFC Membership
order forms
are located
at the end
of this
edition of
The Tiger Times**

Print them off and get 'em turned it!

Remembering a Classmate



For there is hope of a tree; if it is cut down, it will come to life again, and its branches will not come to an end. Job 14:7

Emotional struggles are real. One year ago, GHS lost a student to a terrible tragedy: suicide. Having one student take their life is one too many, so the district decided to take action to help our students with their emotional struggles. An app was purchased for the counselors to use as a tool to give the child a voice that he/she might not otherwise have. It asks a series of questions that helps the counselor identify a student with possible emotional struggles. The app is called Assess MD, and has been put in the hands of each of our counselors. We want our students to know that we care about them. Please go to your counselor on your campus if you have any concerns you need to discuss. They will get you the help you need to push through your problem. Although the event may seem larger than life, it is temporary, and with proper help, can be dealt with. GHS senior, Matthew McAllister led the effort to plant a tree as a memorial to Giovanni. The tree was planted this past summer near the football practice field. Growing trees are strengthened when they withstand a storm. As this tree grows, let it be a reminder that through your "storms" in life, you will become a stronger person.

**Gunter Elementary PTO
1st Meeting of the Year
Don't miss it!**

**September 1st
5:15 PM**

**Gunter Elementary Class Meetings
September 1st**

**Kinder & 1st Grade - 6:00pm
2nd & 3rd Grade - 6:45 pm
4th Grade - 7:30 pm**

Help answer the
SCREAMS FOR ICE CREAM
— and enter Gunter's first —

ICE CREAM COMPETITION!

Gather your team
and get ready
to make your
DAIRY BEST...



...because the winners
of this competition
will receive
COLD CASH.



HERE'S THE SCOOP:
SCREAMING FOR ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

Supporting the Gunter ISD Foundation Trust (GIFT)

Date/Time: Sept 18 6:00pm to 7:15pm (in between Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Football)

Location: Gunter High School - "A" Hall (between gyms and stadium)

Cost to Enter: \$0

Cost to Eat/Judge: \$5

Registration: Due by Friday, Sept 11; Registration forms online at www.gunterisd.org/gift

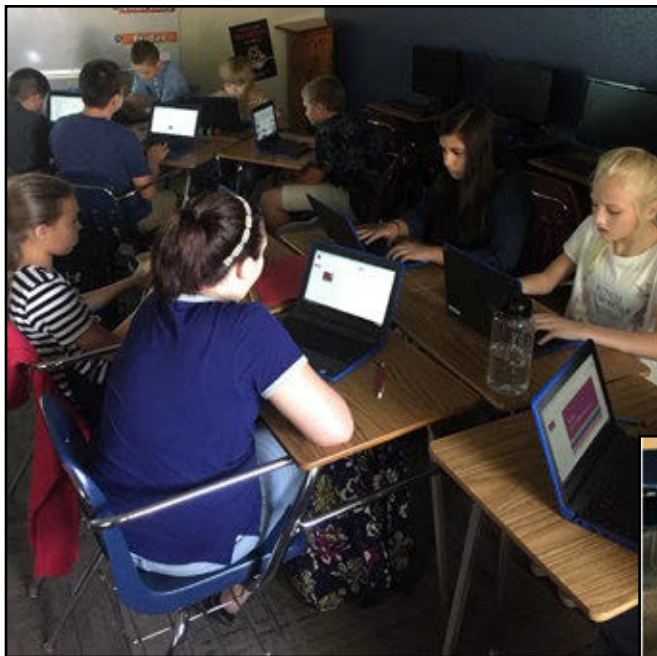
Prizes: 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50
Special prize for Best Theme (ice cream flavor and table decorations).

Community groups encouraged to participate!



GMS CAFETERIA GETS A FACELIFT

Given a blank wall and some paint, Shari Meyerdirk never ceases to amaze us! Shari has created some magical environments all around the district with her painting talent. This summer, one of her projects included the task to paint and revitalize the GMS cafeteria. We went from plain white walls to an exciting place to be. The cafeteria will be the place they come to “Refresh, Reignite, and Refuel” their minds and body! Thank you Shari for all of your hard work making the GMS cafeteria a place students will enjoy getting together.



