

# *The GPMS Gazette*

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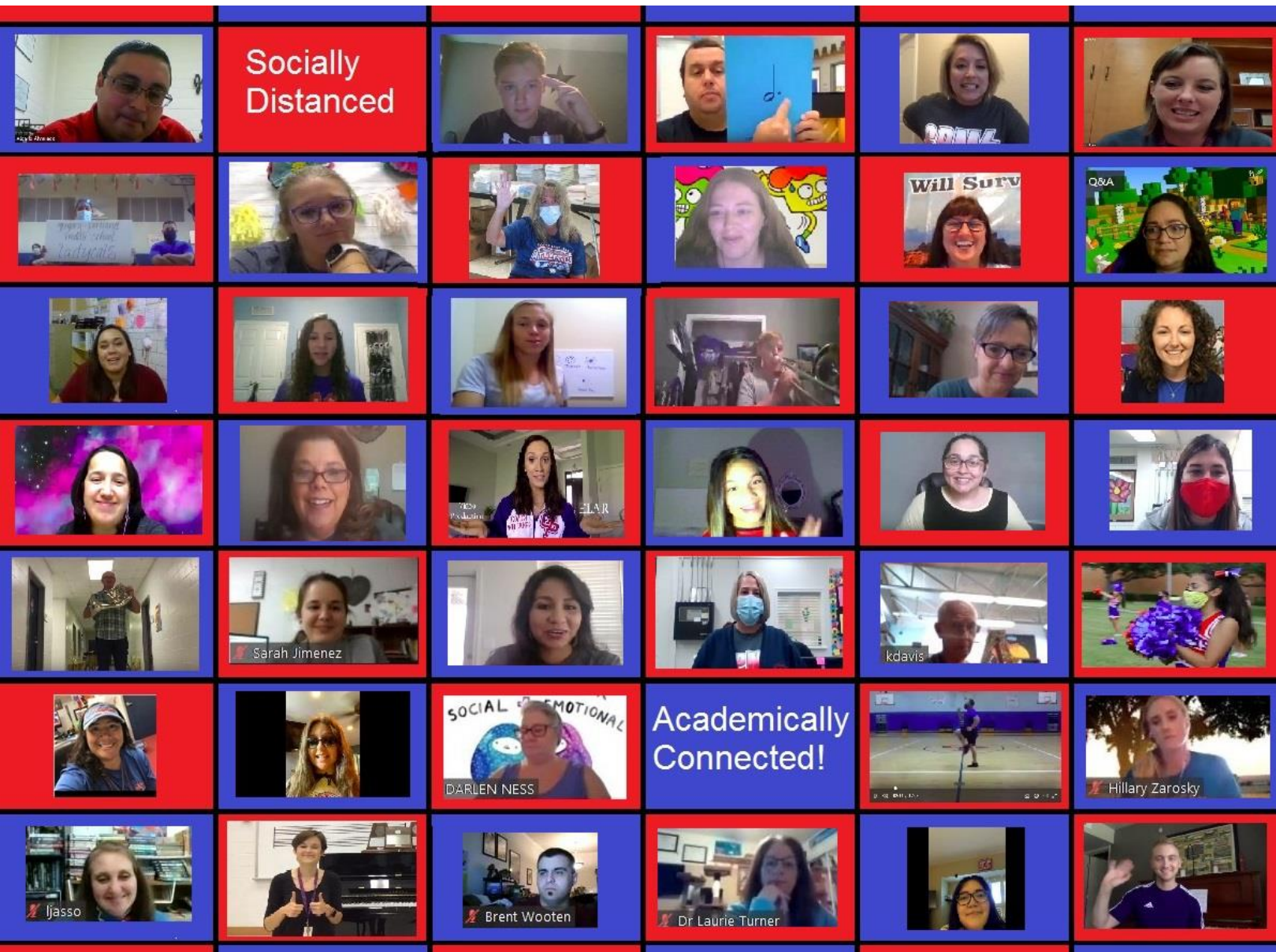
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# GPMS Wildcat News



## Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Hello! I want to officially welcome our new 6th graders, the class of 2027! I'm Mrs. Edge and I'll be your counselor for the three years you are here at GPMS. I hope to get to know each of you during your time here. I am available to help with questions about study skills, how to relate to your friends and

families more successfully, and how to take care of yourself. I will be available to you from 8:00-4:00 every school day by phone, e-mail or teams (counselors have a Teams page with helpful information!). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk with me. If you need something outside of school hours, you can always send a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible the next school day. I've been a counselor for 16 years, most of those at GP working at middle school. Before that, I was an ELA teacher. I love music; I play the French horn, a little guitar and sing some. I also enjoy being outdoors hiking, traveling, kayaking, swimming and running. Indoors I like to do yoga, circuit workouts, or paint. Books are my good friends, especially now that we are spending so many hours at home. Some of my favorites are: *Harry Potter*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Walk Two Moons*, and *Weslandia*. Again, I look forward to meeting you and learning what things you enjoy doing. Let's make the best year we can out of 20-21!

Mrs. Edge

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Please visit the Counselors page on the GPMS website for more:

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/campus-info/counselors>

## Got News?

Share your stories, story ideas, photos, opinions, art, comics, etc. here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vMwErE5zZ0iCykl1ggsBqkoKFB2Dp69lrV40lqi7kTIUREg0UEFYTTE3QURWT0FGWDIJWUVSREtSMi4u>



# GPMS Wildcat News



## October PSAT at GPMS

The **PSAT** (Practice SAT) is being offered at G-P Middle School on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is a great way to get an idea of how well-prepared you are for the real SAT!

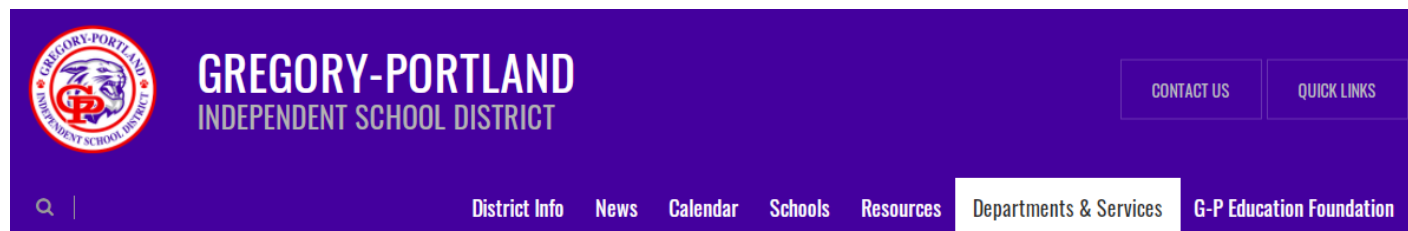
**Who can take the test:** Any G-P Middle School student (grades 6-8.)

**Registration Deadline:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Cost:** \$20 – You must preregister & pay online at this link:

<https://secure.gomerchant.com/secure/custompayment/gregoryportlandisd/13508/default.aspx> (or go to the district website's "Departments & Services", select "Online Payments", and click "Testing Fees" – see below) Be sure that, when you fill in the "Test Type" field, you select "PSAT".

**For more information about the PSAT, please contact Mr. Munoz: [emunoz1@g-pisd.org](mailto:emunoz1@g-pisd.org)**



## ONLINE PAYMENTS

To make an online payment select one of the following:

- Ray Akins Wildcat Stadium Sponsors: [Click here](#)
- Summer School Registration Fees: [Click here](#)
- Testing Fees: [Click here](#)
- Art Class Fees: [Click here](#)

Business / Payroll

Communications

Construction

Curriculum & Instruction



**Character Strong** meetings will be conducted both in-person and online this year. For online learners, this is a great way to reconnect with friends and classmates! For days, times, and weekly dares, please visit the Character Strong page, in the Community section, on the GPMS website - <https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/community/character-strong>. For more information about Character Strong, please contact Mrs. Edge:

[dedge@g-pisd.org](mailto:dedge@g-pisd.org)





# GPMS Wildcat News



## Yearbook Cover Contest

**Contest Deadline: Sept 30, 2020**

If you would like to design the cover for the 2021 GPMS Yearbook, please visit the "Community" section of the GPMS website for rules and submission guidelines.

