



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

February 15, 2019

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Information on our students, faculty/staff, OR graduates and any information that would be beneficial to the GCSS family is always welcome for Elephant Tracks. Please e-mail to [beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net).

### **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 2/14 & 2/15 GHS AP Seminar Team Presentations SBO Board Room 8-4
- 2/15 Farm to School Initiative @ New Holland Captain Carrot Day During Lunches
- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 2/20 Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11
- 2/21 District Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11 am
- 2/22 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
- 3/4 School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting SBO 6:00 pm

### **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 2/20 Hat Day for \$1.00  
PLC w/Administration
- 2/21 PJ Day for \$1.00  
Deadline for Writing Entries for Young Georgia Authors  
PTA Talent Show 6:00 pm
- 2/22 Spirit Day for Katie & Israel  
Centennial 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to tour GMS 8:45-10:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Literacy Event 8:30 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum 8:30 am
- 2/23 Saturday School

### **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 2/21 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Tour GMS 8:45-10:30  
School Governance Council Meeting 4:00 pm
- 2/22 Blue Pop Day

### **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 2/20 No PLC
- 2/22 Spring Picture Day

### **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 2/15 POP
- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

### **MUNDY MILL**

- 2/15 Blue Pops Delivered
- 2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 2/21 Sunshine Committee Administrators Conference Room 2:55  
Beginning Kindergarten 6-7:15 pm

2/22 Student Council 7:45 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Club Day

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2/12 Progress Reports Go Home  
Sweetheart Dance 6-8 pm

2/15 Captain Carrot Day During Lunches

2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

### **GMS**

2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

2/21 Enota 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Tour GMS 8:45-10:30

2/22 Centennial 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to tour GMS 8:45-10:30

Baseball vs. East Jackson (DH) @ Home 5:00

2/23 Baseball @ East Jackson 12:00 Noon

### **GHS**

2/15 & 16 Varsity Baseball Tournament Edo Miller Park, Brunswick

2/15 Varsity Soccer vs. Berkmar @ Home Girls 5:30 pm

Girls Basketball 1<sup>st</sup> Round State @ Langston Hughes 7:00 pm

2/16 Boys Golf Iron Man Tournament 12 Noon

Boys Basketball 1<sup>st</sup> Round of State vs. Langston Hughes @ Home 6:00 pm

2/18 & 19 President's Day Holiday No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

2/18 Boys Lacrosse vs. Duluth @ City Park 5:30 pm

2/19 JV Baseball vs. West Hall @ Ivey Watson 5:00 pm

Varsity Soccer @ Chestatee Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Varsity Baseball @ North Hall 5:55 pm

2/20 Boys Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> Round State

2/21 Girls Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> Round State

Tennis @ Home vs. Jefferson @ Home 4:00 pm

Girls Lacrosse @ Archer High School 5:30 pm

JV Baseball vs. Chestatee @ Home 5:55 pm

Varsity Baseball @ Forsyth Central 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse vs. Dacula @ Home 6:00 pm

2/22 Varsity Soccer vs. Dawson County @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse @ Norcross 5:30 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ North Oconee 7:30 pm

2/23 JV Baseball @ Chestatee 12:00 Noon

### **DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS:**

*These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction on projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from these results, and you should plan your route accordingly. If you find the directions, please e-mail*

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**Archer High School, Lawrenceville** – Go I985 South 16.3 miles. Take Exit 4 toward Buford/Cumming. Turn left onto Ga-20-Buford Drive and go 9.7 miles. Buford Drive becomes Jackson St. Go ½ mile. Stay straight to go onto New Hope Road. Continue to follow New Hope Road 6 miles. 2255 New Hope Lawrenceville is on the right.

**Chestatee High School**-Go Highway 60 N. over bridge. Go to first light past Ingles. Turn left on Ledan. Go to intersection of Sardis Road and go left again. School will be on right on Sardis Road.

**East Jackson High** - Go Highway 129 East 16.4 miles to 85 North. Go 12.5 miles and take the US 441 exit (#149. Turn right onto GA 15/Us 441. Continue to follow GA 15 eight miles. Turn right onto Hoods Mill Road/County Road 427. Go 1.5 miles. School is on left. 1435 Hoods Mill Road. 1 Hr. 19 minutes

**Forsyth Central High School**-Go Highway 53 to Highway 306 East. Go South on Highway 400 and take Exit 15 ( Bald Ridge Marina Road ). Drive west (right turn) into Cumming and turn right on Tribble Gap Road (just past courthouse). Forsyth Central is about one mile on the left.

