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GCHS Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

May 7
PROMMay 10
School Board MeetingMay 13-14
Musical 7pmMay 15
Dinner & Music GES 5pmMay 22
Spring Choral ConcertMay 24-25
Science FairMay 30
Memorial Day No SchoolJune 2
Honor Day
Last Day for StudentsJune 4
Class of 2016 GraduationJune 8
Summer School Begins

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2016 Academic and/or Technical Honor Recipients



On Monday, April 4th, sixty-eight seniors received recognition for their academic achievements. A banquet was held in the GCHS cafeteria, catered by Deb Sellers.

Guest speaker for

the evening was Pirate alumni, Dr. Craig Martin, local veterinarian. He spoke to the seniors about what to expect going into college and some of the pitfalls they might encounter. He gave some advice on how to get involved in activities and get out of one's comfort zone.

After dinner, seniors received either a technical medallion, an academic medallion, or both awards. The evening was sponsored by our partner in education, MainSource Bank. Congratulations to the recipients of this honor from the class of 2016!

Senior Receives Indiana Academic All-Star Award

On Tuesday, April 26th, Senior Nicole Ploeger was honored at the Indiana Roof Ballroom for her academic achievements.

Accompanying her for this prestigious luncheon were her brother, Shane, parents, John and Wanda Ploeger, Principal Grant Peters, retired Math teacher Carol Boing and Counseling Advisor, Sue Aufenburgh.

The Indiana Academic All-Stars is a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals, in partnership with Franklin College, Indiana University, Marian University, and Purdue University. Nicole's future plans are to attend University of Cincinnati to pursue a degree in Medical Science.



Guidance Updates



CLASS OF 2017 PARENT MEETING

Class of 2017 parents are invited to a Guidance Department Program designed to provide information concerning their child's senior year and an overview of the postsecondary admissions process. This program will be offered on Monday, August 1 beginning at 6:30 PM in the high school auditorium.



Right now is the time to explore post-secondary education possibilities and make visits. Once that senior year begins it will be time to apply and meet deadlines.

Items to be discussed at this August meeting will include educational opportunities, postsecondary admission requirements, admission procedures, e-transcripts, financial aid, and scholarship availability. The senior year of high school will include filling out applications and following proper procedures. A list of guidelines will be provided. As you become familiar with this information it will enable you to assist your child during his/her senior year. Mark your calendar now for August 1, 2016! Seniors will be receiving this same information the second week of school during seminar periods.

GREENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HONOR DAY PROGRAM

The GCHS Honor Day Program will be held on **Thursday, June 2 beginning at 9:15 AM in the high school auditorium.** Parents, relatives, and friends are invited to attend.



2016 SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School will begin on Wednesday, June 8 and conclude on Wednesday, July 10. No more than three absences from Summer School for any reason will be permitted (540 minutes). There is only one summer school session. The class session runs from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes will be meeting at the Greensburg Community Learning Center. Students who signed up for summer classes when they enrolled for courses for next school year are expected to fulfill their commitment. Summer school class lists will be posted in early May.

SAT – JUNIORS HAVE YOU TAKEN IT?

The SAT will be given on Saturday, June 4th. The closest testing sites are Columbus East and Seymour. The registration deadline is Thursday, May 5th. Juniors who have not taken the SAT need to be aware that this will be the last opportunity to test until next October. Register now! Go to www.sat.collegeboard.org/register.

NEED TO TAKE THE ACT TEST?

The ACT will be given on Saturday, June 11th. The closest testing sites are Columbus East and Connersville. The registration deadline is Friday, May 6th. If a junior is going to take this test, he/she needs to take the “ACT Plus Writing”. Go to www.actstudent.org/start to register.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Students enrolled in the following classes during this current school year: Ag Power, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Entrepreneurship, AP Statistics, AP US History, AP World History, Pre-Calculus, Finite Math, Pre-Calculus/Trig, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, AP English Language & Composition, English 12/7A-8A, Spanish Level I, Spanish Level II, Spanish Level III, Spanish Level IV, French Level I, French Level II, Principles of Business Management, Earth & Space Science, Education Professions I, PLTW Intro to Engineering Design, PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing, PLTW Principles of Engineering, Computers in Design & Production, Introduction to Design Processes, Information Communications & Technology II, Computer Illustration & Graphics, Digital Design, HIRE Technology / Advanced Manufacturing I, and COMM 101 Fundamentals of Public Speaking have had the opportunity to sign up to earn dual credit with IVY Tech. Each agreement stipulates that in order for a student to earn dual credit he/she must earn a C- or above (please note: some dual credit classes have a higher grade requirement) in the high school course and, specific classes must meet a testing requirement (PSAT, SAT, or Accuplacer Test).



