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April 2021

key dates

April 14 GHS Remote Learning Day

April 23 2021-22 Online Apps Due

April 30 School Day
(required Snow Make Up Day)

Registration set for OnLine 2021-2022

By Principal Todd Garrison

Greenwood High School will be offering an online option for students for the 2021-22 school year.

We encourage all students to return to school “in-person” for 2021-2022 as we believe this option provides the best experience academically and socially; however, we recognize an online option may be necessary as we transition from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our ability to offer an online program largely depends on the number of students who qualify and enroll in the program. Please note GHS will not be able to offer this option if we cannot support a classroom teacher for each course. On the other hand, if the number of eligible students exceeds typical classroom(s) size, GHS reserves the right to limit the number of participants and decline the application of eligible students. Lastly, all (new/not currently enrolled) out-of-district students interested in this option must first seek approval from the corporation as out-of-district students. Once approval has been established, new out-of-district students may apply for the online option.

We have enclosed a complete description of the online program for next year on Pages 2 and 3 of this parent newsletter. If you have questions after reading the online information document, feel free to email your questions to me, Principal Todd Garrison at tgarrison@gws.k12.in.us or to the Lisa Laug, Director of Guidance, at llaug@gws.k12.in.us.

The actual link to the online learning application and agreement is <https://forms.gle/oE5AmverHWET3za88>

Thank you.

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Greenwood High School
Online information and course offerings
2021 -2022

The following document will include important information and online course offerings for the 2021-22 online program. This plan is designed for students earning the Core 40 diploma although students could utilize the course offerings in combination with other diploma types.

Students must apply for the online program, and Greenwood High School will determine each student's eligibility based on 1) the requirements below and 2) available space per grade level. Students enrolled in the program must remain enrolled for the remainder of the semester. Deadline for application is April 23.

GHS will not be able to offer an online option if enrollment numbers are low and we cannot support a classroom teacher for each course. If the number of eligible students exceeds typical classroom(s) size, GHS reserves the right to limit the number of participants and decline the application of eligible students.

Eligibility requirements:

1. A current high school applicant must possess a 2.0 GPA (C average) or higher. If an applicant is an incoming freshman, the student's middle school academic record must be equivalent to a 2.0 GPA
2. (C average) or higher.
3. An applicant has no more than 10 unexcused absences during the previous academic year.
4. An applicant must be on-track to graduate with his/her designated graduation cohort.
5. An applicant must have daily access to a computer with camera and audio capabilities.
6. An applicant must have daily access to the internet and email along with occasionally access to a printer.

Further conditions include:

- All students will be expected to take six courses per semester. Of the six courses, four courses must include GHS courses (C9/Coop/Internship included as a GHS course).
- Online students will not be able to take a combination of online and in-person courses unless they are attending C9 courses.
- Applicants with an IEP, 504, or ILP, who meet all other eligibility requirements, will be reviewed on an individual basis through the case conference process in order to determine appropriate accommodations and/or educational setting.
- In order to be IHSAA eligible, student-athletes must pass five courses, and all five courses must be full semester courses.
- Testing such as ASVAB, ISTEP make-up, PSAT, SAT, and/or any other mandated testing will take place in-person at GHS. No exceptions.
- Seniors are still required to complete Senior Capstones. Online seniors must adhere to the same stipulations as fellow "in-person" seniors.
- Students must be available from 7:30am - 2:30pm to meet classroom requirements. Students are free to work or participate in extracurricular activities after 2:30pm (unless enrolled in Coop/Internship).
- Students may be required to attend school for final exams and/or other major works if deemed necessary by the teacher.
- GHS administration may remove students from the online program due to the following reasons:
 - A student's semester grades do not meet the required 2.0 GPA requirement.
 - A student exceeds the attendance requirement of no more than 10 unexcused absences.
 - Students exhibit disruptive online behavior while participating in the program.
 - Students do not comply with mandatory testing requirements.

- Students do not follow school/teacher rules and guidelines specific to online students.
- Students are not meeting requirements after the first mid-term.
- Other reasons deemed necessary by the administration.