## Yearbook Savings

Save 10%, when you reserve your copy of the 2021 GPMS Yearbook before September 30, at this link:

<https://tr5.treering.com/create-account/1015518127663175>

Longing for Last Year's Yearbook? You may order a copy of the 2020 yearbook there too!

## Environmental Savings

GPMS yearbooks are printed on recycled paper; plus, for every yearbook ordered, TreeRing (our publisher) will plant a tree in our school's name!



*Last year's 2020 GPMS Yearbook cover, designed by then-6<sup>th</sup>-grader, Savannah Diaz*

## GPTV Jr. Students Prepare for First Virtual Pep Rally



*Payton Henson, GPTV Jr.*

GPTV Jr. (Video Production students) are hard at work, getting ready for the first online GPMS pep rally. All footage and on-air talent is from volunteer class members.

Photos by Mrs. Whitaker



*Taylor Kayt Getman, GPTV Jr.*

For more information about GPTV Jr., please visit <https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/jr-tv-club> or e-mail Mrs. Whitaker - [awhitaker@g-pisd.org](mailto:awhitaker@g-pisd.org)



# GPMS Wildcat News



## Students Share Skills & Stories, Recognized by Peers

While learning to understand the motivations of fictional characters, 8<sup>th</sup>-grade ELA students produced their own “Heroic Fiction” videos, and shared them with each other through the Flipgrid website. Students were instructed to pretend to be fictional heroes of their choice, and dress up like that character, act like that character, and introduce themselves as that character! After viewing their classmates’ videos, students voted in the first GPMS Flipgrid People’s Choice Awards.

And the winners are:

### Best Screenplays

Nathan Olivarez & Aubrie Fountain

### Best Actors

Brady Cotton & Peyton Miller & Myranda Dixon

### Best Costume Designs

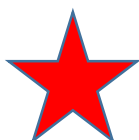
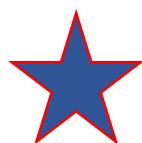
Riley Laws & Bryce Hardwick

### Best Digital Special Effects

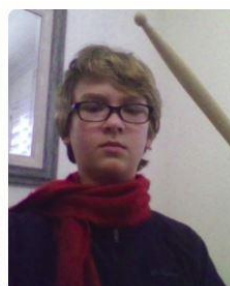
Anthony Kelley & Jack Clark & Mia Barrera

### Best Overall Videos

Riley Laws & Nathan Olivarez



*Kayden Ralls as  
Indiana Jones*



*Riley Laws & Bryce Hardwick as Harry Potter*



*Braelin Cates as  
Dumbo*



*Peyton Miller as  
Captain America*



*Nathan Olivarez as  
Iron Man*



*Aubrie Fountain as  
Tony the Tiger*



*Simon Alaniz as  
Michael Vey*



For more information about Flipgrid, visit <https://info.flipgrid.com>  
Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who participated!

## Library News

from Mrs. Partridge [cpartridge1@g-pisd.org](mailto:cpartridge1@g-pisd.org)



### Library Book Checkout Procedures During Covid

#### 1) Log In to Destiny

Students should log into their Destiny library software accounts which they can access through **Clever.com** or by going to [https://gpisd.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas42\\_4239707](https://gpisd.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas42_4239707). **Students log into Destiny using the same username and password they use to log onto a school computer.** For example - John Doe (ID # 242424) would be **jdoe24@student.g-pisd.org** and his password would be **gp242424**.

