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September 2021

key dates

Sept. 6	Labor Day No School
Sept. 7	Choir Mum Pick-Up
Sept. 11	Band Invit. @ Brownsburg
Sept. 18	Band Invit. @ GHS
Sept. 21	Powder Puff
Sept. 22	Homecoming Parade Community Pep Session
Sept. 24	Homecoming Game

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Homecoming

By Maggie Boyce, STUCO member

Sept. 20-24 will be Homecoming Week, and Student Council has so many plans in store for students, faculty, staff, and the community.

During lunch on Monday, students voted for their favorite spirit days to dress up during Homecoming Week. They used a QR code on every lunch table so they could vote using their phones.

Dine to Donate

To offset the cost of Homecoming festivities, STUCO is setting up Dine to Donate opportunities. You can support the efforts by eating at Humble Taco on Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. and at Texas Roadhouse on Sept. 21. Stay tuned for more details.

Powder Puff

Powder Puff is scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. The location of the games is yet to be determined, but all students will know exactly where to go as the date nears. Any student interested in either being a female football player or a male cheerleader should contact a STUCO representative or President Andrew Jones.

Parade

The Homecoming parade will take place Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. with the parade route starting at Greenwood Middle School and ending at the high school. Many GHS clubs and organizations are creating floats

for the parade, and community members -- including local businesses -- are encouraged to join the fun. Some are already on the roster. If interested, please contact the STUCO sponsor, Mrs. Iana Allen, at iallen@gws.k12.in.us so she can add you to the parade float list and provide the set up details.

Community Pep Session

Directly following the parade on Sept. 22, the community-wide pep rally will be held in the grass soccer field in front of the school. Last year's community pep session was such a success that STUCO wants to continue it this year. Unlike last year, though, no tickets will be necessary. Bring your lawnchair and enjoy the celebration.

STUCO members are trying to arrange for food trucks to be on-hand so parents do not have to worry about feeding their families at home before the parade and pep session begin.

Homecoming Football Game

Last but not least, the Homecoming game vs. Perry Meridian will be Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the football stadium. Fans will be able to purchase tickets at the gate, but arrive early to get a great seat.

Homecoming Court will be announced at half-time of the football game rather than during the pep session; that was a change made in 2020 due to COVID sports spectator limitations.

News Tidbits

Winterization

Save the Date: Winterization will take place on Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Winterization is a volunteer opportunity for all GHS students to help rake leaves for senior citizens in the community. The project focuses on socializing with the seniors and preparing homes for the winter. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sign ups will start at the end of October. Parent volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Mrs. Laura Stadtfeld at 317/889-4000 Ext. 3148 or lstadtfeld@gws.k12.in.us if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

FCA

Mrs. Senac is excited to be sponsoring FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) this year. Students do not have to be Christians or athletes. All are welcome for fellowship, studying, and fun. FCA meets every Friday at 6:50 a.m. in the IMC.

Choir Chicago Trip

Any choir students interested in going on the Chicago choir trip should attend the informational meeting in the auditorium on Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.

Choir Mum Pick-Up

Mum pick up will be Sept. 7 after school in the auxiliary gym until 5 p.m.

Band Fundraiser

Delivery pick up will be Sept. 13 after school in the drama room.

Band Invitational

The marching band invitational at GHS will be Sept. 18. Volunteers are welcome. Sign up at ghsband.org under the volunteer link.

Retakes scheduled Oct. 1

By Ms. Denise Roberts

School picture retakes will take place on Oct. 1 for all students who missed the original picture days in August.

If you are a parent of a student who did not pose in August and you want to order school pictures, please do not use the original order forms sent home. Trash those. We will have new order forms that include information about ordering online but use a totally different code. I will email information and provide the actual forms for students to pick up in their English classes and in the front office.

We expect to receive picture packages, proof sheets for students who did not order pictures, and ID cards within the next couple of weeks. If you purchased school pictures but are unhappy with them, your GHS student should bring the entire package back to school on Oct. 1, turn it in to the photographer, and pose for retakes.

Only students who missed the first picture day, students who want to order retake day photos, and students who bought original picture day packages but want to return them to pose again can pose on Retake Day.



