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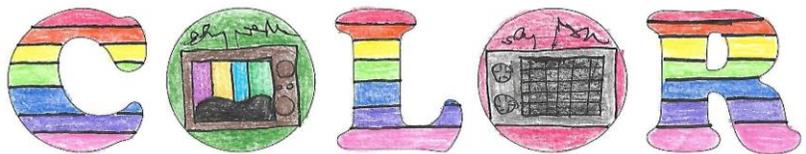
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SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATES CONTINUE ACROSS G-PISD

“We’ve made significant progress to improve Safety in the last few years,” said Superintendent Dr. Paul Clore. “I commend our School Board, Administrators, staff and students ... and our parents and community who have been supportive of this effort. While a few changes may result in an inconvenience for some, we are thankful for the support we’ve received toward making every learning environment as safe as possible.” Most recently, the Board approved a recommendation to continue the use of metal detectors at G-P High School following a pilot test this year. The investment includes a one-time purchase of equipment for an estimated \$40,000, with a five-year full warranty from the manufacturer.

“During the pilot phase, we received a lot of feedback from staff and students as well as parents,” said Michael Thieme, Director of Safety & Security. “This has been extremely helpful to us, and we are taking those thoughts into consideration as we streamline the process.” Also, at G-P High School, a new vestibule has been constructed and procedures tightened at the main entrance to improve security. Enhancements have also been made at all schools, including technology upgrades. Safety training continues with support from our School Resource Officers (SROs). Thieme said each G-PISD campus has also completed at least 10 safety drills to date this school year, with more to come. “Training is a vital part of ensuring we create a safe learning environment,” said Thieme. “The first step to being safe is being prepared. We want our students and staff to know what do, when to do it and how to do it ... so when a situation may arise, they respond well and stay safe.”

“We also want everyone to know how they can help,” said Velma Soliz-Garcia, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. “*Anonymous Alerts* has been a great tool for reporting concerns, and we have an e-mail address for safety as well. If you ‘See something, say something’ -- always -- and let’s teach our students to do the same.” To submit feedback, e-mail safety@g-pisd.org, or submit an Anonymous Alert any time at: www.g-pisd.org/alerts.

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Students of the Month for April

By Rylee Martinez

6th grade: Ailani Mancias & Austin Nguyen

7th grade: Angel Arrellano & Colton Converse

8th grade: Chloe Poenish & Gavin Nunez

Picture by Keiko



Weekly Attendance Totals

BY ZOIEY LANKFORD

April 05, 2019- **96.17 %**

April 22, 2019- **92.80 %**

April 12, 2019- **94.64 %**

April 25, 2019- **92.92 %**

STAAR Tutorials

By Natalie Deleon

On April 8th in the school's cafeteria, all of the core classes set up tutorials for 8th-grade students. There were games and stations meant to help students study for the upcoming STAAR testing. There were sections for reading, math, science, and even history with different ways to study material. Activities included: Twister, Kahoot!, and scavenger hunts. The event lasted over two hours, with the school providing pizza and drinks for students who completed two or more sections.

NJHS 2018-2019

These students have had 90+ grades in all their classes, emphasizing: scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship - the five core values of National Junior Honor Society. Throughout the year, these students have accomplished many diverse things, such as the TOY and Food Drives. Feeding, clothing, and giving to the community, these students are dedicated and selfless. Thank you for your service!

Library News

By Juan Hinojosa

The last day to check out library materials was Thursday, May 9th. All library materials must be turned in by Friday, May 17th. If students don't turn in their library books, they will not be allowed to check out books next year, until the books are returned or paid for. Also, if books aren't turned in by the end of this year, a hold will be placed on the student's schedule at the beginning of the next school year. The librarians recommend that everyone turn in their books on time.

New Tennis Courts

By Ginny Carey



Some of you may have noticed the construction near the band hall and have wondered what it is. The construction is the beginning of new tennis courts for G-P High School. Construction should be done by August.