Additional options for courses:

If required courses for other diploma types are not offered online, students have the following options:

- Under certain circumstances, arrangements could be made for a GHS teacher to teach a course not offered in this program. The number of student requests, ability to teach curriculum online, and teacher availability will factor into this decision.
- Students may take a required course through Indiana Online Academy (IOA). IOA is an online supplemental provider for high school approved courses.
- Students may take an independent course through Gradpoint. Students must choose from an approved Gradpoint list, and no AP or dual credit courses will be offered through Gradpoint.

Platform:

GHS online courses will be taught using the Canvas platform. The online program will look differently than the 2020-21 distance learning option. Students will not be zooming into a live classroom with other in-person students; however, teachers will have the flexibility to offer a combination of live and video instruction along with other online options.

Deadline:

Deadline to apply for the online program is April 23.

Online courses available:

Language Arts
English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12

Mathematics
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Trig/Prob & Stats

Social Studies
Geography/History of the World
U.S. History
Economics
Government

Science
Biology
Earth & Space Science
Integrated Chemistry & Physics (ICP)

Electives and other required courses:
Child Development (semester/9-10)
Introduction to Business (semester/9-10)
Preparing for College & Career (semester/10)
Human and Social Services (11-12)
Personal Finance (semester/11-12)
ICE (Coop) (12)
Central Nine Career Center (C9 programs) (11-12)
Internship (WBL) (12)
Independent Study courses (Gradpoint) (9-12)

Physical Education
Physical Education (PE)
Health (semester/10)

World Language
Spanish 1
Spanish 2



Guidance Information

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

“Earth is what we all have in common” –Wendell Berry

Upcoming Events

FAST TRACK is scheduled for July 27. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Leadership Opportunities

Indiana Youth Leadership Academy. The Academy is a tuition free five-day learning experience for young men and women 15 - 18 years of age, interested in receiving a basic knowledge of leadership regarding individuals and organizations. The focus of the instruction is on the individual leader, as well as specific ways the students can lead persons with differing levels of ability and motivation. This program looks great on your college applications! This is a great opportunity for someone interested in a career in the military. The 2021 session is June 14-18 and is held at the Indianapolis Youth Leadership Academy. Register no later than May 1 for this session. Click on this link for more information and to register: <http://www.indyouthleadership.com/>

US Naval Academy STEM

The US Naval Academy is holding its world-class Summer STEM Camp and Summer Seminar this June in a virtual format and would love to have more students join them. Scholarships are available. Summer STEM (<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php>) is for current 8th, 9th and 10th graders, while Summer Seminar (<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS.php>) is for current 11th graders. Both are amazing experiences!

Employment Opportunity:

Freedom Springs is hiring. The season runs from May 29-Sept. 6

- Lifeguards
- Concession and Admission Associates

For applications and more information on jobs at Freedom Springs, please contact Brooke Gilles (Thompson) at gillesb@greenwood.in.gov or visit the below link. Applications can be turned in at the Greenwood Community Center as well as emailed to Brooke. Interviews will be scheduled after applications have been turned in. <https://www.greenwood.in.gov/department/index.php?structureid=56>

Summer School

For Current Juniors

Government and Economics will be offered at GHS from June 1 – 26. Session 1 will meet 8– 9:50 a.m., and Session 2 will meet 10-11:50 a.m. Current juniors who intend to graduate in December 2021 must sign up to take government or economics. Sign up with your counselor.

For Current Freshmen

Health and Preparing for College and Career will be offered through Indiana Online Academy. The cost for each individual class is \$50. Sign up at <https://indianaonlineacademy.org/ioasis/register.aspx>. The deadline to register is June 4, and the session goes from June 7 - July 18. Students who have requested Health and Preparing for College and Career in their 2021-2022 school year but who enroll in the IOA summer school courses should notify Mrs. Laug in person or through email at llaug@gws.k12.in.us which courses they would like to add to their schedules to replace the Health and PCC courses.

For Students Who Need to Retake a Course

Students entering grades 10, 11, or 12 may register for Credit Recovery Lab to make up credits for courses they have failed in English, Science, and/or Social Studies. Students will register for summer school when they meet with their counselors to make their 2021-2022 course selections.

SAT/ACT

Juniors are recommended to take the SAT/ACT by the end of the junior year. The ACT in April and the SAT in May will be offered at Greenwood Community High School.