Color Us Chrome

Gunter Middle School students are excited to get online to enhance their learning experience with the new Chromebook carts purchased this past summer. Mrs. Huntsman’s class is one of the first groups to use the cart, and LOVED them. Many thanks to the school board and Dr. Siler for making this purchase possible.

No “I” in TEAM

Science labs require students to work in teams. In order to have successful labs during the school year, Mrs. Bon’s 5th graders work on team building skills. These skills will help them learn to use everyone’s talent or skill during the lab to complete the assignment. After all, there is no “I” in team. A successful group encompasses the use of all the members talents.



Seniors! Take a LOOK !

T-SHIRTS



Senior t-shirts are on sale now, and must be ordered by the September 11th DEADLINE. Miss the deadline, miss the shirt. If you are paying in cash, you MUST pay in EXACT change. Mrs. Foster doesn't keep money in her room to make change.

ADS



Senior yearbook ads are on sale. Space is running out. See a yearbook staff member immediately if you wish to purchase an ad. The deadline is October 16th. Your AD COPY must be turned in by that date.

SLIDE SHOW PICS

October 2nd is the DEADLINE for pictures to be submitted for the annual "senior memory slide show" presented at the last pep rally. When submitting, please send 6 to 8 pictures from Kindergarten to present in a digital format. Please name them using the following naming scheme: <last name> <first name> <dateofpicture>. Date of picture meaning first grade, sophomore, summer 2005. Many pictures are often received as photo.jpg or image.jpg. Any pictures not named correctly will automatically be denied. We reserve the right to not use a picture for any reason. There is a time limit for the length of the video, so we must be selective in which pictures we use.

BABY PICS

October 30th. Senior casual and baby picture due. These are used in the yearbook and the slide show at graduation.

If you have questions about any senior information, you can always visit Mrs. Foster's website at this address: <http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/1786>



NOTICE: GHS STUDENTS MUST PURCHASE A PARKING PERMIT TO PARK ON CAMPUS

Three purposes for issuing Parking Permits:

- (1) Ensure the safety of our students, staff, and campus visitors by limiting access by vehicle to: a) licensed and b) insured motorists
- (2) Assist in funding surveillance and security protocols within and outside the school campus
- (3) Allocation of monies to support student activity groups and initiatives that benefit the entire campus.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a parking pass for \$15 per year. Students must display their sticker appropriately and park in designated areas.

All vehicles listed on their insurance card may be covered, however families with multiple student-drivers must purchase a sticker for each driver.

Students must present proof of insurance and Driver's License before being issued their tag.

Annual Cost of Student Parking Passes in Surrounding School Districts:

• Anna ISD	\$40
• Bells ISD	\$5
• Celina ISD	\$50
• Frisco ISD	\$25
• Gunter ISD	\$15
• Howe ISD	\$10
• Plano ISD	\$75
• Prosper ISD	\$40
• McKinney ISD	\$50
• Melissa ISD	\$15
• S&S ISD	\$2
• Sherman ISD	\$25
• Van Alstyne ISD	\$20

Everything Disney Dining Experience

Saturday, October 3, 2015
6 PM

High School Commons
Cost \$10.00

Come and enjoy an evening with
Disney Princesses and Disney Pixar Characters

More Details to come.