If the high school gets new tennis courts, then shouldn't we? The Gregory Portland middle school tennis team is excited about the start of construction on new tennis courts located behind the

old intermediate school. The tennis courts by the old intermediate are being torn down along with the rest of the intermediate to make room for the new middle school. 8 new tennis courts are being built for the Middle School.

Accessibility Solutions for Students with Crutches, Wheelchairs, etc.

By: Rylee Martinez

According to Nurse Stone, the wheelchairs/crutches in the campus clinics are for emergency use only and designed for transport, not daily use. If a student requires crutches or a wheelchair, they must be provided by the parent with a physician's note. These mobility devices will not be provided by the clinic. Students who require crutches or wheelchair use while at school have access to the elevator if needed. They can swing by the clinic with a buddy to grab the key and their buddy can return it to Nurse Stone.

STARR Testing

By: Gabriel Palacios

The STAAR test is very important test. It sometimes determines if you go to the next grade level, or if you have to go to summer school. Here are the dates for some of the May tests:

May 13- 6th -7th Math test

May 15- 8th Social Studies test

May 14- 6th -7th Reading test

May 16- 8th Science test

STAAR Testing – Don't Be Scared; Be Prepared!



Prepare for the future by learning from the past. Visit this website for actual STAAR materials from previous school years:

[http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR Released Test Questions](http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR_Released_Test_Questions)



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People Section

Editor, Madison Snody

Meet Adrian Galvan

By Natalie DeLeon, photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject: Art with Ms. Afosso - it's a cool class

School Clubs/Activities: Art UIL, Vase, and Art Show

Hobbies: Art and Music

Favorite Book(s): *The Statistical Probability of Falling in Love at First Sight* or *This is What Happy Looks Like*

Favorite Music, Artist or Genre: Jazz, Classical, and old pop.

One of my favorite songs is "La Vi En Rose" by Edith Piaf

Plans/Goals for after high school
I'll go to college or something, that's about it.



Meet Lauren Spencer

By Lauren Spencer, photo by Lauren Spencer

Favorite class/subject (& why?): My favorite class is Mrs. Barnard's class because she is really funny and we do interesting things in her class.

Hobbies: Tumbling and making TikToks

Favorite Book(s): *Milk and Honey*, *Five Feet Apart*

Favorite Game(s): 2048

Favorite music, artist or genre: Billie Eilish, Alternative, Classic Rock, 2000's pop, Rex Orange Country, and Juice WRLD

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I want to be a speech therapist after college.

Something about me that might surprise people: I like to write a lot.





Meet Jens Quam

By Colton Renfro, photo by eagle imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Athletics

School Clubs/Activities: UIL

Hobbies: Baseball

Favorite Book(s): *Harry Potter*

Favorite Game(s): Fortnite

Favorite music, artist or genre: All

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): Study to an engineer

Something about me that might surprise people: I'm half Hispanic



Meet Ms. Wilburn GCS Aide

By Jaden Velasco

What do you do at GPMS? In our learning lab

I help students do better in school.

Education/experience: Graduated from G-P

High School 2012 & Attending Del Mar

College for Bakery & Pastry Arts

Hobbies: Crocheting, Playing sports,
Playing Video Games & Spending time with my
Family.

Favorite Book(s): *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks

Favorite Game(s): Fortnite & Call of Duty Black Ops & Call of
Duty Modern Warfare

Favorite music, artist or genre: N'sync and Backstreet Boys

Something about me that might surprise people: Never been out of
TEXAS.





Meet Kiera Vest

By Natalie DeLeon, Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (and why?): History because I like learning from the past to fix today's issues

School Clubs/Activities: NJHS & Top Cats

Hobbies: Playing volleyball, Hanging out with friends, and most of all sleeping!

Favorite Book(s): *Smart Girls Get What They Want*

Favorite Game(s): Roller Splat

Favorite music, artist

or genre: Country, Thomas Rhett , and Christian

Plans/Goals for after High School (college, career, etc.) : I plan to go to college & play professional volleyball & get a degree in cosmetology, and later open up a salon with my twin sister.

Something about me that might surprise people: I like watching documentaries in my free time.