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Website
SAT	May 8*	April 8	April 27	www.collegeboard.org
SAT	June 5	May 6	May 26	www.collegeboard.org
ACT	June 12	May 7	May 21	www.act.org
ACT	July 17	June 18	June 25	www.act.org

* This test will take place at Greenwood Community High School

College Fairs:

April 10- Western US College Fair and April 20 – Southeastern College Fair <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

April 26 – Indianapolis South Christian College Fair <https://myblueprintstory.com/christian-university-college-fairs?fid=115>

SENIOR INFORMATION

Cap & Gown Orders

The initial deadline has passed; however orders can still be processed with a late fee. Use the below link for additional information on how to order.

Questions?? Please contact Brad Long via email at brad.long@jostens.com or call 317/535.8853

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kDzIKLl87onefWSCDyV3J7ihZg-JNTrFTJHwWkXM0/edit?usp=sharing>

2021-2022 FAFSA

To secure state aid eligibility for the 2021-2022 academic year, students must submit the FAFSA by the state deadline of April 15. The form will be accessible by visiting fafsa.ed.gov. GHS will host a Finalizing Financial Aid/ FAFSA assistance night on April 12 at 6 p.m. in the high school IMC/Library. INvestEd will be on hand to provide FAFSA information and assistance to families.

Currently Posted Scholarships

Name	Deadline	Max Award
PTO Scholarship	7-Apr	500
Greenwood Lassie League Softball Scholarship	8-Apr	500
Jennifer and Dion Longworth Memorial Fund	9-Apr	1,000
Stadtfeld/Gennrich Vocational Scholarship	9-Apr	1,000
Sertoma Club of Greenwood Scholarship	12-Apr	2,000
Tri Kappa Math Scholarship	16-Apr	1000
Tri Kappa Scholarship	16-Apr	2000
Judy Christofolis Cancer Scholarship	23-Apr	5000
American Public Works Scholarship	3-May	1000
The Lord's Cupboard Scholarship	15-May	500
PB&J Scholarship	31-May	500-1,000

Seniors should visit their Naviance Student account to see scholarship details

Jostens Graduation Product Delivery

Representatives from Jostens will be at the high school on April 8 to distribute graduation products, including caps and gowns. Individual invoices were sent to each student with a copy of the order and the balance due. The distribution will take place during lunch in the senior locker bank area.

Senior Meeting

There will be a senior meeting on April 13 at 9:45 in the auditorium. Honors Day, Graduation practice, and Graduation details and materials will be shared at this time. Students unable to attend the meeting should see Mrs. Laug in the guidance office but every attempt should be made to attend the meeting. Following this meeting, information will be shared with parents/guardians through a home mailing.



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Dear Family:

You are invited to attend the 2021 Fast Track event for students (K-12) who will attend Greenwood schools, both in person and virtual, for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

The Fast Track event is sponsored by the Johnson County United Way and the Greenwood Community School Corporation. This program provides basic school supplies and a backpack to students who qualify for free or reduced lunches/textbook assistance.

The event will be held at Westwood Elementary on **Tuesday, July 27, 2020 from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.**

It is very important that you complete the ONLINE registration by **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Any registrations received after this date may not be accepted. Please go ONLINE to <http://www.gws.k12.in.us/> and find the link "Fast Track 2021." You can also scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter. Here you will fill out the form for EACH child you are registering. If you have any problems, please contact Kim Bates. If there is a change in your information after registering, please call Kim Bates to update your information.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and reminders via email. No communication will be sent through the mail. No tickets will be issued. The day of will be a drive through event. Upon the arrival, you will simply give your child's name and supplies will be brought to your car.

It is our hope that your child(ren) will walk away from the Fast Track event ready to start the 2021-2022 school year on the "FAST TRACK" to learning!

If you have questions about this event, please contact:

- Mrs. Kim Bates at Southwest Elementary
 - 317-889-4090
 - kbates@gws.k12.in.us

Scan QR Code for Easy Registration



Grant finances raised gardens

By Mr. Derek Fischer

Using a Forum Credit Union grant, the Gardening Club and Food Sciences program bought supplies to expand their growing space.

