

GALESBURG-AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL

January 2019

Principal: Christie Robinson

Dean of Students: Brian Dolph

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

~Brene Brown

After School Credit Recovery

The second session of After School Credit Recovery (ASCR) is starting January 28, 2019. ASCR is for any student who may have fallen behind in credits and/or needs to repeat a graduation requirement. Applications are available in the high school offices and on the school website.



2019-2020 Scheduling

The high school staff has been reviewing an alternative to the current bell schedule for the 19-20 school year.

Ms. Lake will be meeting with students to discuss scheduling for next school year. Students will request elective courses through the StudentVue online portal. Core courses are determined by current subject teachers. We encourage you to review the scheduling informational packet with your student and assist them in submitting elective course requests. All EFE, EFA, and EMC applications are due March 8, 2019.

Stay tuned for additional information!

Powderpuff Volleyball

The high school positive behavior team is sponsoring the 2019 Powderpuff Volleyball game on February 6, 2019. Come out for a fun, athletic, and entertaining night of volleyball where the senior boys take on the junior boys! Cost for admission is \$3.00, all proceeds to benefit positive behavior celebrations and rewards.



Final Exams

First Semester final exams are rapidly approaching!! Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, January 23: 1st, 2nd, & 5th hour exams

Thursday, January 24: 3rd, 4th, & 6th hour exams

Friday, January 25: 7th hour exam & Make Up

Reading Counts Points



The English department is dedicated to building the love of reading and the foundational skills reading provides for a student. Reading Counts points are a part of a student's English grade for 9th, 10th, and 11th. Reading Counts points are due for all students by January 22, 2019.

Junior Parents!

The counseling department is available during conferences to have a guided conversation about your student's future. If you and your student would like to meet with Ms. Wahla and Ms. Lake for future planning, please schedule a meeting with them during conferences on 2/27 or 2/28.

Juniors should be investigating the following things this semester:

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



Upcoming Dates and Events

January 18-19: Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet

January 21: School Board Meeting

January 23-25: Exams

January 25: First Semester Ends (half day)

January 28: Second Semester Begins (half day)

February 1: Online Conference Registration Opens

February 6: Powderpuff Male Volleyball

February 15: NHS Blood Drive 8:00-2:00

February 18: Ferris Campus Visit

February 19: Delayed Start

February 27: Early Middle College Presentation 5:00-6:00

February 27: Conferences 4-8pm

February 28: ½ Day, Conferences 1-4 pm & 5-8pm

March 8: EMC/EFE/EFA Applications due!!

Spring Testing!

Spring testing will be:

April 9: 11th graders (others do not attend)

April 10: 9th-11th graders (12th arrive at 11:15)

It is mandatory for all students to participate in the testing cycle every year. The school board of Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools states all students must put forth their best effort in order for the test to be considered valid. We ask families to **avoid** scheduling appointments and/or vacations during that time.

Attendance

As we approach the beginning of a new semester, remember that absences and tardies will start fresh!

We have a 10 absence policy per semester. Letters are sent when a student reaches 6 absences in a class as reminder that they are approaching the 10 absence threshold. If a student reaches 10 absences in a class, a letter is sent home and the student will meet with Mrs. Robinson as well. A student may be putting themselves in jeopardy of losing credit in that class when they reach 10 absences. Please refer to the student handbook for details.

We take attendance very seriously. It is the main job in the life of any school age child. When a student is repeatedly late or absent without an acceptable excuse, we look at reporting them for truancy.

Please remember, if your student is absent for any reason, please excuse the absence within 2 school days by phone call or sending in a note.

~Mrs. Groetsema

PSAT & Khan Academy

All students will be provided their fall 2018 PSAT scores and guided on how to link their reports to Khan Academy and College Board. When the student links their Khan Academy and College Board account, all of their PSAT scores merge with Khan Academy. The data is to make personalized PSAT/SAT practice based on areas of improvement. This tool is crucial; studies show that if a student practices on Khan Academy for just 10 minutes a day, their SAT score could raise around 100 points. The SAT is extremely

important to get into college, earn scholarships, and enroll in trade schools.

Important Senior Dates!!

CLASS 2019 Senior Cap & Gown Orders – Already submitted in person. All orders must be placed online at www.jostens.com

Senior Pictures for Yearbook – Already submitted

Senior Trip Mandatory Meeting – March 13 at 6:30

½ Day Seniors report at 11:15am - April 10

Senior Class Trip - April 18-21

Senior Band Concert and Awards - May 8

Awards Assembly - May 23 1:30

Senior Exams - May 29, 30, 31

Senior Breakfast, Parade and Rehearsal - June 7

Graduation - June 7

Senior Trip 2019

We are quickly approaching our departure date of April 18th for another amazing senior trip to Florida!

Dates to remember:

February 1, 2019 - final trip payment is due to Mrs. Groetsema

March 13, 2019 - 6:30pm - MANDATORY senior trip meeting with ALL seniors and their parent! Meeting will be in the high school cafeteria and last no longer than 1 hour. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan on attending.

April 17, 2019 - all student luggage is due by noon to the high school - location to be announced.