Meet Mrs. Kilmartin

By Raedyn Gills photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? Teach 8th science

Education/experience: Graduated college from Oklahoma Baptist University, got my teaching certification for Texas and have been teaching for 5yrs.

Hobbies: Running, jujitsu, playing with my baby boy

Favorite Book(s): *Bible, Fearless, No Easy Day, Dictionary of Leadership*

Favorite Game(s): Soccer

Favorite music, artist or genre: NEED TO BREATHE, Jack Johnson, soundtrack music, worship music

Something about me that might surprise people: Earth Day is one of my favorite days!





Meet Mr. Thomas

By Thomas Thomas

What do you do at GPMS? GPMS Press Corps sponsor, Knights of the Round Table (chess team) coach, & Friendly Neighborhood Box Tops for Education coordinator. I am also suspected of teaching Journalism and 8th-grade Intensive ELA.

Education/experience: I graduated from the University of North Texas a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away. I have experience in retail management, hospital volunteer direction, television (writing, directing & studio production), and counseling job

trainees for the U.S. Department of Labor. Back in the late 1960's, I got the opportunity to teach 7th-grade English at GP; now there's nowhere else I'd rather be!

Hobbies: Time with my wonderful wife and two dazzling daughters!

Favorite Book(s): *Star Trek: The Sundered – A Story from the Lost Era* by Michael A. Martin & Anthony Mangels, *Green Eggs & Ham* by Dr. Seuss, and *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1965.

Favorite Game(s): Chess, Scrabbopolrisk (a homemade combination of Scrabble, Monopoly & Risk), Banagrams and other word games.

Favorite music, artist or genre: The Beatles (together and solo stuff), Nat King Cole (the best friend a song ever had), and a wide variety of music – especially music that was produced in 1973 (the nexus of musical achievement).

Something about me that might surprise people: I do not have a Facebook account. Actually, people who know me would be surprised that I think this might surprise people. Don't judge; live your life. Peace.

Meet Mrs. Gordan

By Allison Gaydos photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? Teacher-Special Ed

Education/experience: Bachelors - Texas A&M college station - 15 years teaching

Hobbies: Gardening, baseball, spending time with family

Favorite Book(s): old cookbooks

Favorite Game(s): Parcheesi

Favorite music, artist or genre: Simon & Garfunkel, country music





Meet Elizabeth Sides

By Bella Rodriguez, photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Choir, because I love to sing, and it always feels like a big family.

School Clubs/Activities: Choir, NJHS

Hobbies: -Dance playing instruments writing music singing

Favorite Book(s): *Turtles kill all the way down*- John Green, *Everything, Everything*- Nicola Yoon, *The sun and her flowers*- Rupi Kaur

Favorite Game: I don't have a favorite game.

Favorite music, artist or genre: Billie Eilish and Panic! At The Disco are my two favorite artists.

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I would like to be a singer and/or actress and go to Julliard

Something about me that might surprise people: I have been in dance for ten years and can play four kinds of instruments.



Meet Ms. Lindsay

By Isabella Baietto photo by eagle imaging

what do you do at GPMS: Assistant principal of curriculum and instruction

Education/experience: Bachelor's degree in science education-ETBU; masters in curriculum-UTA; masters in educational admiration-UTT

Hobbies: Sewing and Gardening

Favorite Books: JD Robb "In Death..." series

Favorite Games: Banagrams and any word games

Favorite music, artist or genre: Disturbed and Five Finger Death Punch

Something about me that might surprise people: I lived in Alaska for three years



Meet Mrs. Vernon

By Juan Hinajosa

What do you do at GPMS?

- I am a 6th grade math teacher

Education/experience: This will be my 5th year teaching and 4th year in Gregory-Portland ISD.

My first-year teaching was in Rockport, Texas, teaching 5th grade math in 2014 - 2015.

In August of 2015, I accepted a teaching position as a 5th-grade math teacher at Stephen F. Austin Elementary here in Gregory-Portland ISD. This will be my first year at the middle school and first year teaching 6th grade math - I am loving EVERY minute of it.



