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September 2020

key dates

- Sept. 7 Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 13 NACAC College Fair
- Sept. 16 GHS E-Learning Day
- Sept. 19 US Service Academy Day
- Sept. 21 - 25
College & Career Go Week
- Sept. 30 GHS E-Learning Day



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WBN offers livestreaming

By Abby Stuber, student journalist

With the new circumstances of this year comes new ways of operating. Mr. Rob Irwin, athletic director, set up a new method of selling football tickets. The old system of standing in line and buying tickets at the gate is not realistic with virus safety measures. The new system requires buying tickets in person during lunch or PowerHour with limited seating available.

"I wish we didn't have to enforce a limit of student and could have more time to sell them. It's unfortunate that we have to change things so much, but there weren't very many options available," Mr. Irwin said.

Tickets are available the week before each game.

Personally, it doesn't bother me. It's not the greatest solution, but I understand why they have to do it this way. I don't think people should be upset about the change," junior Quinn Kelly said.

Another option for fans is to sign on to the virtual live stream, which broadcasts each home game. Fans can find the livestream for home football games at <https://www.woodmenbroadcasting.com/watch-live>. This program is coordinated by the IHSAA with students involved in the Woodmen Broadcasting Network part of the GHS journalism

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News Tidbits

IMC Book Delivery

Students can now check out books without ever setting foot in the library. Under the IMC Canvas page, students can click on "Book Delivery," complete a survey, and have three books checked out and delivered to their English classes. And, distance learning students can get in on the action, too. After filling out the survey, students can stop by the GHS front office to pick up their books. Don't let busy schedules stop students from checking out great books.

IU ACP Registration

For parents of students taking IU ACP classes for dual credit:

Please make sure your student has registered for his/her classes by the Sept. 11 deadline. For more information, please go to their website at acp.iu.edu or email them at acp@indiana.edu. If your student needs help with the registration process, please see Mrs. Fenner in Guidance or Mrs. James in LG12 before first period.

Service Club

Is your student interested in helping the community and developing leadership skills? Service Club is an organization that is made up of Interact and Key Club. These international service organizations are affiliated with Rotary International and Kiwanis International. The club meets in the IMC on Mondays during PowerHour. New members are welcome and may come to a meeting or stop by and see either Mrs. Kreimer in the math hallway or Mrs. Laug in the Guidance office for more information.

School Pictures Retakes

We should receive all school picture packages and ID cards in late September. These will be distributed through English classes. If you purchased a picture package and are not happy with the actual photos, students will be able to return the entire package and pose for Retakes on Oct. 7. If your child missed the original picture day, he/she will pose during English class, regardless of whether you want to order picture packages. Expect more information through direct email as Retake Day approaches.

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program creating the show. Mrs. Amy Kreimer, math teacher, enjoyed watching the Martinsville game.

"I really enjoyed attending virtually. It's obviously not going to feel the same as being there and experiencing the atmosphere for yourself, but as for now, it's a good alternative," Mrs. Kreimer said.

Though the changes might be difficult to adjust to, that does not take away from the excitement of the season.

"I'm happy to see the football games continuing, and I hope our season can return to normal eventually. For now, it's just good to do what we can," Mr. Irwin said.

Students are able to purchase home football game tickets the week of the actual home games according to the following schedule:

Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase for home varsity football games starting on Mondays. Tickets are \$6 each, and if students pay with debit/credit cards, there is an additional \$1 surcharge. Tickets must be purchased in person only during lunch periods and PowerHours. The following pre-sale ticket schedule and ticket allotment will be strictly enforced:

Mondays

Football Players - 4 tickets

Cheerleaders - 4 tickets

Band Members - purchase from band office until allotment is sold out

Seniors - 1 ticket until spaces are sold out in student section

Tuesday

Staff Members - 2 tickets if available student section

Junior Students - 1 ticket (if available) until spaces are sold out in student section

Wednesday

Sophomores - 1 ticket (if available) until spaces are sold out in student section

Freshmen - 1 ticket (if available) until spaces are sold out in student section

Thursday

If tickets are available, the Athletic Department will announce availability on Twitter.