The new beds are being built as part of Mr. Allen Figy's Construction Trades class who will also be modifying the landscape around the garden beds. As part of Mrs. Gullery's Advanced Art class, her students are finishing up painting the boards of the raised beds. Soon, the group will assemble the beds in preparation to be moved outside for final installation. There will be six beds total with three being set aside for the Food Science class and three for the 25 Gardening Club members.

The group recently finished their fundraiser during which they sold out of plants in a little over a week. These funds went directly into starting the 1,200+ plants they need to start for this year's garden and buying supplies to ensure everyone can garden effectively next school year.

News Tidbits

Limited Yearbooks available to order

Two copies of the yearbook are available to order for late purchasers on a first-come, first-served basis. Order forms are also available in the office and on the school's website blog. You can get one by emailing Denise Roberts at droberts@gws.k12.in.us. Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.

Class of 2021 Photo

Seniors who would like to order copies of their official Class of 2021 featuring all of their classmates should use the enclosed Senior Class Portrait order form. The deadline to order is May 1, and the 16x20 prints will arrive in June. Students will receive letters so they know when to pick up their orders during the summer.



Piano class shares music with peers

By Mr. Daniel Watson

Music is a gift to be shared with others! Mr. Watson's Beginning Piano class routinely shares their music with classmates and the community. Students in Beginning Piano begin with little to no piano experience and complete the one semester course playing piano with both hands, reading music, and performing for others.

Beginning Piano takes place in the Piano Lab, which has 16 Yamaha Clavinova digital keyboards, music workstations, and individual computer monitors. Students receive full class and personalized one-on-one instruction, like having mini private lessons each day in class. Students of all ages share common concerns like "I don't read music. I'm not coordinated. I was bad at piano as a younger kid. I'm just not good at music". Mr. Watson approaches piano learning in an encouraging, collaborative, and reflective environment that meets students where they are and practices a healthy growth mindset.

Beginning Piano Students have the opportunity to perform monthly piano recitals (in class) for their peers. "Nearly everyone experiences stage fright, nerves, or anxiety in someway", says Mr. Watson. "We practice performance skills to help lesson these nerves and become more comfortable playing for one another. Uur setting is always relaxed, encouraging, and low-pressure, which helps reduce any nerves." For piano recitals, students get to perform in the auditorium on the music department's 1983 Kawai KG-70 7'5" grand piano. Their most recent recital featured African American Spirituals studied during Black History Month as well as other folk music from around the world. Students interested in taking Beginning Piano should talk with their counselor and get signed up today while spots are still available.

Senior Class Portrait

To ensure social distancing, we are continuing the change we made last year and most seniors are going to love. Instead of a formal cap & gown photo that would require everyone to gather rather closely, our senior portrait company is going to create a 16 x 20 composite of everyone's senior pictures. As long as seniors posed for senior pictures through Prestige -- whether at the studio or during one of the make-up dates at the high school -- they'll be included in this awesome composite picture that will also feature information about your class. Orders are due May 1.

Seniors who wish to purchase this portrait must return the order form below with payment to GHS Yearbook, Attn: Denise Roberts, 615 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood, IN 46142. Also, seniors are welcome to hand-deliver their panoramic order forms and payment to Ms. Roberts in LGI 1 or simply turn in orders to the front office.

These Class Portraits will arrive at the high school during the summer, and you'll receive a letter telling when and where to pick up your order.

Class of 2021 - Class Portrait Order Form

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Student Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

I would like _____ copies of the class photo @ \$27 each = \$ _____ (total enclosed).

***Make checks payable to GHS.

Graduation FYI

During the graduation ceremony, professional photographers will take handshake photos of each graduate receiving a diploma. Hopefully, this will eliminate graduation guests stepping in front of each other as they try to get photos of their graduates. A link to online proofs will be emailed directly to parents.

This graduation photo purchase opportunity is meant to be a service from your high school to you, and you are under no obligation to purchase photos. Please keep in mind, however, that problems can occur. Someone might walk in front of a photographer when a graduate gets a diploma, cameras can fail, etc. If you do not receive a proof link emailed by mid-August, contact Prestige Portraits at 317/829-2073.