Hobbies:

- I love crafting, watching the Chicago series on T.V. and relaxing.

Favorite Book(s):

- My favorite books are anything by John Grisham - mystery books.

Favorite Game(s):

- I'm not sure I have any favorite games; however, ask me this in front of my husband (who is a football coach at the High School) and I would say Football. 😊

Favorite music, artist or genre:

- I love 90's country music.

Something about me that might surprise people:

- I was the absolute worst math student in the world in grade school. I cried every day over having to do math homework/assignments because it was so difficult for me. Little did I know, that struggle would not only lead me down the path of becoming a teacher but becoming a math teacher specifically. I use those memories almost every day to help relate to my students, all the way from my strong math students to my struggling math students. Mrs. Biediger was also my 5th grade math teacher.



Meet Miss Trujillo

By Juan Hinajosa, photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS: I'm an ELAR & ESL Teacher.

Education/experience: I'm a Bachelor of Science. I've been here at GPMS for 12 years.

Hobbies: I enjoy traveling, music, talking, walks, and reading.

Favorite Book(s): My favorite book is *Love My Dog*

Favorite Game(s): My favorite game is words with Friends

Favorite music, artist or genre: Anything from the 70's and 80's music...America, Eagles, Chicago...

Something about me that might surprise people: I enjoy opera.



Meet Coach Davis

By Jonathan Martinez
photo by Eagle Imaging

I teach Industrial Arts - woodshop and I coach 8th grade girls basketball and track.

I have been at GP for 19 years. I have a ton of work experience outside school. I am a machinist by trade. I also teach Industrial Machining at Del Mar College. My hobbies are golf (when I get a chance) and dirt car racing.

Favorite Books I guess are the *Hunger Games* series

I listen mostly to Country music, but I really enjoy classical and 50's and 60's music as well.

I don't know of much that would surprise anyone about myself. I guess it would be that I have played the trombone with the 8th grade concert band for pep rallies and their Christmas concert in the past.

I have 4th period off and, as you know, you can come by the shop anytime. It takes a lot to interrupt my class.



Meet Mrs. Cynthia Donovan

By Zoe Garza photo by Eagle Imaging
what do you do at GPMS?

ELAR / Sped Teacher -- There is nothing more rewarding than when a student who is struggling says, "I get it!"

Education/experience:

Although I attended several universities, my teaching degree comes from Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Hobbies:

In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, reading, hooking rugs, & crafty things

Favorite Book(s):

Anything Tami Hoag

Favorite Game(s):

Scattergories

Favorite music, artist or genre:

Queen and Metallica

Something about me that might surprise people:

I was struck by lightning when I was 5. Don't want to do that again!



Meet THE MARKY TREVINO

By. Marky Trevino Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject: Journalism, cuz it's fun

School Clubs/Activities: I'm an epic gamer

Hobbies: I collect hats...

Favorite Book: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Favorite Game: Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice

Favorite music, artist or genre: N/A

Plans/goals for after high school: I want to go to UT and study computer science or journalism. Then I want to get a job in one of those fields.

Something about me that might surprise people: I beat every Dark Souls game, Bloodborne, and Sekiro. Come at Me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Meet Rylee Martinez

By Rylee Martinez, Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Science; it seems more interesting than other classes and I learn more in science.

School Clubs/Activities: Journalism

Hobbies: Playing Xbox, (Xbox master race) & talking with friends.

Favorite Book(s): Any action book

Favorite Game(s): GTA V, Watch Dogs 2, Payday 2, Dying Light, etc.

Favorite music, artist or genre: The Greatest Showman Album

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I plan to go into the Navy to be a Hospital Corpsman, then become an RN

Something about me that might surprise people: I have my entire life already planned...



Meet Victoria Smith

By Victoria Smith Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): ELA - that class is absolute chaos. I love everyone in there.

School Clubs/Activities: NJHS

Hobbies: Drawing, painting, reading, drawing

Favorite Book(s): Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, Beautiful Creatures series, Maze Runner series, and many more

Favorite Game(s): Uno, The Game of Life, Truth or Dare

Favorite music, artist or genre: Twenty One Pilots, Cage the Elephant, PRETTYMUCH, Call Me Karizma, I also like cartoon soundtracks.