#### 2) Put a book on hold

After searching for a title or doing a keyword search, click the **name of the title** on the search results screen. On the next screen, click the "Hold It" button on the upper right corner.

#### 3) Wait for delivery

Library staff will be alerted automatically when a book has been put on hold. We will deliver the book to the student's room as promptly as possible. We will quarantine the books for a week upon their return.

### Checking Student Library Records

Students may check their own library accounts to see what they have checked out and any fines that they have. There are two ways to do this:

- From the main screen, they can go to "My Info" in the upper left corner beside the "catalog" tab, or
- From the main screen, they can click on the "Destiny Discover" tab on the left-hand side menu, then click on their name or the person icon and select checkouts, holds, fines, etc.

*Note: In Destiny Discover, if they click the back-browser button, it will completely kick them out of Destiny and they'll have to re-login.*

## Counselors Available with Student Support & Services

Hello GPMS students! As we begin the 2020-2021 school year we want to let you know that your counselors are here for you. You may contact us to speak about your grades, classes or personal concerns. As your school counselors we care very much about our students and we are here to listen and help. You may reach us by e-mail, send us a chat message in TEAMS or a phone call! Mrs. Debbie Edge - 6th grade counselor ([dedge@g-pisd.org](mailto:dedge@g-pisd.org)), Mr. Eusebio Munoz - 7th grade ([emunoz1@g-pisd.org](mailto:emunoz1@g-pisd.org)), Mrs. Leslie Garcia - 8th grade ([lgarcia@g-pisd.org](mailto:lgarcia@g-pisd.org)).



# 10 out of Ten

## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Zipprian



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

6th Social Studies Teacher

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This is my first year here.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I taught 4th grade ELAR at East Cliff Elementary for 16 years.

I started my teaching career in CCISD and worked there for 6 years.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I love spending time with my five children. I like putting puzzles together when I have time.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I enjoy watching football and baseball. My favorite football team is the Tennessee Titans. Scrabble is my favorite board game.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

I enjoy all types of music from country to gospel to rap to oldies. It just depends on my mood, but George Strait and Elvis are my favorite artists.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

Any one serving or have served in the military are heroes to me.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

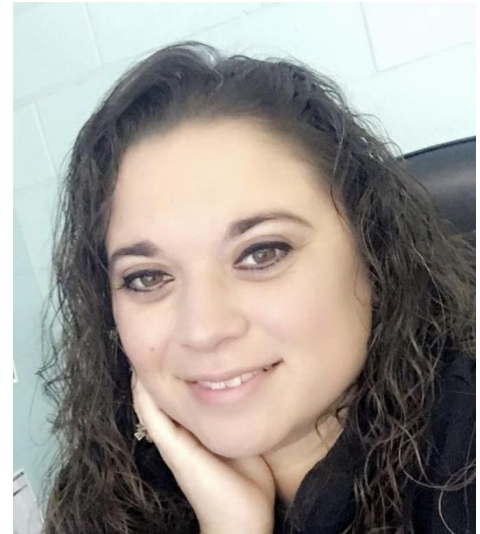
**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I have a twin sister that works in the district as well. I also am now teaching in my old high school. I am a proud G-P graduate and so is my husband.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Dishman



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am the 6th grade ELAR Inclusion Teacher.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This is my first year at GPMS.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

Before I came to GPMS, I taught 6th grade in Ingleside for 2 years. Before that, I worked for Taft ISD for 11 years in all grade levels.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

My favorite thing to do is to watch my own children play sports and participate in a variety of activities. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends and extended family whenever possible.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

I like to read a variety of different types of books. I enjoy reading books about mystery, comedies, adventure, and science fiction to name a few.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE to play games! My favorite "family game" is Skip Bo, but I enjoy all types of card games and board games.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

My favorite genre of music is alternative rock which includes my favorite band, Creed. However, I listen to multiple music genres including country, tejano, and pop rock.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My hero is easily my Mom. She is an wonderful woman and has never ceased to amaze me. She has been through many troubling things in her life and despite that, she has shown me that you never give up on what you believe in. She is the ultimate example of what type of person and mother that I aspire to be myself.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

It doesn't matter where you came from. All that matters is where you are going.