Last Chance senior pictures

By Ms. Denise Roberts

Most of our seniors posed for their senior pictures in June when Prestige set up a temporary studio in the school IMC. If your senior did not pose at that time and has not posed or set up an appointment to pose at the Prestige studio on the north side of Indianapolis, you are in luck. You have one last chance.

The yearbook staff has hired Prestige to set up on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 to ensure all seniors have an opportunity to pose for these special pictures. Remember, the pictures of seniors taken during English classes in August are intended for transcripts and school ID cards only. Our seniors deserve special treatment, and GHS has been publishing special senior portraits in the yearbook staff for decades.

Due to the way pictures are flowed onto pages electronically and to ensure consistency in head size, poses, and backgrounds, only photos taken by Prestige can be used as senior portraits. This is also part of our contract with Prestige so none of our seniors have to pay sitting fees for basic package poses.

I sorted Prestige records and compared them to our current Class of 2022 list. Then, I looked at all the seniors' schedules for those who did not appear in the Prestige records and assigned appointments for Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at specific times that work around C9, PE classes, business co-op, etc.

By now, all parents of seniors who did not pose should have received that letter. If you should have received a letter but did not, please contact me at droberts@gws.k12.in so I can provide the info you need for that appointment.

This is the very last chance our seniors have to pose and to be included in the yearbook. Please do not miss these appointments or any appointments you have set at Prestige before the end of September.

Return to the Woodshed



Corey Bentz photo

By Eli Poe, Timberlines editor-in-chief

With a new year, Greenwood Community Schools are starting off with a new superintendent, Dr. Terry Terhune. Although new to the administration, he certainly is not new to Greenwood.

"My connection to Greenwood goes back awhile. I was born and raised here. I am a Greenwood alum. After I got married, my wife and I moved back home to Greenwood, and before we knew it, we had three of our kids at Isom Elementary," Dr. Terhune said.

It is no doubt Dr. Terhune had a great childhood in Greenwood, and he plans to pay that forward.

"This last summer when Dr. D retired, I was given the opportunity to apply, and it's been exciting to be able to come back. I view it as Greenwood has provided me with the foundation to be successful through academics, citizenship and just being a good person. I want to give back and continue those types of things so every kid can have the same positive experience that I had," Dr. Terhune said.

The previous superintendent Dr. Kent DeKoninck won Superintendent of Year and was adored by the community. Dr. Terhune looks to keep things moving along.

"It's tough because he was so well-loved. He knew everybody and was very outgoing. He was Superintendent of the Year last year so those are big shoes to fill, but the way I view it is that I am just going to be me and do the best I can. I cannot be Kent, I have to be Terry Terhune," Dr. Terhune said.

Principal Todd Garrison has high hopes for the new superintendent.

"I am excited to begin a new school year with Dr. Terhune. He and I worked together in a two-year program called Indiana Principal Leadership Academy, and I am excited to continue that relationship. Superintendents must be familiar and support community values. As a Greenwood Schools graduate and resident, Dr. Terhune is at a great advantage in making decisions that fit," Mr. Garrison said.

Dr. Terhune is setting goals.

"The things I would like to focus on are becoming visible and

getting to know people really well. Beyond being visible, I want to focus on instruction and be able to improve that instruction. We have really good teachers doing really good things, and we want to keep that. Even how we look at teachers to evaluate and maybe make that a better system and work with teachers to improve on that. I feel like Greenwood does really good things, and we produce really high quality graduates, so why would we change something that is not broken," he said.

The new superintendent stresses the importance of social media to connect with the community.

"Part of that is being physical and letting people know that I am available in buildings if it's activities and events. I've been to a couple of open houses, and that is just to connect with people and to really support our kids," Dr. Terhune said.