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): go to School of Visual Arts in New York to be an animator

Something about me that might surprise people: I watch cartoons a lot. Probably way too much.

A&E Section

Editor: Isabella Baietto

Choir News

By: Bella Rodriguez

On May 9, 2019 the GPMS choir preformed their spring show from 6:30 to 8:30. Each of the choirs worked hard to put the show together for your viewing pleasure. The GPMS choir did an amazing job for their last performance of the year. The 8th grade also had a sentimental moment when they sang their 8th grade song with their 8th grade slideshow.

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Please be on the lookout for these coupons (found on many grocery items) and bring them to Mr. Thomas in room C112! We'll turn your trash into our cash! Plus, win e-coupons for our school at: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) !

# Talent Show Pictures

## By: Raedyn Gillis



Landon Hernandez , Jayden Terrell



Dylan Robbins, Alex Oseguera



Madison Snody, Halle Radford, Carly Culbreth, Kylee Powers, Kensley Shirley



Vince Nguyen, Jayden Vo

# Theatre Pictures

## By: Victoria Smith



“I’m drying this off and giving up” -  
Devlin Frieze (Devlin Frieze)



“No.” - Lauren Spencer (Lauren  
Spencer)



“Use paint wisely” - Zoe Garza “I’m  
supposed to be painting, but here  
I am.” - Skyla Martini (Zoe Garza  
and Skyla Martini)

“All I feel is pain in my soul, and I  
don’t even have one.” - Brita  
Rhodes (Brita Rhodes and Cara  
Nichols)





“My boys be rollin” -Brita Rhodes  
(Brita Rhodes and Kori Simmons)



“Press the e button” - Cara Nichols  
(Cara Nichols, Brita Rhodes, Austin  
Watts)

“Wear hats and don't look back” -  
Jeremiah Montalvo (Jeremiah  
Diaz, Jeremiah Montalvo, Jayden  
Terrell)



“You was at the club” - Kori  
Simmons and Cara Nichols (Brita  
Rhodes)



# *Spanish Beat* by Jayden Campbell

*In Sra. Puente's Spanish class, you not only learn a new language, you learn all about a new culture. ~*

*Sra. Puente~~*

*As one of her students, I can say that she is an absolutely amazing teacher. She always helps her students learn, but she also shows them what it's like to do things on their own. So personally, I'm thanking Sra. Puente.*

*Student Quotes!*

**JAYDEN CAMPBELL~~**

***"Spanish is a great class, very educational and fun."***

**SHARINETT CHAVARRIA~~**

***"I'm very glad I joined Spanish, I love the class!"***

**DIEGO AGUILLION~~**

***"Spanish is such an intense class, it's worth the effort."***

***It's the end of the year! Spanish has been one of my favorite classes. I'm very inspired to take the class next year; I can even say I'm excited.***

# *About Spanish!*

*In Sra. Puente's Spanish class, here's what you do on the daily.*

*1.Walk into class, take your seat quietly. \*

*2.Begin working on your daily warm up.*

*3.When everyone's warm up is complete, someone will go up to the board and write them down. (Different person per question.)*

*4.After the daily warm up, Sra. Puente will begin talking about the day's assignment.*

*5.After all your work is done, if you're good, and if there's time, she may let you have free time.*

*Throughout the year, many Spanish projects will be done. On some, you'll get partners, and on others it will be independent work. Sra. Puente will thoroughly explain the project you can understand what you're doing. Spanish is challenging, but with a little effort, it's quite easy. In this class, you not only learn the language, you learn all about the Spanish life. You also learn great life lessons - lessons such as how to do things on your own, how to work well with others, and that nothing just comes to you in life; you have to work for it. In Sra. Puente's class, she only gives so many chances to turn in your work, so your grade in that class is YOUR grade.*

*This has been the Spanish Beat!*  
*By: Jayden Campbell*

# June Features

Edited by Madelynn Gross

## Summer Camps by Ginny Carey

### Harbor Playhouse Acting Camp

The Harbor Playhouse Acting Camp is all summer. Each week is a different theme for a play. You can either act or do tech, which is where you pull curtains, build sets, and handle the lights. You learn how to sing, dance, or act. Each Friday, the campers have a play. For those of you reading online: <https://www.harborplayhouse.com/camp>.