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

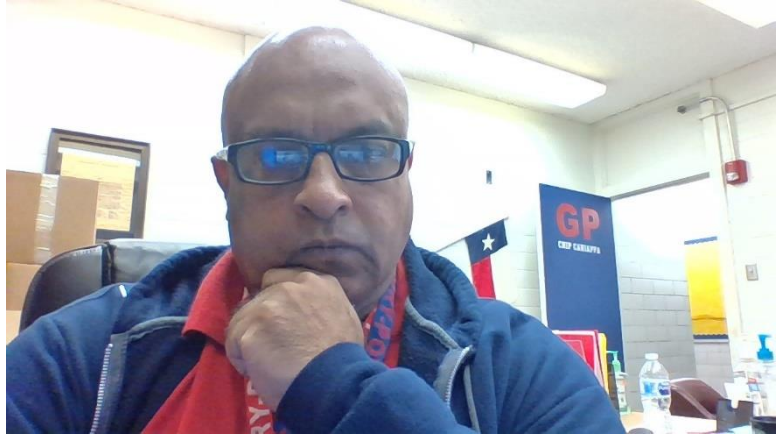
I was awarded the District Teacher of the Year once when I worked in Taft.



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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mr. Cariappa (aka Citizen Cariappa)



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am an Assistant Principal.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This is my first year at GPMS working full time. I worked half time last year.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I was an AP Calculus and AP Statistics teacher at Foy H. Moody High School in Corpus Christi.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

Read books, listen to music, and play with my dogs.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

*Xenophon's Anabasis*, *St. Augustine's Confessions*, and Edmund Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France*.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

None.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

King Leonidas - I appreciate people who struggle against insurmountable odds.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

Shakespeare's Caesar: "Cowards die many times before their deaths; The valiant never taste of death but once."

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

75 pounds ago, I used to climb mountains.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions Mrs. Crawford



### 1. What do you do at GPMS?

I am a special education teacher.

I offer support for 8th grade ELAR students.

### 2. How long have you been at GPMS?

This is my first year

### 3. What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?

Last year, I taught 4th grade reading and social studies at The School of Science and Technology. Before that, I was an insurance agent for about 2 years. Prior to that, I was a Texas Fightin' Aggie Class of 2017! WHOOP! Gig 'em!

### 4. What are your favorite hobbies/interests?

I love to go on vacation, go out on the boat, fish, workout, cook, and hang out with my family. My husband, kids, and I go to the Frio River a lot.

### 5. What is/are your favorite book(s)?

Currently, I am obsessed with *The Land of Stories* series. One of my students last year bought me the prequel, *A Tale of Magic*, and I fell in love. I love the twist on fairy tales.

### 6. What is/are your favorite game(s)?

I am really into board and card games. I love Monopoly (I am very competitive). We also just discovered a new card game called Five Crowns. I am not a big video gamer, my husband and oldest son are, but I do enjoy Mario Kart and Crash if I do play.

### 7. What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?

I love country music. My favorite artists are, George Strait, Garth Brooks, Diamond Rio, and Clay Walker. I also like pop music, oldies rock, christian rock, and more. I really like Lizzo :)

### 8. Who is one of your heroes, and why?

My best friend, Jillian Williams. A few days before Jill's 19th birthday she was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma. It is a very rare bone cancer. Jill has never once thrown a pity party over her misfortunes. Instead, she started a foundation named "Live n Leap", which I am the Vice President of, that helps young adults in similar situations to hers. Through her battle she never lost her positivism and continues to help others. She takes every thorn that is thrown at her and creates a rose bush. I am so lucky to have a person like her in my life.