Middle School Choir Dates 7th & 8th Grade Choir

Sat. Oct. 17th - TMEA All Region Auditions- Mt. Pleasant- 5 AM
Mon. Oct. 19th - Fall Concert - GHS - 7 PM
Sat. Oct. 31st - Region Concert & Clinic- Mt. Pleasant High School- 5 AM
Sun. December 13th - Christmas Dinner Theatre - GHS- 12 Noon
Sat. January 30th - Solo & Ensemble - Greenville HS - 7 AM
Wed. April 6th - UIL Concert & SR Contest- Canton - TBA
Tues. May 17th - Spring Show GHS - 7 PM

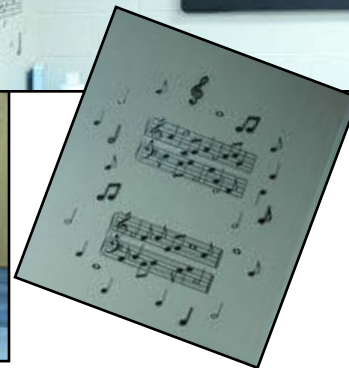
5th & 6th Grade Choir

Mon. Oct. 19th - Fall Concert GHS - 7 PM
Sun. Dec.13th - Christmas Dinner Theatre - GHS - 12 Noon
May 2016 - Sandy Lake Choir Contest - Carrollton, Texas- TBA
Tues. May 17th - Spring Show- GHS - 7 PM

Gunter High School Choir Dates:

Sat. Aug. 29 Start from Scratch Workshop - Kilgore College (\$15) - 6 AM
Sat. Sept. 5 TAMU/C Workshop A & M Commerce (\$10) - 7:30 AM
Sat. Oct. 3 Everything Disney Dining Experience - Gunter High School - 6 PM
Sat. Oct. 10 TMEA All-Region Auditions - Mt. Pleasant High - School - 5 AM
Mon. Oct. 19 Fall Concert - Gunter High School - 7 PM
Sat. Oct. 31 Region Concert & Clinic - Mt. Pleasant High School - 5 AM
Sat. Nov. 7 Pre Area & SSC Workshop - Mt. Pleasant High School - 6 AM
Nov.12/14 Musical - Gunter High School - 7 PM
Tues. Nov. 17 Pre Area Audition - Sunnyvale High School - 10 AM
Sun. Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner Theatre - Gunter High School - 12 Noon
Fri. Jan. 1 Branson Trip - Branson, MO - TBA
Sat. Jan. 9 Area Audition - A & M Commerce - 6 AM
Fri., Feb. 5 Solo & Ensemble - A & M Commerce - 10 AM
Tues. April 12 UIL Concert & SR Contest - Canton TBA
Sat. April 23 Hard Luck Choir Café - Gunter High School - 6 PM
Tues. May 17 Spring Show - Gunter High School - 7 PM

Thank you, Shari, for re-covering the sound boards in the choir room and decorating them with musical notes. They look great!



2015 FALL ATHLETIC TEAMS

Varsity Volleyball



JV Volleyball



Varsity
Football & Cheer



JV
Football
&
Cheer



Cross Country



Early in August, Zach Magers traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska for a swim meet. The course was long and very challenging. Zach competed in the 15-18 year old age bracket, and we are proud of his accomplishments!

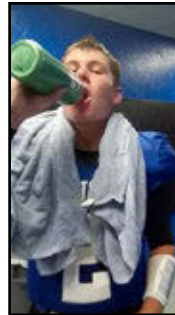
200 Meter Free	12th place	2:27.65
200 Meter Breast	6th place	3:14.42
400 Meter Free	6th place	5:21.80
50 Meter Free	23rd place	29.88



JV Football - Strong Start Against Boyd!

38 - 0

Texas temperature was 95° at game time. If you were hot in the stands, think about how hot it was on the field as a fully padded football player. With a unique inside look at half-time, you can see the boys were re-hydrating and cooling off before they took the field again to beat Boyd 38-0.



Competitive Fishing? YES, we do that!

GHS is now involved in competitive fishing. Their first competition is Sept 19th, and we are excited to cast off the results as soon as we get them!

Anyone interested should contact Mr. Schnitker at bschnitker@gunterisd.org

Varsity Football Great Win Against Boyd 30 - 14

... Let this season commence!

Captains Cade Meyerdirk and Jake Whitteker ready for the coin toss.



Volleyball Girls Back in Action!