Friday

Tickets will not be sold at the gate until limits are lifted.

Home volleyball, girls soccer and boys soccer games will be available through WBN's YouTube channel at no cost to fans. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp-wc69-2_O_89gHGijhZo9w

September dates include:

Varsity Volleyball: Sept. 15, Sept. 24

Girls Soccer: Sept. 8, Sept. 16

Boys Soccer: Sept. 3, Sept. 7, Sept. 28



Todd Garrison
principal

GHS E-learning days added

By Mr. Todd Garrison, principal

This message has two objectives. First, I would like to thank each and every student and family for supporting GHS during this difficult time. Second, I would like to make you aware of a first semester calendar change effective Sept. 16.

As we enter our 19th day of school, we couldnot be more pleased with the support we are receiving from students and families. Thank you. Your support is recognized through our students' commitment to wearing masks, higher than normal attendance at our athletic events, and overall patience as our teachers are learning to teach both "in-person" and "distance learning" students simultaneously. To this point, our re-entry/roadmap has been successful, and we appreciate your commitment to keeping students in school five days a week.

Our success, however, comes at the price of increased responsibilities to the already full plate of our teachers. We want to do all we can to mitigate the stress level of our teachers so they may best serve our students. Please note 100% of GHS teachers are teaching both "in-person" and "distance learning" students simultaneously. This is called concurrent teaching. Because of the nature of a high school master schedule, the high school is the only school in the district needing to utilize the concurrent teaching model. The number of GHS students receiving instruction from home via distance learning is 15%. However, GHS data indicates the number of students utilizing distance learning increases each week due to the number of in-person students being quarantined (due to State Board of Health requirements). Looking ahead, we anticipate the numbers only to increase because of stricter restrictions and the upcoming flu season.

So in order to support our teachers and staff, we will be adding four additional online instruction days for high school students only. Please mark the following days as Online Instruction Days:

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Wednesday, Sept. 30
*Thursday, Oct. 29
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Students will be provided e-learning assignments on these days, and they will not report physically to school. The exception is *Thursday, Oct. 29. On this day, GHS will be administering the PSAT to all sophomores and those juniors who sign up. These students will only be required to attend during the exam. Students may be picked up from school once the exam has concluded. Busses will run for high school students on Oct. 29, so no worries if you need transportation. We will provide more details as the date nears.

Online instruction days allow teachers to attend to the following teacher duties without student interruptions:

- Recorded lessons - "flipping a classroom"
- 2-week planning (w/self and PLC team)
- Grading
- Preparation/grading of "in-person" and "distance learning" assessments
- Additional teaching duties

The days are purposeful for teachers, and they will provide uninterrupted time for teachers to stay ahead. Also, our Guidance Department will utilize these days to make contact with struggling students and students in need of counseling services.

Again, thank you for your support, and we hope you will be understanding of the need to provide our teachers additional time and support in delivering relevant and meaningful instruction to all GHS students.

Thank you.

Stay Informed

Keeping up-to-date on what's happening at the high school isn't easy. Let's face it. Kids don't seem as eager to share, and the high school cannot safety pin notes to their shirts to ensure parents get the information.

But...you have tools to get the information you want and need.

