

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Congratulations, Class of 2018!



Gainesville City School System is proud of our Class of 2018 graduates and congratulates them for their remarkable accomplishments and achievements. Best wishes to all of our graduates as they embark on a new, exciting journey in pursuit of their dreams and aspirations.

## Graduating Our Herd of Red Elephants



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

### Board Members

John Filson, Chair  
Willie Mitchell, Vice Chair  
Sammy Smith  
Andy Stewart  
Dr. Heather Ramsey

## Important Dates

### June 4

BOE Called Meeting  
Budget Hearing  
School Board Office  
5:00 p.m.

BOE Work Session  
School Board Office  
6:00 p.m.

### June 6

MS & HS Report



On May 25th, Gainesville High School hosted its graduation ceremony for the Class of 2018 at City Park stadium. 450 students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas in front of a large crowd of family and friends. Guillermo Beltran, the first Hispanic Valedictorian in the school's history, delivered a heartfelt address to the audience, and Spencer Summer gave the Salutatorian Address. The event was commemorated with an astounding display of fireworks in honor of the graduates. The Class of 2018 graduates will now begin a new adventure as they head to college, the military, and the workforce - prepared to take on life's challenges and ready to conquer the world.

## GHS Baccalaureate 2018



Prior to graduation day, members of the GHS Class of 2018 participated in a Baccalaureate Service on May 19th at the Gainesville First United Methodist Church. Gainesville High's Third Honor Graduate, Sadie Abernathy, and Fourth Honor Graduate, Anita Medepalli, delivered their words of inspiration to their classmates. With performances from the GHS Crimson Chorus, the service concluded with a keynote address

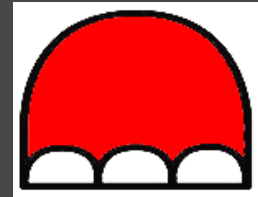
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June 18

**BOE Called Meeting  
Budget Hearing  
School Board Office  
11:30 a.m.**

**BOE Meeting  
Public Safety Complex  
6:00 p.m.**


## Upcoming Events



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## Points of Pride



[2017-18 District & School  
Achievements](#)

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## Alumni News



from Ric Clark, Director of Student Ministries at Gainesville First United Methodist Church. The graduating seniors were inspired to continue to pursue their dreams through hard work, determination, and faith.

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## Seniors Walk the Halls of Centennial



GHS Seniors walked the halls for a final time at Centennial Arts Academy. Teachers greeted their former students with a tearful farewell. Centennial students were excited to cheer on the Seniors as they proudly marched through the hallways. For some of the Seniors who had attended Centennial during their younger years, it was a great way to say their final goodbyes at the school where their academic journey began.

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## A New Beginning in a New Enota School



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2018 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2018 College Acceptances](#)

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### Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

### Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*, we will *INSPIRE, NURTURE, CHALLENGE & PREPARE* our students

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy

New Holland Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

[www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)

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Enota's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on May 31st with many students, teachers, parents, Enota alumni, and community members in attendance. Guests were greeted with a warm welcome and introductions by GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams with remarks by Principal Wesley Roach who officially presented the new school to students, school staff, and the community. With the audience singing along, Enota's alma mater was led by Mrs. Leah Roach and Enota alums Jill Goforth and Sammy Smith with Principal Roach accompanying on the keyboard. Following the ribbon cutting, guests toured the campus and marveled at the beauty of the new Enota school.

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## Class of 2018 Achievements



With 450 graduates, the GHS Class of 2018 has raised the bar by having the largest graduating class in the school's history. With multiple achievements by individual graduates, the Senior Class has carried the school's tradition of academic excellence.

### Of our 450 GHS Seniors:

- 50% attending 4 year colleges
- 24% attending 2 year or technical colleges
- 22% entering into the workforce
- 4% entering the military

### 113 Honor Graduates

- 19 - Summa Cum Laude (4.0 +)
- 47 - Magna Cum Laude (3.7 - 3.999)
- 47 - Cum Laude (3.5 -3.6999)

### Leaders of the Herd:

**Valedictorian** - Guillermo Beltran

**Salutatorian** - Spencer Sumner

**Third Honor Graduate** - Sadie Abernathy

**Fourth Honor Graduate** - Anita Medepalli

**Senior Class President** - A.D. Winston

**Student Government President** - Kathy Dao

**2018 Senior Awards:**

Superintendent's Cup - Guillermo Beltran and Spencer Sumner

Faculty Cup (Best All Around Senior) - Guillermo Beltran

Sue Johnson Cup (Most Creative Senior ) - Hesler Cardenas

Curtis Segars (Turn Around Award) - Jaileen Brown

Roy C. Moore Cup - Jameson Murray

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**Individual Achievements:**