**Langston Hughes High School**- Go 9985 S. to 85 S. Go 42 miles and take exit 69 toward S. Fulton Parkway/Montgomery. Go 1.45 miles and merge onto GA-14 Spur. Go 1.6 miles and stay straight onto S. Fulton Parkway. Go 6.12 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 92. Go app. One mile and turn left onto Jones Road. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Hall Road. Destination 7510 Hall Road, Fairburn, GA 30213.

**Norcross High School** - Go I-985 South. Take Exit 4 toward Buford/Cumming. Turn right onto Buford Dr/US-23/GA-20. Stay straight on GA. 20 for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go 14.9 miles. Turn right onto Old Peachtree Road. Go .8 miles. Old Peachtree Road, NW becomes Spalding Drive, N.W. School is at 5300 Spalding Drive.

**North Hall**-Go Highway 60 North to Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 283). Turn right. Go approximately 2-3 miles. School will be on left on Mt. Vernon Road. 4885 Mt. Vernon Road, Gainesville, GA

**North Oconee High School** – Go Pearl Nix Parkway. Turn right onto Atlanta Highway, GA-13. Go 4.8 miles and turn left onto GA-53. Go 4.3 miles and turn right onto Old Winder Hwy./GA211. Go 14.2 miles. Turn right onto Horton Street. Then turn left onto W. May St/US29/Lawrenceville-Athens Highway. Go 3 miles. Turn right onto US 29/GA53/ GA8/ Hog Mountain Road. Go 11.9 miles and turn left onto Rocky Branch Road and turn left.

**1081 Rocky Branch Road** is on left.

## **STATE PLAYOFF BASKETBALL**

\*The girls will travel to Langston Hughes on Friday night to take on the Lady Banthers in the first round of the GHSA State Tournament at 7:00 pm.

\*The boys will host Langston Hughes in a rematch of last years state championship game on Saturday night at 6:00 pm.

\*All 1<sup>st</sup> round tickets are \$7.00. Only GHSA passes are accepted.

For the month of February 2019, the pay date is February 28, 2019. The payroll dates are January 6, 2019 till February 2, 2019. Everything will be due on February 4, 2019. Please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets.

**FEBRUARY 18 & 19 are student and faculty /staff holidays. No school.**

In her long teaching career beginning in 1962, Pam Ware has influenced thousands of individuals as teacher, mentor, drama coach, friend, and community leader. She is being honored this March by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia as Gainesville's 2019 Woman of Distinction. The luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 am at the Chattahoochee Country Club. Please click the link below for more details about offering your input. I hope many of you will be able to attend the luncheon and/or that you will want to send a message to Pam. We are trying to get the word out, so please send this link to any of your contacts who may be interested. <https://goo.gl/forms/4jj8NRI7kyEYXDkI2>

GMS Fine Arts Night

Thursday February 28th. 5-7pm

Chorus, Drama & Band Performances

Visual Arts doing their annual Soup Stomp fundraiser

Fair Street will be hosting a series of parenting classes on the first Monday of each month They will be presented by Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hernandez. Times are 9-10 am and 3-4 pm.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Mar. 4 Helping Children Cooperate

April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense

May 6 Choosing Your Approach

## **GHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPRING SHOWS**

March 12-14 BLOOD BROTHERS

March 24 MR. GHS

May 8-10 AIDA

As a reminder, we do NOT reserve tickets for our shows. Remember next year to get Season Tickets. Tickets are \$10 adult \$5 for Senior/Students. GHS teachers get a free ticket for them and immediate family for each show. No reservations are needed, first come first serve.

## **PAJAMA DRAMA**

Pajama Drama will be April 19-20. We welcome all children in grades 2nd through 6th. Information will be coming home with the children from their schools the week before Spring Break. This is a fun opportunity for children to experience GHS drama under the guidance of Pam Ware and her students.