8/18 Gunter vs. Melissa
JV White lost 24-26, 16-25
JV Blue won 18-25, 25-21, 25-9
Varsity won 25-20, 25 - 21, 25-22

8/21 Gunter vs. Blue Ridge
JV White lost 19-25, 25-22, 17-25
JV Blue lost 25-18, 8-25, 16-25
Varsity - NCTC Tournament—3rd

8/25 Gunter vs Celina
No JV White game
JV Blue won 25-19, 20-25, 26-24
Varsity won 25-19, 25-20, 25-23

8/28 Gunter vs Gainesville
JV White won 25-18, 25-4
JV Blue won 25-17, 25-17
Varsity won 25-17, 25-16, 25-18



The Gunter Lady Tigers beat Lindsay, lost to Callisburg, then beat Melissa to earn 3rd place in the NCTC Tournament.

CC Meet @ Denton

Girls 3200 - 87 Runners
Abby Gilbreath - 11th-13:53; Tina Stevens - 47th-16:07; Jackie Valadez - 48th - 16:17; Chloe Walton - 8th- 16:17; Courtney Pryor - 52nd-16:18

Varsity Boys Open - 254 Runners
Brandon Hunsaker-96th - 18:57
Quinten Layman - 217 - 21:51
Marcus Vulpitta - 220 - 22:56
Logan Nelson- 221st - 21:59; John Earwood - 226th - 22:08; Garrett Brummett - 243rd - 23:11; Tyler Scott - 248 - 24:24

Elite JV Boys—242 runners
John Dalton Rowe - 199 - 24:07; Kole Gillespie - 200 - 24:08; Alex Covington - 228 - 25:51; Brian Avendano - 235 - 28:27

HOME COMING

HAWAIIAN

STYLE



GHS & GMS Dress Up Days

- Monday: Twin Day
- Tuesday: Tropical Tuesday - Wear a Hawaiian Shirt
- Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday
- Thursday: Flip Flops & Sunglasses
- Friday Spirit Day



Aloha!

Homecoming Events

Wednesday:

6 PM - Tailgate Party at Tiger Field
(Food, Games, Fireworks, GT Lighting)

Friday:

9 AM - Pep Rally @ Tiger Field

1 PM - Early Release

1:45 PM - Parade Line Up

2:30 PM - Homecoming Parade
(Route: Park > 289 > GHS)

5 PM - Annual BBQ Supper
(Sponsored by the sophomore class)

5 PM - Volleyball Action
(Gunter vs S&S)

7 PM - Coronation

7:30 PM - FB Kick Off
(Gunter vs Bowie)

Saturday:

7 PM - GMS Homecoming Dance

8 PM - GHS Homecoming Dance

GHS Homecoming Dance

Sponsored by GHS Cheerleaders
Saturday, September 26th
Cost \$5.00 per person
8-12 PM



GMS Homecoming Dance

Sponsored by GHS Choir Department
Saturday, September 26th
Cost \$5.00 per person
7-10 PM



All parade participants need to submit their name and float to the Gunter Tiger Fan Club (guntertigerfanclub@gmail.com).

Please Note: The route of the parade has changed. It will begin at the park, travel down Hwy 289, and end at the N. parking lot of GHS. **Parents: For safety reasons, please park in the band parking lot, walk behind the school to the north parking lot and pick up your children from their floats. Do not park in the north lot.**

Gunter Graduates - Moving On



Congratulations to Troy Carrigan who recently signed with Central Christian College in Kansas.



Good luck to all of the Gunter Tigers who have signed on to play a sport at college.



Good luck to the class of 2015. Several students have moved into their first dorm room, and are ready to tackle the college adventure. *(Pictured) Kevin Teems moved in and ready to start his college journey at Seminole State.*



Thank you to all of the Gunter graduates who have moved on to the armed services. We appreciate all you have done and are doing for our country. Prayers for safety will follow you on your journey.

Pictured: Gunter graduate, Michael Burfield headed to Fort Hood. Thank you for your service, Michael.

