



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

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Elephant Tracks provides an up-to-date listing of the events and crucial reminders from the Gainesville City School district and each of our schools. Elephant Tracks can be accessed either in the weekly eNewsletter sidebar or on our district homepage. Subscribe to the Gainesville City School System eNewsletter - Have you "Herd?" by going to our website: www.gcssk12.net.

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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.

ALL SCHOOLS

- 8/10 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
8/14 Academic Achievement & Wraparound Services Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
8/16 District Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
8/20 School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

- 8/15 School Governance Council Meeting 12 Noon

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

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- 8/9-13 Thespian State Board Planning Retreat
8/10 Volleyball Scrimmage @ Brookwood Time TBA
 Football Scrimmage @ North Hall 7:30
8/11 Varsity Softball @ Home vs. North Hall 9:00 am
 Varsity Softball @ Home vs. Hart County 1:00 pm
8/14 JV Softball @ Habersham Central 4:00 pm
 Varsity Softball @ Habersham Central High School 6:30 pm
8/15 Student Athletes Meet w/Athletic Director Gym 1:30 pm
8/16 JV Softball vs. Apalachee High School @ Home 4:00 pm
 Varsity Volleyball vs. Berkmar/Duluth/Chattahoochee @ Duluth 5:00 pm
 JV Football vs. Rabun Gap Nacoochee @ Home 5:30 pm
 Varsity Softball vs. Apalachee High School @ Home 6:00 pm
8/17 2018 Club Expo for Freshmen Class Only 9th Grade Center Gym 12:54-1:55
 Cross Country Battle of the Fairways @ Fairways of Canton Golf Course 6:00 pm
 Varsity Football @ Mary Persons High School 7:30 pm
8/18 Varsity Volleyball @ North Forsyth Playdate 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 beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net so corrections can be made.

Brookwood High School – I-85 North to Pleasant Hill Road . Turn right and travel four miles to Reagan Parkway . Get on the Parkway heading toward Snellville. Exit at Webb Ginn House Road . Take a right from the exit onto Webb Ginn House Road . Go ¼ miles to a four-way stop. The school is on the left.

Duluth High School – I-85 N. Exit at Highway 120 and travel west. At Buford Highway (U.S. 23) turn right. Next traffic light is Brock Road . Turn left. Cross railroad tracks. School will be on the left.

Habersham Central High School-Go north on I-985. It will become Ga. 365. Continue north until you come to the Clarkesville/Mt Airy exit (Hwy. 197) which is just past mile marker #49. Exit there and at the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Habersham Central is 0.3 miles on the right.

Mary Persons-Go Interstate 75 S. to Exit 187. Go right. Go through 3 red lights. Bear to left at fork in road. Go approximately one block. School will be on your left. Montpelier Avenue in Forsyth , GA.

North Forsyth High School : Take 369 West. Cross over 400 and continue on 369. Continue through stoplight (Regions Bank and hardware store on corners) Coal Mountain Elementary is about ¼ mile on the right. North Forsyth High School is behind the elementary school.

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

A TRS representative will be at the Central Office
Pre-Retirement Workshop -August 28th @ 4:30pm
Mid -Career Workshop - August 28th @ 5:30pm
One-on-One Pre-Retirement Counseling Sessions - Wednesday, August 29th-
8:00am - 5:00pm and Thursday, August 30th - 8:00am -1:00pm

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 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.

2018 Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 10	7:30 pm	@ North Hall
Aug.17	7:30 pm	@ Mary Persons High School
Aug. 24	7:30 pm	vs. North Forsyth @ Home
Aug. 31	7:30 pm	vs. Lambert @ Home
Sept. 14	7:30 pm	@ Jefferson
Sept. 21	7:30 pm	vs. Flowery Branch @ Home
Sept. 28	7:30 pm	Dacula @ Home
Oct. 5	7:30 pm	@ Habersham Central
Oct. 19	7:30 pm	vs. Winder-Barrow @ Home
Oct. 26	7 :30 pm	@ Apalachee
Nov. 2	7:30 pm	@Lanier
Nov. 9		First Round State Play-offs
Nov. 16		Second Round State Play-offs
Nov. 23		Quarterfinals State Play-offs
Nov. 30		Semi-Finals State Playoffs
Dec. 7		State Play-offs

For information on obtaining GHS football season tickets contact: Kim Davis @ (678) 283-4611.

Welcome to the 2018-2019 GHS Troupe 2445 Theatre Season!

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

September 18-20, 2018

Written by: **LEONARD GERSHE**

Produced Through Special Arrangement With: **SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.**

Young Don Baker, blind since birth, leaves his overprotective mother for Greenwich Village to pursue his dreams as a songwriter. Don falls in love with his free spirited, hippie neighbor Jill, an aspiring-actress. When the disapproving Mrs. Baker finally meets Jill, “her helicopter parenting in the extreme” takes over. How can their new-found love survive in his touching romantic comedy? A great show to start our 2018-2019 season!

NEWSIES

October 2-4, 2018

Music by: **ALAN MENKEN**

Lyrics by: **JACK FELDMAN**

Book by: **HARVEY FIERSTEIN**

Produced Through Special Arrangement With: **MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL**

Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this uplifting, inspiring and timeless musical is sure to entertain all ages! A rebel with a cause Jack Kelly is the leader of the newsies and rallies them to strike. Through the youthful determination of Jack and his group.....justice will prevail!

SPITFIRE GRILL

November 13-15, 2018

Music and Book by: **JAMES VALCQ**

Lyrics and Book by: **FRED ALLEY**

Based On The Oscar-Nominated Film by: **LEE DAVID ZLOTOFF**

Produced Through Special Arrangement With: **SAMUEL FRENCH MUSICALS, INC.**

After 5 years in prison, Percy Talbot launches her life in the small town of Gilead. She lands a job at the only restaurant Spitfire Grill. Its owner Hannah and her secrets held for years cause intrigue and mystery in this inspiring musical. A beautiful story with warmth, humor and heartfelt surprises. A musical that will enchant the entire family.

MAMMA MIA

December 11-13, 2018

Music and Lyrics by: **BENNY ANDERSSON AND BJÖRN ULVAEUS**

Book by: **CATHERINE JOHNSON**

Produced Through Special Arrangement With: **MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL**

On the eve of her wedding Sophie is determined to find her birth father. Her search is revealed as the plot thickens! The ageless and elevating music of ABBA drives this tale of family, humor and romance. Truly this is a musical that will excite all ages!

BLOOD BROTHERS

March 12-14, 2019

Book, Music and Lyrics by: **WILLY RUSSELL**

Produced Through Special Arrangement With: **SAMUEL FRENCH MUSICALS, INC.**

Set in England, *BLOOD BROTHERS* is the tale of fraternal twins separated at birth. One was raised in great privilege; the other was raised in poverty. Worried about the prophecy that twins separated at birth will die when the truth is discovered, both mothers do everything to keep the twins apart. The two boys eventually become best friends until a misunderstanding leads to a

School Bus Safety

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/why-school-bus-riders-may-not-be-safe-year/>

GCSS Schools Resource Fair Links Families to Their Needs

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/how-gainesville-schools-resource-fair-seeks-address-student-needs/>

Times Editorial Offers Apple to Real Heroes of Classroom

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/opinion/editorial-offering-apple-real-heroes-classroom/>