After grades are calculated at the end of this school year and test scores are verified, dual credit will be awarded. It is the individual student's responsibility to request a transcript be sent from IVY Tech to the student's post-secondary educational choice upon completion of high school.

Shortly after graduation each senior will receive an updated list of the dual credit awarded and also instructions on how to request an IVY Tech transcript. **Remember graduates must be responsible to request a transcript be sent from IVY Tech to their school choice.** Class of 2016 watch your mailbox!



IMPORTANT END OF THE YEAR DATES

May 27	Senior Finals
May 30	No School (Memorial Day)
May 31	Senior Finals
June 1	Underclass Finals
June 2	Underclass Finals
	Honor Day
June 4	Graduation
June 8	Summer School Begins

Band News

Jazz Band Performs at Jazz Fest

GCHS Jazz Band traveled to Muncie, Indiana to perform on Ball State's campus at the Dimensions Jazz Festival. Students had the chance to work with Mo Trout from Purdue University and Marlin McKay from Western Kentucky University during the clinic. Pictured to the left is the GCHS Jazz Band with soloist Nathan Emsweller.



Concert Band Earns Gold

The Pirate Concert Band competed in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) concert competition this spring. GCHS received a gold rating for the first time in several years.



Join the Band for Dinner & Music

Join the GCHS Concert and Jazz Band for dinner and music Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 pm in the Greensburg Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from band students or Mr. Maupin. This concert is one last chance for the GCHS Band Program to showcase their talents and their skills for family and friends. The concert will include performances by the GCHS concert band and jazz band during dinner. The meal will consist of ham, potatoes, green beans, salad, and roll. Come on out to the end of the year dinner concert!

Contact Mr. Maupin for any details at 8121-663-7176 x-1049 or by email at jmaupin@greensburg.k12.in.us.

Choral News

Musical

Come join us for this year's musical, *Cinderella* on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at 7pm in the GCHS Goddard Auditorium.

General admission tickets will go on sale 30 minutes before the shows start.



Adult tickets are \$8 and students K-12 are \$6. As always, kids 5 and under are free! Join Erika Fixmer as Cinderella, her stepmother, Kate Porter, two stepsisters Abby Bausback and Logan Hamer, Godmother, Rylie Smith, Prince, Jadrian Woods, and many others to see if "Impossible" dreams can come true!

Spring Choir Concert

The Spring Choir Concert will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 3pm in the GCHS Goddard Auditorium. This year's theme is songs from musicals. So join us for a free afternoon of music from some of your favorite shows such as "Grease," "West Side Story," "Hairspray," and many others!



“Learn By Doing” GCHS Agriculture Program

“Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I’ll learn”. Whether you believe it was Benjamin Franklin or Confucius said these words, “Learning by Doing” is a major pillar of the educational philosophy at the GCHS Agriculture Department. As a matter of fact, here at the Agriculture Department, we are “All About Learning by Doing”. Throw in a healthy dose of community-minded “Living to Serve” and the student-driven results are pretty amazing.

In addition to qualifying for the State Soil Completion, Plant & Soil Science students also used their finely honed skills to assist the Aspen Place Health Care Center to test soil samples in the facility’s raised bed gardens. Students hung around afterwards to visit with retired farmer residents and learn more about the agricultural practices of old. Greensburg FFA members returned to Aspen Place a couple weeks later to help with Farm Animal Day, giving all residents a chance to see, smell and touch the livestock common on farms.