TAILGATE PARTY FOR 10



TAILGATE PARTY RAFFLE

\$50/TICKET

What does it include?

- Choose your game: 10/16 or 11/6
- Dinner & Dessert for up to 10 people
- Tickets to the game included
- A really cool BUS to tailgate before the game





**Gunter Independent School District
Board Briefs**

Monday, July 23, 2015

GISD Regular Meeting

6:45pm – The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge were conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems & Ann Tolbert. Other staff and community members present.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A full Financial Report was given including account updates from Landmark Bank, Lone Star Investments, a General Operating Report, I&S Report, Grayson County Coop Report and a report from Workers Comp.

- Dr. Siler presented a Capital Projects Update. Completed projects include a new data server room; new carpet at the middle school and high school Ag room; computer upgrades; technology infrastructure upgrade; purchase of student Chromebook cart. Updates were also given regarding the band parking lot, roof repairs, middle school sound system and parking lot lights.
- Dr. Siler shared the 2015-2016 Budget Development. The final budget will be presented on Aug. 10th. Revenues have increased due to increased property values, increased enrollment and several legislative changes. Several positions have been added. The district will present a surplus budget that includes compensation increases on Aug. 10th.
- Communications: Dr. Siler shared the following upcoming dates with the Board:
 - 2015-2016 Future Board Agenda
 - Monday, Aug. 10th, Public Hearing on Tax Rate and Budget, 6:15pm
 - Monday, Aug. 10th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:30pm
 - Thursday, Aug. 13th, New Employee Orientation, 8:30am
 - Monday, Aug. 17th, Convocation, 8-10am

BOARD MEMBER REPORT –

- TASA/TASB Convention – October 2-4 in Austin

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

- Minutes were approved for June 9th and 11th
- Bills and Amendments for the month of June were approved

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved to increase lunch prices to meet the Paid Lunch Equity Regulation as follows: Elementary School - \$2.60 (increased \$0.10); Middle School - \$2.65 (increased \$0.05); High School - \$2.80 (increased \$0.05)
- The Board Tabled the Walton Group Agreement for further discussion. The Walton Group proposed to donate three school sites and donate funds for every lot sold to be given to the Kerfoot Trust. This agreement would replace the original agreement with the original

MUD. The Board will review the new proposal in comparison with the initial agreement and will bring this item back for action in a later meeting.

- The Board reviewed the Drug Testing Program for Positive Results and the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Dr. Siler and Mr. Teems shared the differences between the two policies and highlighted areas that could be adjusted to bring the policies into alignment. These policies will be brought back for action at the Aug. 10 meeting.
- The Board designated Dr. Siler as the overseer of the EDGAR Federal Programs Policy Manual.
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Migrant and PFS Action Plan.
- The Board approved to add, revise and delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by the TASB Policy Service according to the TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 102.
- The Board approved the Resolution for Hazardous Traffic Conditions for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Board approved the Proposed Budget and Tax Hearing for Monday, Aug. 10th, 6:15pm in the Administration Office. The proposed tax rate remains unchanged at \$1.17 for M&O and \$.45 for I&S for a total of \$1.62.
- The Board approved the Teacher Salary Schedule and a Compensation Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year. These changes included an overall increase of 4.5% for all staff, a \$300 increase towards insurance premiums, adjusting the coaching stipends to a flat rate in lieu of additional days, increasing the stipend for instructional staff with a Masters degree from \$500 to \$1,000 and raising the base of the teacher salary schedule to \$40,000. The total cost for these compensation adjustments is \$290,000.

CLOSED SESSION in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.001.

8:37pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel. 9:27pm reconvened from closed session.