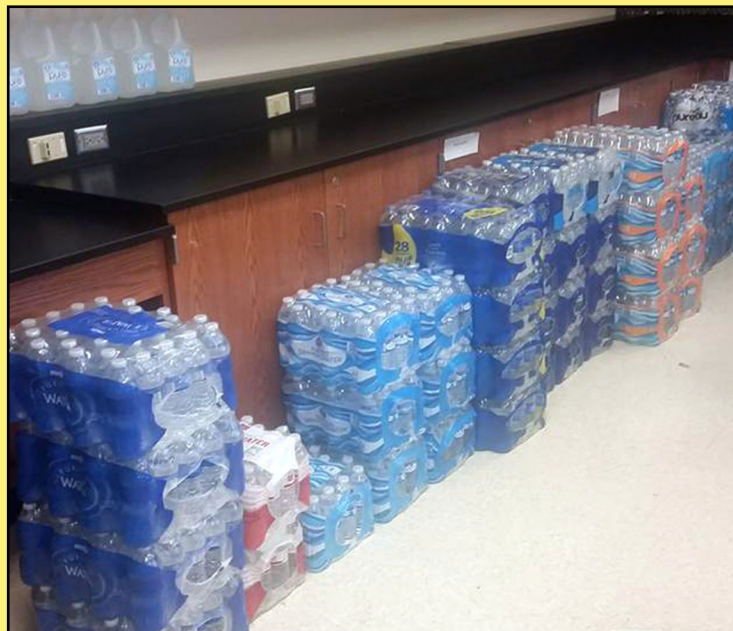
Yearbook Sales

Our fall sales campaign ended today. If you meant to order a yearbook and did not, you should be able to do so by going online to www.jostensyearbooks.com with a price \$5 above the Sept. 1 deadline price. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis so do not procrastinate if you want one.

Helpful Hints:

1. Ensure you select Greenwood Community High School in Indiana. We had a couple of parents order yearbooks from high schools named Greenwood in other states last year, and that caused a serious problem.

2. As you navigate the online ordering system, you will have the option to select a payment plan rather than pay the full amount due. This is something Jostens does and is not connected to the school at all.



Hurricane Relief

The Greenwood community has a long history of pulling together to help people in need. The victims of Hurricane Ida need our help. We are holding a water drive for them. Please pick up a case of individual bottled waters and drop it off outside the main office through Sept. 8.

If you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Kevin Leineweber at kleineweber@gws.k12.in.us

Woodmen scores soar

By Nathan Kremer, Timberlines reporter

School days winding down last May meant end-of-the-year testing, and even with such a challenging year, Woodmen outshined other Johnson County schools.

Every year students in certain grade levels are required to take ISTEP and AP tests for various classes. With the hybrid schedule interrupting large parts of the school year, many teachers were nervous about how their students' scores would turn out.

"I feared, and I was worried because we were in the middle of COVID. Not to mention, it is not a fun test. All of these factors led me to be very concerned about how the results would turn out; however, I was also confident in their character and approach, so I was not completely sure on how the results would pan out," Mrs. Linda Williams, ISTEP English teacher, said.

It was to the teacher's surprise that the test scores exceeded state standards and beat out many of the local schools.

"The kids proved me wrong. They were over 20 percent higher than the state and close to 16 percent higher than the global data, which I am super proud of," Mrs. Lana Allen, AP English teacher, said.

Mrs. Williams was also ecstatic over her students' scores.

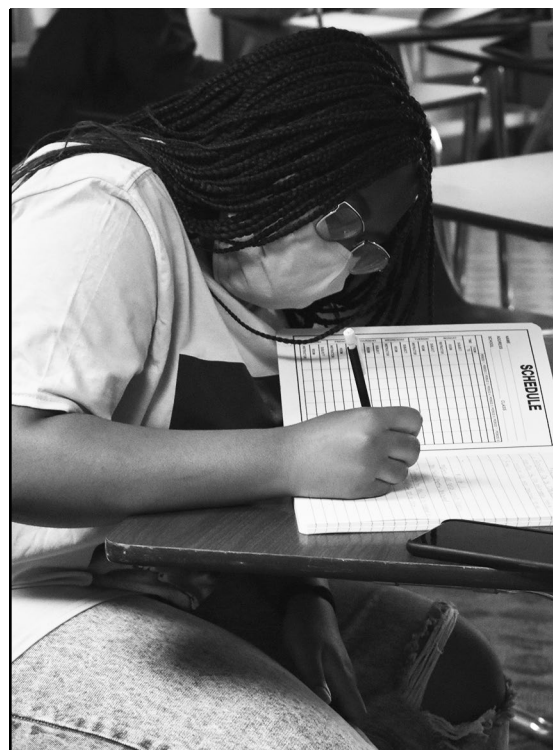
"I really tried to challenge my kids. I told them if they really needed a way to push themselves then think of fellow rival, Center Grove. I said to try and defeat them, and that is exactly what they did. I am so pumped for them after everything they had been through during the school year. It truly was amazing," she said.