### Padre Island Surf Camp

Padre Island Surf Camp, in my opinion, is the best summer camp I have ever been to. You get to learn how to surf. They teach you how to paddle, pop up, and ride. You get to go out to the water with the instructors (who are awesome, might I add) and be pushed into waves. Lunch is provided if you can't bring your own.

<http://padreislandsurfcamp.com/>

### Sea Camp

Sea camp is a fun summer camp. You get to learn about the ocean by a hands on experience. You get to sleep in the aquarium on Wednesday night too!

<https://www.texasstateaquarium.org/educate/camps/seacamp/>

# GT AT THE AQUARIUM By. Marky Trevino

(INFORMATION FROM MRS. REININGER)

The GT students finished the year with a "STEM in Action" tour behind the scenes at the Texas State Aquarium on Tuesday, April 23. They were able to see where animal food prep is done, how the animals are fed, learn innovative strategies the aquarium has put into place since Hurricane Harvey to prevent food shortage for animals in case of emergency and how they literally grow jellyfish. It was great to see all the ways Science - Technology - Engineering and Mathematics are applied every minute of every day right here close to home. Students found out there is a possibility to do volunteer work and/ or attend some aquarium activities to get a more hands-on experience. Overall, it was a wonderful way to wrap up the year's workshops.



Avery Hayward, Eli Gerick, Megan Stendebach, Madison Tietze, Madison Kilgore, Brianna Rush, Bella Rizo, Jessica Abt, Hailey Rasmussen, Lexi Dominguez, and Jens Quam

# GT (Gifted & Talented) in Review

by Markey Trevino

From Mrs. Reininger:

*This has been a terrific year of new activities for the Gifted and Talented program. They have spent the year traveling to different venues to investigate concepts like: identity, creativity, leadership, colleges, and career possibilities. These concepts were paired with core topics including: communications, cultural studies, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The venues they visited include: Del Mar West campus, TAMU-CC, career-related escape rooms at the Early Scholar's Academy, touring the King Ranch, and the "STEM in Action" tour at the Texas State Aquarium. Students shared their highlights at the GT showcase on April 30.*

Mrs. Reininger is happy to hand the baton over to Mrs. San Juanita Perez, who has accepted the position of GT Coordinator for the next school year.

"I've learned a lot in Gifted/Talented in this past year, and I'm excited to learn more next year!" said 7<sup>th</sup>-grade student Hailey Rasmussen.



**ABC (Academic Booster Club) by Zoey Lankford**

"ABC would like to say thank you to all the parents who volunteered at GPMS this year! Your help is always needed to make this school and our students a success! Have a great summer!"

- Mrs. Uptergrove, ABC Coordinator

# ((Opinions!)) Edited by: Jayden Campbell

## *College Options!* By: Faith Pitts

I personally don't know what college I want to go to yet, but here is some information about what I think are the best colleges in Florida, Tennessee, and Louisiana:



In Florida, is Rollins College. It is a private, four-year coeducational institution and inclusive liberal arts college. Nationally recognized for its distinctive undergraduate and selected graduate programs, Rollins College, is located in Winter Park, Florida, the school was established in 1885 by New England Congregationalists with the mission

to bring their style of a liberal arts education to the Florida frontier. Located on the banks of Lake Virginia, Rollin's beautiful 70-acre campus features a distinctive Spanish-Mediterranean architecture and has been named the Most Beautiful College Campus by the *Princeton Review*. Just north of Orlando, Rollins College is adjacent to the first-class dining shopping, and entertainment options of Winter Park's famous Park Avenue.