- The Board reviewed and adjusted the superintendent contract.
- Dr. Siler shared that the following employees had resigned:
 - Kallie Essary – MS Math Teacher
 - Ricky Taylor – HS English Teacher and Coach
 - Olivia Vest – District ESL Teacher
 - Justin Wallis – HS & MS Band Teacher/ Director
- The Board approved hiring the following employees for the 2015-2016 school year:
 - Karen Cooke – ES Kindergarten Teacher
 - Rebecca Egger – HS English Teacher
 - Jacqueline Miller – MS Math Teacher
 - Jessica Seay – District ESL Teacher
- The Board approved hiring Thomas Bremer as the HS & MS Band Teacher/Director.
- The Board approved to hire Casey Vaneste as a Special Education Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year.

Board Adjourned 9:36pm



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Monday, Aug. 10, 2015

6:15pm – Budget & Tax Hearing | 6:30pm – Regular Meeting

GISD Budget & Tax Public Hearing

6:15pm - The Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE

Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas and Scott Meyerdirk; Candy Leonard Steve Smith absent. District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Christy Nolen and Ann Tolbert.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Public Hearing
 - Review the Proposed Grayson County Special Education Co-op SSA 2015-2016 Budget.
 - Review the Gunter ISD Proposed 2015-2016 Budget.
 - Review the Proposed 2015-2016 Tax Rate.

Hearing adjourned at approximately 6:30pm

GISD Regular Meeting

6:30pm – The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge were conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd, Board Member.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas and Scott Meyerdirk; Candy Leonard Steve Smith was absent. District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler and Ann Tolbert

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A full Financial Report was given including account updates from Landmark Bank, Lone Star Investments, a General Operating Report, I&S Report, Grayson County Coop Report and a report from Workers Comp
- A Facilities / Construction Update was given. Band Parking lot is completed and will be sprayed in the next few days. Parking lot lights are coming within the next few weeks. Most repairs will be completed prior to the start of school. Event Center floor (insurance repair from the flood) is complete.
- Back to School Update was given. GISD is anticipating between 810-830 students which is an increase of 50+ students from where we should have ended.
- Communications: Dr. Siler shared the following items with the Board:
 - New Staff Orientation – Aug. 13th, 8:15am
 - Convocation – Aug. 17th, 8:30am – 10:00am, 8:00am Breakfast
 - Upcoming Dates –
 - Sept. 14th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Oct. 19th, FIRST Hearing, 5:45pm
 - Oct. 19th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Nov. 16th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Dec. 14th, TAPR Hearing, 5:45pm
 - Dec. 14th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Jan. 19th, Sch. Bd. Appreciation Dinner, 5:30pm
 - Jan. 19th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm

- Dr. Siler shared that she was selected to take part in the TASA Future-Ready Superintendents Leadership Network which is a small group of superintendents who will travel to various industries to see exceptional leadership strategies in motion.
- The GISD School Board was honored for receiving the Region 10 nomination for School Board of the Year.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT – Candy Leonard will be the GISD School Board Representative on GIFT

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes & Billing were approved for July 23, 2015 Minutes, July 2015 Billing & July 2015 Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Grayson County Special Education Co-op SSA Budget for 2015-2016 as presented in the hearing.
- The Board approved the Gunter ISD Budget for 2015-2016 as noted below. This includes a 4.5% compensation increase for all staff:

	General Operating 199	Debt Service 599	Food Service 240	TOTALS
Anticipated Revenues:	\$7,521,307	\$1,194,716	\$395,445	\$9,111,468
Anticipated Expenditures:	\$7,446,620	\$1,215,230	\$383,319	\$9,045,169
Difference:	\$74,687 <i>surplus</i>	-\$20,514 <i>deficit</i>	\$12,126 <i>surplus</i>	\$66,299 <i>surplus</i>

**The \$20,514 deficit is covered by the I&S Fund Balance*

- The Board approved to notify the Commissioner to accept the Fractional Funding Adjustment.
- The Board approved the proposed tax rate of \$1.62 which is a 0% increase to the total tax rate. M & O at \$1.17 and I & S at \$0.45.
- The Board discussed the Kerfoot Trust and options for staying within the cap for disbursements.
- The Board approved the Extracurricular Code of Conduct as presented. There were minimal changes to this policy (*requires parent mtg for 2nd offense & beyond*)
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Drug Testing Policy as presented. These changes increased the length of suspension and other consequences for a positive test (*actual suspensions include 21 days, 6 wks, 6 mos, 1 yr*)
- The Board approved the 2015-16 Student Handbooks for all campuses.
- The Board approved the 2015-16 Student Code of Conduct for GISD.