In an effort to provide all residents of Decatur County with easy access to reading material, agriculture students partnered with the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library and secured a grant to fund the building of fifteen “Little Free Libraries” - a birdhouse-like structure where people borrow/leave books. Service Learning Agriculture students oversaw the project and presented to various businesses and found host sites. Agriculture Power students worked hard during the winter months to build the small libraries, and Introduction to Agriculture students painted the structures. Look for these LFL’s coming soon to a street corner near you!



The Greensburg Ag Dept/FFA is a major player in the National FFA Organization's “Living to Serve” portfolio. The latest project is converting one of GCHS’s empty courtyards into a raised bed garden. Building and setting up these raised beds required all hands on deck and all agri-



culture students were involved. We look forward to the soil going in and the vegetables growing up. Produce will be routed to the Nutrition & Wellness classes to teach Pirates how to prepare meals with fresh vegetables. In addition to agriculture and FACS, the raised beds will provide hands-on educational opportunities to our Science Department as well.

Just to give a quick glimpse, next year’s projects will include, but are in no way limited to: a Monarch butterfly way-station; ATV Safety video; Farm-to-School Cafe & Outdoor classroom; wildlife habitat improvements and numerous other projects on-campus and out in the Greensburg community.

“Learning by Doing” and “Living to Serve” go hand-in-hand. Find your passion at GCHS Agriculture and you just might be amazed by what you can create!





FFA Banquet Salutes Seniors

FFA members met to salute seniors, chapter accomplishments, and chapter supporters. Special guest speaker included FFA Northern Region Vice President, Brett Roberts.

Graduating seniors are Connor Cuskaden, Cheyenne Dunn, Payten Ewing, Bryna Ferrara, Renae Kramer, Drew Reiger, and Maddy Schroeder. Former FFA President

Renae Kramer served a two year term stated that, "It has been a joy to watch our chapter grow, prosper, and accomplish things no one ever thought a new chapter could do. I am confident the new leadership team will take the chapter to new places and set even higher goals for accomplishment. I am overjoyed to leave the chapter in such great hands! The new leadership inductees include: Kiersten Adams, Wyatt Case, Dallas Crank, Aaron Fogg, Ellie Kramer, Brantly Springmeyer, and Colton Williams.



FFA District Leadership Contest

Colten Williams, Dallas Crank, Brantley Springmeyer, and Payten Ewing pose with their FFA mascot, Grover. These members attended the District Leadership Contest held at South Decatur High School.

Student Represents FFA at State Competition

Payten Ewing, senior at GCHS, represented Greensburg FFA in the Job Interview competition at the District Leadership level and won. The judged described her as being "on fire".

Payten wrote her own job description for the competition. She chose the position of Agriculture Literacy Specialist. She discovered this passion while working to develop Ag Literacy programs for our local elementary schools. She is also the FFA Chapter kingpin in the implementation of Decatur County's Little Free Library program. In this capacity, Payton has represented the FFA Chapter at several "after school hours" meetings with government officials and civic groups in order to secure 15 host sites. She has proven herself a true flagship, not only for the FFA Chapter, but the Agriculture Program and our school as well.

Mr. Greg Schneider, her FFA advisor, as well as the entire staff of GCHS is very proud of her achievements.

Pickle Ball Craze

GCHS students in Mr. Karazsia's classes are getting in on the new-found craze in Greensburg, Pickle Ball.

Karazsia has been teaching students how to play for years now. Students have learned about the equipment, technique, and rules to the game. Pickle ball is a paddle sport



School Mission Statement

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To prepare students for success within an academically challenging environment using evidence-based curriculum and instruction.

BIG BLUE BOOSTER CLUB GOLF SCRAMBLE



Wednesday, July 13, 2016
11:00 AM
Greensburg Country Club

\$55 Per Person / \$210 Team of Four
\$210 Hole Sponsors

Money will be used to fund annual scholarships, sports banquets, and supplemental needs of the various athletic programs at the high school and junior high school (such as tennis sound system, system scoreboard, ect.)

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PARENT & STUDENT SURVEYS

All students, staff, and parents will have the opportunity to take the **GCHS AdvancEd Spring 2016 Survey.**



For the next two weeks the survey will be available online. The survey is completely anonymous and will be a driving force as we look to improve Greensburg High School.

To access the survey go to the Greensburg High School's website at <http://gchs.greensburg.k12.in.us/>

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