<https://www.rollins.edu/catalogue/introduction.html>



Vanderbilt University, in Tennessee, includes 4 undergraduate schools and 6 graduate schools situated an urban location attract exceptionally talented students from around the world, consistently earning Vanderbilt a top-20 ranking from U.S. News & World Report. Vanderbilt has 6,900 undergraduate and 5,700 graduate students from a lot more than 90 countries are immersed in interdisciplinary research, teaching,

and experiential learning that are at the heart of the Vanderbilt community. Moving from Vanderbilt and onto LSU. <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/about/facts/>



LSU (Louisiana State University) is a high-rated public university located in Louisiana. It is a large institution with an enrollment rate of 22,060 undergraduate students. Admissions is somewhat competitive as the LSU acceptance rate is 74%. Popular majors include Physical Education Teaching and Coaching, Biology, and Communications. Graduating 67 percent of students, LSU alumni go on to earn a starting

salary of \$38,700. <https://www.niche.com/colleges/louisiana-state-university/>

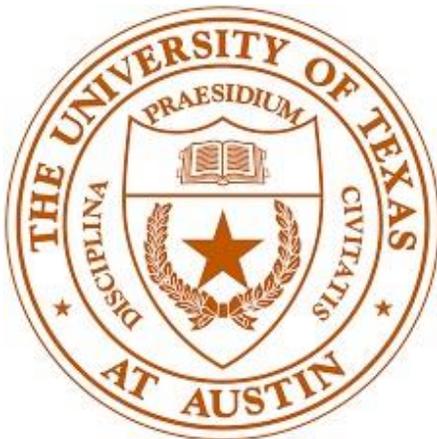
## Sul Ross By: Allison Gaydos

I want to go to Sul Ross. Because lots of my family members went there, I have a lot of history with the school. I also want to become a beautician because I really enjoy doing hair and makeup. Sul Ross is a great college; they have good success rates and they have excellent dorms. Plus, it's a college in a small town called Alpine, Texas.

<https://www.sulross.edu/>



## University of Texas By: Jonathon Martinez



I want to go to University of Texas because they provide technical training for individuals, and teach them various welding and welding fabrications. They're also building a strong foundation of essentials that employers are looking for from their employees. The welding program allows students to complete industry-recognized certification, allowing students to compete in the job market.

<https://www.utexas.edu/>

Moving on to... WHAT MAKES GPMS GREAT? :)

# What makes GPMS great?

By: Gabriel Palacios

The things that make GPMS great are the teachers. The teachers are helpful; they will help when you need help. They will extend dates for projects if you are absent. I've heard that Mrs. Guzman is a very helpful teacher and she teaches very well. Also, people say Mr. Solis is a fun and kind teacher.

*Here are some inspiring words!*

## Words of Wisdom

By Savannah Diaz-Korff

*"It really be like that sometimes"-Sent in by Natalie De Leon*



*"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but it takes so much more to stand up to your friends"-Sent by Sky Cambell, said by Dumbledore*

*"Faith is BOM.COM" -Faith Pitts YEE YEE*

*"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are"-Sent by Mrs. Rhoades, said by Harold Kushner*

*"Fall 7 times and stand up 8"-Sent by Ms. Guzman, from the book "The Spirit Bear"*

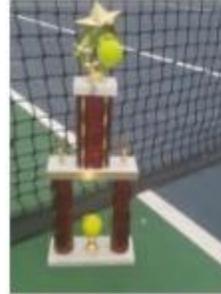


# sPoRtS sEcTiOn Edited by Lauren Spencer

## TENNIS

BY BRANDON CASTILLOJA, INFORATION FROM COACH ESQUIVEL

The 7<sup>th</sup>-grade tennis team beat out 16 teams to win 1st place at the Flour Bluff Ruff Tuff tournament!! Eighth-grade also came in 3rd place overall!!!



Seventh- grade tennis

trophy

Ethan Brymer, Kaidon Johnson,  
Kadon Howard, Abigail Molone,  
And Anyssa Castillo



Top Row: Bethany Miles, Janelle Garcia, Revel Wicks, Jorge Dominguez, Richard Cadriel, Brayden Gonzalez, Aiden Sheehy, Alex Elizondo, Noah Haan, Ruben Flores, Matthew Elizondo, Andrew Ibarra, Thomas Pacheco.