As this school year begins, teachers must prepare new students for the rigorous testing that awaits.

"I need to keep encouraging my students to study hard and use their resources. I had a hardcore review before the AP exam, so I will continue that because it definitely helped my students," Mr. Christian Cruze, AP stats teacher, said. Mr. Cruze's students exceeded his expectations last year with 23 of 26 students passing with a 3+ and nine 9 earning a 4+.

For students to generate high scores again this year, they must be willing to take risks.

"I cannot make sure the students produce high scores. I need students to want to produce high scores for themselves, not for me. I want them to want to step out of their comfort zones and be willing to take risks and challenge themselves. This is all for them and their success as well as their futures," Mrs. Allen said.



Junior Chinoah Reese writes in her composition book during Mrs. Lana Allen's AP Literature class. The class has been learning how to annotate and interpret literature, and all students will take an AP exam at the end of the year. **Lily Hommell photo**



Guidance Information

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

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 (WHO). 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 aged 15 to 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's a lot to live for. Check out National Suicide Prevention Month for more information. <https://nationaltoday.com/world-suicide-prevention-day/>

Upcoming Events

The NACAC College Fair – Sept. 12

Thinking about college? Here's 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. 12 from 1 - 6 p.m. <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions>

College Visits

- Purdue University--Sept. 10
 - Franklin College--Sept. 29
 - Butler University--Sept. 30
- *Sign up through Naviance

U.S. Service Academy Day – Oct. 23

This event is for students and parents who are interested in learning more about attending the U.S. Service Academies — the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy — all of which offer free college educations to those interested in serving our country. This website also covers application dates if you have already decided that the military academies is your path. Go to <https://hollingsworth.house.gov/constituent-services/service-academy-nominations.htm> (copy & paste URL)

Josten's Senior Meeting-- Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

College and Career Go! Week- Sept. 13 - 17

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

- Sept. 14: College Day. Wear your favorite college gear
 Sept. 15: Military Day. Wear your favorite military branch T-shirt.
 Sept. 16: Career Day. Dress up like your future profession.

Work Ethic Certification

We will visit your Seniors to discuss the Governor's Work Ethic Certification and qualification to participate. Check in with your seniors to see if they are interested or qualify. They must be signed up by Oct. 1, 2021.

Four-Year Plans: Sophomores - Sept. 14, Freshmen - September 21 & 23

Each year, we visit the freshman classes to discuss their future plans and get an idea of how to plan their future high school classes. We will do this during their English classes. Due to the hybrid schedule last year, we did not get to meet with Class of 2024 (current sophomores); however, we plan on doing that on Sept. 14.

Current News

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 earned an A or B in the course to tutor in that subject.

SAT/ACT

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Website
SAT	**Oct. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 21	www.collegeboard.org
SAT	Nov. 6	Oct. 8	Oct. 26	www.collegeboard.org
ACT	Oct. 23	Sept. 17	Oct. 1	act.org

** On these dates the SAT will be offered at Greenwood High School (ACTs are no longer held at GHS.)

Senior Information

Remind 101- Senior students and parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up for the Class of 2022 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.

- i. Last name A-G: Text @laugatog to 81010
- ii. Last name H-Q: Text @laughq to 81010
- iii. Last name R-Z: Text @laugrz to 81010
- iv. Parents: Text @laugparent to 81010

Currently Posted Scholarships

Name	Deadline	Max Award
Wells Scholarship	Sept 17	100,000



Seniors should visit the Scholarship List through their Naviance Student account 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