April 18-21, 2019 - SENIOR CLASS TRIP



Cyberbullying in the State of Michigan

As a district, we see an increasing amount of social media negativity with our students. It is important to remember all forms of cyberbullying are not just a school violation; they are a violation of the law. As stated by the Legislative Council:

Cyberbullying Law in Michigan

750.411s Posting message through electronic medium; prohibitions; penalty; exceptions; definitions.

Sec. 411s.

(1) A person shall not post a message through the use of any medium of communication, including the internet or a computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network, or other electronic medium of communication, without the victim's consent, if all of the following apply:

(a) The person knows or has reason to know that posting the message could cause 2 or more separate noncontinuous acts of unconsented contact with the victim.

(b) Posting the message is intended to cause conduct that would make the victim feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

(c) Conduct arising from posting the message would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress and to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

(d) Conduct arising from posting the message causes the victim to suffer emotional distress and to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a crime as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(b) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both:

(i) Posting the message is in violation of a restraining order and the person has received actual notice of that restraining order or posting the message is in violation of an injunction or preliminary injunction.

(ii) Posting the message is in violation of a condition of probation, a condition of parole, a

condition of pretrial release, or a condition of release on bond pending appeal.

(iii) Posting the message results in a credible threat being communicated to the victim, a member of the victim's family, or another individual living in the same household as the victim.

(iv) The person has been previously convicted of violating this section or section 145d, 411h, or 411i, or section 6 of 1979 PA 53, MCL 752.796, or a substantially similar law of another state, a political subdivision of another state, or of the United States.

(v) The victim is less than 18 years of age when the violation is committed and the person committing the violation is 5 or more years older than the victim.

(3) This section does not apply to an internet or computer network service provider who in good faith, and without knowledge of the specific nature of the message posted, provides the medium for disseminating information or communication between persons.

(4) The court may order a person convicted of violating this section to reimburse this state or a local unit of government of this state for the expenses incurred in relation to the violation in the same manner that expenses may be ordered to be reimbursed under section 1f of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1f.

(5) This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law committed by that person while violating or attempting to violate this section.

(6) This section does not prohibit constitutionally protected speech or activity.

(7) A person may be prosecuted in this state for violating or attempting to violate this section only if 1 of the following applies:

(a) The person posts the message while in this state.

(b) Conduct arising from posting the message occurs in this state.

(c) The victim is present in this state at the time the offense or any element of the offense occurs.

(d) The person posting the message knows that the victim resides in this state.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) "Computer" means any connected, directly interoperable or interactive device, equipment, or facility that uses a computer program or other

instructions to perform specific operations including logical, arithmetic, or memory functions with or on computer data or a computer program and that can store, retrieve, alter, or communicate the results of the operations to a person, computer program, computer, computer system, or computer network.

(b) "Computer network" means the interconnection of hardware or wireless communication lines with a computer through remote terminals, or a complex consisting of 2 or more interconnected computers.

(c) "Computer program" means a series of internal or external instructions communicated in a form acceptable to a computer that directs the functioning of a computer, computer system, or computer network in a manner designed to provide or produce products or results from the computer, computer system, or computer network.

(d) "Computer system" means a set of related, connected or unconnected, computer equipment, devices, software, or hardware.

(e) "Credible threat" means a threat to kill another individual or a threat to inflict physical injury upon another individual that is made in any manner or in any context that causes the individual hearing or receiving the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety or the safety of another individual.

(f) "Device" includes, but is not limited to, an electronic, magnetic, electrochemical, biochemical, hydraulic, optical, or organic object that performs input, output, or storage functions by the manipulation of electronic, magnetic, or other impulses.

(g) "Emotional distress" means significant mental suffering or distress that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

(h) "Internet" means that term as defined in section 230 of title II of the communications act of 1934, chapter 652, 110 Stat. 137, 47 U.S.C. 230.

(i) "Post a message" means transferring, sending, posting, publishing, disseminating, or otherwise communicating or attempting to transfer, send, post, publish, disseminate, or otherwise communicate information, whether truthful or untruthful, about the victim.

(j) "Unconsented contact" means any contact with another individual that is initiated or continued without that individual's consent or in

disregard of that individual's expressed desire that the contact be avoided or discontinued. Unconsented contact includes any of the following:

(i) Following or appearing within sight of the victim.

(ii) Approaching or confronting the victim in a public place or on private property.

(iii) Appearing at the victim's workplace or residence.

(iv) Entering onto or remaining on property owned, leased, or occupied by the victim.

(v) Contacting the victim by telephone.

(vi) Sending mail or electronic communications to the victim through the use of any medium, including the internet or a computer, computer program, computer system, or computer network.

(vii) Placing an object on, or delivering or having delivered an object to, property owned, leased, or occupied by the victim.

(k) "Victim" means the individual who is the target of the conduct elicited by the posted message or a member of that individual's immediate family.

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As a school, we will continue to support our students in any way we can for their safety and wellbeing. However, as a parent/guardian, it is imperative to monitor the types of interactions that are taking place between your student and his/her peers. In the event you believe there are possible issues as previously stated, your best avenue of deterrent is contacting local law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Christie L. Robinson

Christie Robinson, Principal