Read the school blog posted at

<http://www.gws.k12.in.us/greenwood-high-school>

Read the text version or watch the video version of the daily announcements at

<http://www.gws.k12.in.us/announcement02>

Every morning, a special GHS Facebook page geared toward PARENTS & GUARDIANS is updated with important information at

<https://www.facebook.com/GCHSTimberlines/?ref=bookmarks>

The high school newspaper plus extra stories and photos that do not appear in the printed version is available at:

<https://ghstimberlines.org/>



Guidance Information

For additional information on most of these topics, go to the guidance web-page <http://www.gws.k12.in.us/guidance>

Upcoming Events

World Suicide Prevention Day

We observe World Suicide Prevention Day each year on Sept. 10. It's a growing problem, and the numbers tell a shocking story. Every 40 seconds, someone takes their own life, according to the World Health Organization. That's about 800,000 people worldwide every year — although some estimates put that number closer to 1 million. Suicide is the leading cause of death for people ages 15-29, and for every suicide that results in death, there are as many as 40 attempted suicides. What we know for sure is that there is a lot to live for. Check out more information at National Suicide Prevention Month. (<https://nationaltoday.com/world-suicide-prevention-day/>)

The NACAC College Fair – Sept. 13

Thinking about college? Here is your chance to hear firsthand from those-in-the-know at hundreds of colleges and universities nearby, across the country, and around the world. How? Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair! Join Sept. 13 from Noon - 8 p.m. <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

U.S. Service Academy Day – Sept. 19

This event is for students and parents who are interested in learning more about attending the U.S. Service Academies — the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy — all of which offer a free college education to those interested in serving our country. Learn more and register at <https://hollingsworth.house.gov/constituent-services/service-academy-nominations.htm>

College and Career Go! Week Sept. 21 – 25

This event, supported by Learn More Indiana (learnmoreindiana.org), is designed to encourage students to think about the future. The Guidance Department staff will provide information to students regarding colleges and careers through classroom activities, announcements, and handouts.

- Tuesday, Sept. 22: College Day. Wear your favorite college gear
- Wednesday, Sept. 23: Career Day. Dress up like your future profession.
- Thursday, Sept. 24: Military Day. Wear military related apparel.

Holiday Assistance

Each year we post information about Thanksgiving and December holiday assistance. This year, we wanted to reach out earlier than we normally do. As we get more information about specific agencies due dates for applications, we will send that out. You will be able to find information in the near future on the GHS mainpage blog, GHS mainpage Guidance link, our GHS Guidance FB page, and the parent newsletter. In the meantime, please complete this link if you will be seeking assistance this holiday season. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO2y-FNwpKXrfrkKKwyu7e8GRfUVp7ZSiw4431URhQhXuKy8Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Current News

ACP Classes

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Tutors

We are currently accepting tutoring applications. Tutors may specify cost or tutor for community service hours. Please see Mrs. Shotts in the Guidance Office to complete an application. Students must have received an A or B in that course to tutor in that subject.

SAT/ACT

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Website
SAT	Sept. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 15	www.collegeboard.org
SAT	*Oct. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 22	www.collegeboard.org
ACT	Oct. 10 Oct. 17 Oct. 24	Sept. 17	Sept. 25	www.act.org

* On Oct. 3, the SAT will be administered at GHS.

Senior Information

Remind 101- Senior students and parent/guardians are encouraged to sign up for the Class of 2021 Remind 101. This service will provide you with reminders regarding scholarship deadlines, visits by college representatives, and senior meetings and deadlines. These reminders will come via text message. To receive these reminders text the following message to the number 81010.

Currently Posted Scholarships

Name	Deadline	Max Award
AES Engineering Scholarship	Oct. 5	\$500
Practice for the SAT	Oct. 1	\$1000
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	Nov. 10	\$1,000
Wells Scholarship	Sept. 16	\$100,000

Seniors should visit their Naviance Student accounts to see scholarship details

Parents/Guardians can access the scholarship list by following the below steps

- Access the high school website and select the Naviance link from either the right side menu bar or the “student” tab at the top of the page
- Select “I am a guest” from the right hand side of the sign in page.
- In the top right corner, select “Colleges” -> Scholarships and Money -> Scholarship List

Did you miss the Aug. 15 deadline to order your 2020-2021 yearbook?

A new school-based sales campaign will launch for October, but you can order now using a credit / debit card at:
www.jostensyearbooks.com