GHS French Teacher, Mme. Finelli will be leading a tour of Paris, the Loire Valley, Brittany and Normandy from March 28 - April 6, 2019. More information can be found on the website [www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717](http://www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717) , [stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net](mailto:stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net) ) , and the Facebook page @GoBigRedFrench.and on the Facebook page Go Big Red French 2019 Spring Break in France. Sign up by the end of March for the best price. This is for all GHS students, faculty and staff who would like to visit France. You do not have to be enrolled in French to go on the trip and parents and staff are welcome as well. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoBigRedFrench/>

## **Atlanta Hawks Educator Appreciation Ticket Package**

ATL Hawks vs. BKL Nets | Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> | @ 7:00pm

Join us on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the newly renovated State Farm Arena for Educator Appreciation Night! Discounted tickets are available for educators, family, and friends. Each ticket includes an Atlanta Hawks T-shirt (see below) and \$10 of food and beverage credit that can be used at any of our new restaurants inside the arena. The first 150 people to purchase through this offer, will also gain access to watch pre-game shoot-around.

**Follow the link below to purchase your tickets today!**

[athawksgroups.com/educator2019](http://athawksgroups.com/educator2019)

For groups of 10 or more...or for tickets to a different game, please contact Ryan Coller at 404-878-3714 or [ryan.coller@hawks.com](mailto:ryan.coller@hawks.com). For easy viewing, please open the link above from a computer using Google Chrome. Ticket prices and availability are subject to change so order your tickets today! **TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!**

Brenau University and the United Way of Hall County will prepare and e-file tax returns at no charge this coming tax season. For households earning up to \$54,000 a year. Location: Gainesville-Hall Community Service Center, 430 Prior Street SE, Gainesville, GA 30501. For appointments: 770-535-7066. Dates and times: Mondays 2-6 Virtual Intakes Only. Fridays 2-6 Virtual Pickups Only. Saturdays 9-4 walk-ins, appointments, intake & pick-ups. Starting January 25-April 13. Closed 2/8 & 25 and 3/1 and 2.

## **RESULTS OF GHS SUCCESSES AT GA THESPIAN CONFERENCE FEB 7-8-9**

\*BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE played to packed houses both performances.

\*Delaney Benson was awarded the \$2,000 Linda Wise Performance Scholarship .

\*John Bush well represented GHS as a Georgia State Student Officer as well as one of 6 International Thespian Officers.

All of the individual events categories received straight superiors.

\***LARGE GROUP MUSICAL** : KING OF NEW YORK from the musical NEWSIES: choreographed by senior Delaney Benson, one of our dance captains Delaney Benson, Caroline Brown, Caleigh Casper, Luca Colombini, Catie Cook, Hemelin DeAnda, Gaby Dominy, George Henry Ewers, Abigail Mowbray, Isabel Owens, Kylee Peacock, Bella Scarlett, Zach Shearin, and Grayson Wagner.

\***SMALL GROUP MUSICAL**: COLORS OF PARADISE from the musical play THE SPITFIRE GRILL was also one of ten Closing Showcase performances: Delaney Benson, Abigail Mowbray and Isabel Owens.

\***SOLO MUSICAL** : Delaney Benson singing "Disneyland" from the musical SMILE

\***SOLO MUSICAL**: Catie Cook singing "Watch What Happens " from the musical NEWSIES Both Delaney Benson, who sang a solo "I've Got Rhythm" from the musical CRAZY FOR YOU and Bella Scarlett were in the Opening number as well as in a combined group musical number with Lakeview Academy and Buford High school from the musical BANDSTAND. It also received all superior ratings and was showcased in the Closing Numbers that concluded conference with over 6,000 attendees.

## **Last Week in Sports**

### **Basketball**

Varsity Girls qualified for the State Playoffs with a Region Tournament Opening Round win over Habersham Central 69-49.

Varsity Boys beat Dacula 74-65 and will go into the playoffs as a #2 seed.

### **Wrestling**

Two Red Elephant wrestlers made it through sectionals and have qualified for the state meet this weekend. JD Drinkard (120) & Kendice Cavazos (126)

### **Tennis**

Varsity Girls beat West Hall 4-1.

Varsity Boys beat West Hall 5-0

### **Baseball**

The varsity baseball team had a successful scrimmage beating Fellowship Christian 5-1.

### **Soccer**

Boys varsity team opened up their season with a 2-0 win over Flowery Branch.

*Georgia Lawmakers OK \$30,000 for Safety at Each Georgia Public School*

*<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/georgia-lawmakers-ok-30000-safety-spending-each-public-school/>*