- 2017-2018 STAR Student - Anita Medepalli
- 2018 National Merit Commendation - John "Gus" Kaufman

**Class Achievements:**

- The Class of 2018 earned over \$1,500,000 in Scholarships in Academics, Arts, Athletics, and NJROTC.
  - 35 graduates eligible for Zell Miller Scholarship
  - 195 students eligible for the HOPE Scholarship
- The Class of 2018 earned credit for over 330 college classes totaling 1058 college hours through dual enrollment courses at University of North Georgia, Lanier Technical College, Brenau University, and Georgia Tech. Twenty five seniors earned one or more Technical College Certificates.

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of Colleges and Universities that the GHS Class of 2018 will attend. Click [HERE](#) to view a summary of the Class of 2018 achievements.

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## Check Out the Summer Elephant Tracks News



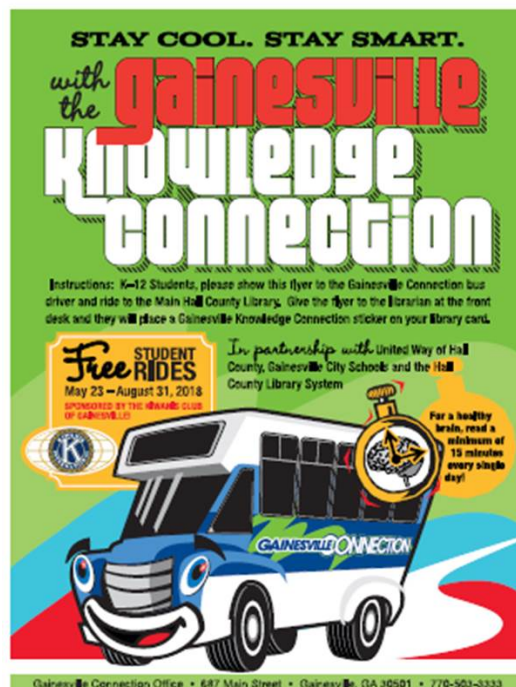
# Thank You!

Thank you for your support of the district's e-newsletter - "Have You Herd?". Please look for the next edition during the first week of August 2018. Have a safe and wonderful summer vacation!



Through a partnership between Get Georgia Reading and myON, all students, parents, and educators in Georgia have free access to thousands of enhanced digital books available in myON via computer and mobile devices now through August 31, 2018. [Click here to sign up for access to free eBooks.](#) Let's Get Gainesville Reading during the summer!

## Free Rides for Students to Local Library



Gainesville Connection is partnering with Gainesville City Schools, the Hall County Library System, United Way of Hall County, and the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville to host the Gainesville Knowledge Connection Program. This summer program encourages K-12 students to continue their summer learning by using the scheduled bus service to access the Hall County Main Library without charge. FREE RIDES are available to K-12 students, May 23rd through August 31st.

Here's how the program works...

- All Gainesville City Schools K-12 students can get a copy of the Gainesville Knowledge Connection flyer from their school administrators.
- When a student boards the bus for the first time, they will need to show the flyer to a Gainesville Connection vehicle operator who will then help the student make the bus connection to the Hall County Library located on Main Street just off of the Gainesville Square.
- When the student arrives at the main library, he or she will give the flyer to the clerk who will place a Gainesville Knowledge Connection sticker on the student's library card. Now, the student can ride the Gainesville Connection free of charge all summer.

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## **GCSS School Nutrition Summer Meals**



GCSS School Nutrition will be serving Summer Meals beginning June 4th - June 28th, Mondays through Thursdays, at Fair Street International Academy, Gainesville Middle School, and Gainesville High School cafeterias.

Meals are FREE to children 18 years and younger and include breakfast and lunch! GCSS students and families are encouraged to participate. Coaches and club sponsors are also encouraged to allow athletes and students who are participating in summer practices, camps, or summer activities to participate in the free summer meal program.

Adults meals will also be available for \$1.50 for breakfast and \$2.75 for lunch.

Listed below are the breakfast and lunch times per location.

<b>Fair Street Academy</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b> 7:30 am - 9:30 am	<b>Lunch:</b> 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
<b>Gainesville Middle School</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b> 8:00 am - 8:45 am	<b>Lunch:</b> 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
<b>Gainesville High School</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b> 8:00 am - 8:45 am	<b>Lunch:</b> 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

The free meal program is also available to daycare facilities and churches. For planning purposes, groups who plan to participate should contact Penny Fowler at 770-536-5275 or penny.fowler@gcssk12.net.



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- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS\_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**