Closed Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074.

7:32pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

8:30pm reconvened from closed session.

- Board approved to hire Crystal Smith – Kindergarten Teacher
- The Board approved amendments to Superintendent Contract as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:36pm

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	31  	1 5p JV VB @ Sanger	2	3 6p JV FB @ Pottsboro	4 9:55a GHS Pep Rally 7:30p V FB @ Home	5 CC @ Farmersville THEA All Region
V VB in Florida @ESPN Tournament						
6	7 Holiday  Labor Day	8 5p VB @ Home	9	10 GHS Picture Day 4:30p MS FB @ Home 5p MS VB @ Whitesboro 7p JV FB @ Home	11 5p VB @ Whitesboro 7:30 V FB @ Whitesboro  Patriot Day	12 CC @ Myers Park-McKinney
13	14 5p MS VB @ Howe 6p School Bd. Mtg.	15 5p VB @ Howe	16	17 4:30p MS FB @ Pilot Point	18 5p VB @ Home 6p Screams for Ice Cream 7:30 V FB @ Home 	19 CC @ Grand Prairie
20	21 5p MS VB @ Home	22 5p VB @ Home	23 6p Tailgate Party	24 4:30 MS FB @ Bowie 7p JV FB @ Bowie	25 Homecoming 9a Pep Rally 1p Early Release 1:45p Parade Line up 2:30p Parade 5p VB @ Home 5p BBQ Supper 7p Coronation 7:30 V FB @ Home	26 CC @ Pottsboro JV VB @ Gainesville 7p GMS Dance 8p GHS Dance
27 4p As We Pray & Four Seasons of the Soul Performance	28 5p MS VB @ Home	29 5p VB @ Callisburg	30	1	2	3

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As We Pray & Four Seasons of the Soul

Sunday, September 27, 2015

4:00pm 6:00pm

Gunter High School Commons

Ballet 5:8's first visit to Texas will a special time of worship though dance. The two works are highly different in style: *As We Pray* is set to Christian contemporary music, while *Four Seasons* is highly technical, intense and neoclassical in its character. Nonetheless, the two works are relatable and deeply reflective. *As We Pray* takes audiences through the Lord's Prayer though movement, while *Four Seasons* meditates on life from the perspective of the bigger picture. Make sure to join us for this beautiful experience in dance! For more information and ticket information, visit the website at:

<http://www.ballet58.org/performances/as-we-pray-four-seasons-of-the-soul/2015>

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR ABILITY IS, EFFORT IS WHAT IGNITES THAT ABILITY AND TURNS IT INTO ACCOMPLISHMENT

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District



GUNTER TIGER FAN CLUB

Membership form 2015-2016

GTFC supports all Gunter Athletics Grade 7-12th

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:
(check one)

\$250 ALL SPORTS

• Passes for 2 adults plus non-athlete students to all GMS, Freshman, JV and Varsity home games (excludes tournaments)

• **2 items:**

- Blue & white Cap
 White Cap



Gray dry-fit collared shirt with GT logo
Women size _____
Men size _____



\$100 PICK YOUR SPORT

- Volleyball
 Football
 Basketball

• Passes for 2 adults plus non-athlete students to all GMS, Freshman, JV and Varsity home games (excludes tournaments)

• **Choose 1 item:**

Blue & white Cap
 White Cap
 Gray dry-fit collared shirt with GT logo
Women size _____
Men size _____

\$25 BLACK

• Weekly newsletter

\$10 GISD EMPLOYEE

• Weekly newsletter

Membership & Season Pass Form

First Name

Last Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number(s)

E-mail(s)

Student Names:

Name Grade 2015-16

Name Grade 2015-16

Name Grade 2015-16

Name Grade 2015-16

Thank You for your membership and volunteering to help our kids and school.