Bottom Row: Tristan Guzman, Ashley Garcia, Layla Lopez, Jade Everitt, Stuart Anderson, Elias Vasquez, Raul Dela Garza, Abigayle Sciba, Christopher Sanchez, Sage Moss, Nathan Sain.

**Did you know** that you can help the planet and the robotics team at the same time?

Simply bring your printer's empty inkjet cartridges to C108 and the robotics team will recycle them for you.

*Remember: inkjet cartridges will fit in the palm of your hand. We cannot recycle larger cartridges.*





# Special Olympics

By Allison Gaydos

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Gregory-Portland Middle School held a pep rally for the Special Olympics. Some of our own students did their very own Special Olympics.

(Pictured left) "GO, Joey Chavez, GO!" ~ Allison Gaydos

"A wonderful experience for everyone to compete in track" ~ Madison Snody

## Cross Country Year-end Review

By Colton Renfro

Hello, my name is Colton Renfro from the GPMS Press Corps. I was actually on the GP Cross Country team and that is why I wrote this. To start out, I would just like to congratulate the team for the good job they did. (Clap Clap Clap!) Here are some quotes from some of the runners:

- Faith Pitts- "Very fun and everyone on the team was a good family."
- Gabriel Palacios- "Very fun and it keeps you in shape throughout the year."
- Madison Gallagher- "Very inspiring."

## Basketball Boys year-end review

By Juan Hinojosa

This year, 7<sup>th</sup>-grade boys A team finished 2nd in district only losing to Flour Bluff. B team finished 2nd as well to Flour Bluff. Eighth-grade boys A-team members were district champions and B-team players were co-district champions.

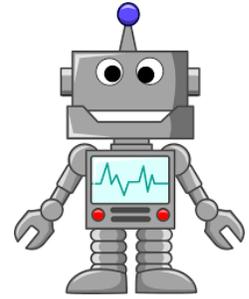
# Technology

Hailey Rasmussen, editor

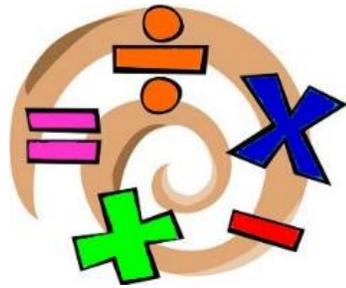
## Robotics

By Bella Rodriguez

Have you ever wanted to learn about robots and build them? If your answer is yes, then you should join robotics next year. The robotics team gets to compete against other schools and have a lot of fun. If you have any questions you can e-mail Mrs. Barnard or Mr. Wooten. Also, if you have any empty ink cartridges, the robotics team would greatly appreciate it if you would bring them to room N2.



## Math Teams



By Hailey Rasmussen, with information from Mrs. Biediger

Mrs. Biediger will most likely be coaching the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teams next year. The calculator teams use a HP-35S scientific calculator. It is a RPN (Reverse Polish Notation) calculator.

## Career Investigations

By Rylee Martinez, with information from the GPMS Course Catalog

Career Investigations is an 18-week course that prepares students to be “career investigators”. Students will assess their roles in society, identify their roles as workers, analyze their personal assets, complete a basic exploration of career clusters and select career fields or occupations for further study. This course will engage students in the world of work beyond high school, educate students on graduation endorsement options, and expose students to emerging workplace and postsecondary education opportunities. Mathematics, Science, English, Social Science and technology are integrated throughout the course.

# Style Section

Editor: Zoe Garza

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, only 8<sup>th</sup> grade has a dance at the GP High School cafeteria. Tickets cost \$20.00 for presale; at the door, they will be \$25.00.

Hope y'all had a good year!

Have a great summer!!



Noelani Judd, Victoria Smith, Sophia Matinez, Zoe Garza, Amber Clements, Kariane McMahon and Rylee Martinez.