Web site: GunterTigerFanClub.org

Email: GunterTigerFanClub@gmail.com

Membership forms must be received by GTFC by Sept 9 in order to receive requested GTFC Membership items.

VOLUNTEER INTEREST: (circle items)

Concessions

Varsity JV/7th&8th

GTFC Merchandise

Football program sales for home games

Football program committee

Homecoming Committee

Athletic Banquet Committee

Golf Tournament Committee

Assist with food for away games and/or locker decorations:

Football

Volleyball

Cross country

Cheerleading

Power lifting

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

Swimming

Golf

Tennis

Baseball

Softball

Track

After Prom Party

Assist with HS Teacher Appreciation

Assist with MS Teacher Appreciation

PAYABLE BY CHECK OR CASH:

Make checks payable to:
Gunter Tiger Fan Club

Mail form to:

Gunter Tiger Fan Club
P.O. Box 157
Gunter, TX 75058

Any questions, please contact:
GTFC President - Scott Meyerdirk
Scott_Meyerdirk@Dell.com

Child Name _____

Parent Name _____

School _____

Phone _____

Grade/Teacher _____

Gunter Spirit Wear

GMS Students that purchase T-shirt will receive one Friday gym shorts pass.



ROYAL BLUE WITH WHITE AND GREY LOGO

- 50/50 \$10
- Performance \$12
available in Men's and Ladies sizes – circle one
- Ultimate Perf \$17
- TriBlend (Adult only - no 3XL) \$17

YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

Add \$2 for 2XL • Add \$4 for 3XL



ROYAL BLUE WITH WHITE AND PINK LOGO

- 50/50 \$10
- Performance \$12
available in Men's and Ladies sizes – circle one
- Ultimate Perf \$17
- TriBlend (Adult only - no 3XL) \$17

YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

Add \$2 for 2XL • Add \$4 for 3XL



ROYAL BLUE WITH WHITE DISTRESSED LOGO

- 50/50 \$10
- Performance \$12
available in Men's and Ladies sizes – circle one
- Ultimate Perf \$17
- TriBlend (Adult only - no 3XL) \$17

YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

Add \$2 for 2XL • Add \$4 for 3XL

Thank you for supporting Gunter Middle School!

Order Forms due Sept. 10, 2015 • Checks payable GMS PTO

Forms can be turned in to the GMS office.

Name: _____ Ph. Number: _____

Teacher: _____ School: (Circle one) Elementary / Middle / H.S.

#1



White T-Shirt Royal Print
\$10 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$10 _____ Total @ \$12 _____

#2




Black T-Shirt Royal/Silver Shimmer Print
\$12 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$12 _____ Total @ \$14 _____

#3




Royal T-Shirt White Print
\$12 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$12 _____ Total @ \$14 _____

#4



GT Filled w/ TIGERS
White T-Shirt Royal Print
\$10 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$10 _____ Total @ \$12 _____

#5



Grey T-Shirt Royal Print
\$10 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$10 _____ Total @ \$12 _____

#6



Dark Grey Dri-Fit
White / Royal Front Print
White Tag Print
Short Sleeve \$15 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$15 _____ Total @ \$17 _____

Long Sleeve \$20 (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL

Total @ \$20 _____ Total @ \$22 _____

!!!2015 GTFC Spirit Wear Fundraiser!!!
Order Forms are Due: **Wednesday Sept 9th**
Make Checks Payable to: **GTFC**

Total:\$ _____

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone: _____

School: Elm. GMS GHS
(circle one)

GTFC Fundraiser



White Long Sleeve 95%Poly/5% Spandex (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

PRICE	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL
\$20									

Grey Long Sleeve 95%Poly/5% Spandex (Add \$2)(Add \$2)

PRICE	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL	3XL
\$20									

TOTAL: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GTFC

ORDER FORMS DUE: Wednesday Sept. 9th