### 9. What is one of your favorite quotes?

"You only fail when you give up trying"

### 10. What is something about you that might surprise people?

I actually graduated high school a year early. Because of this, I didn't think I would graduate college in 4 years. I changed majors a few times, and I didn't think I had the right credits to graduate. Well, you have to apply for graduation and I didn't (because I didn't think I could), and my counselor called me one day (which is very strange, you never hear from those people) in a frenzy because the deadline for graduation deadlines was that day and she couldn't find mine. I said I thought I wasn't eligible. She said, "Why else would I e-mail you the application 5 times???" So one month later I walked the stage as a Texas A&M University Graduate. Crazy thing is, I had already signed up for a study abroad to Scotland over the summer and they still let me go! It ended up being a really awesome graduation trip.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Zarosky

(aka Mrs. Z)

**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am an 8th grade US History teacher.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This will be my 5th year at GPISD. My first year here was at GPMS, I moved up to the high school for 3 years, and now I am back!

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I was a teacher and coach at Hampshire-Fannett High School.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I LOVE antiquing, and up-cycling old furniture.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

*The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I am too hyperactive for most board, card, or video games, but I do love any sport!

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

Love any Christian or folk music.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My Dad is one of my heroes. As I get older I can look back and see all the valuable lessons he has taught me, from fixing things on my own around the house, to saving money, and what it looks like to be a good Christian.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversations be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer to everyone. ~Colossians 4:5

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I can burp on command.





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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions



### Mrs. Morris

**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I teach 7th grade math.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

I taught 8th grade math and math reinforcement for 3 years here before taking a year off to be home with my baby. This is my first year back at GPMS.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I actually graduated from GP and then went to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and received my bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies Math 4-8th grade. During my last semester of college, I completed my student teaching at GPMS. After I graduated, I started working for GPMS as an 8th grade math teacher.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

Outside of school hours I enjoy cooking/baking, anything to do with arts and crafts, and spending time with my family.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

Well, nowadays I typically read kids books since I have a one year old son. Our favorite ones to read are *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown and *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I love playing games when I have time! I really enjoy playing card games and board games. If I had to choose my favorite games, they would most likely be Uno and Clue.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

I like a lot of different styles of music. My favorite is Texas Country with my favorite artist being Cody Johnson.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My biggest hero is my grandfather. He was the most honorable person I have ever known and was the biggest influence in my life. He taught me how to be a good person, how to treat people kindly and respectfully, and instilled the importance of having family and faith in my life. He was such a positive role model that I named my son after him. He recently passed away, but his influence on my life will last forever.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"You cannot control every situation and its outcome, but you can control your attitude and how you deal with it." This is important to remember all the time, especially right now. It is so easy to get frustrated with how things are, but getting frustrated won't have any positive effect on the outcome. It will just make things harder. The best thing you can do is always try your best and focus on the way you react to situations. When you approach things with a positive outlook, you are more likely to have a positive outcome.

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

A lot of the teachers that taught at GPMS when I was a student are still teaching. So many of my previous teachers have now become my colleagues.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Martinez



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am a para assisting Mrs. Turner in History, and Ms. Elliott in English.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This is my first year working at GPMS. I am looking forward to many more!

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

Before I joined the GPMS family I was working as a SPED para at Grant Middle School in Corpus. Before I started working in education I was a Marine wife/stay at home mom.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I enjoy spending time with family, exercising, the beach, camping, basically anything outdoors.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

My favorite book is called *Crushing*, by T.D. Jakes.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

My favorite games are Charades and Uno.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

I love all music, but my favorite artist would have to be George Strait.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My dad is my hero because, no matter what life has thrown his way, he has always remained resilient and solid. He truly is the best dad in the world.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

Be who you needed when you were younger.

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I think people would be surprised to know that I have lived in 3 states and 4 different cities.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Stephens



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am the Speech Therapist for Speech Therapy classes.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

12 years

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I worked in Skidmore ISD as a Speech therapist.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

Going to the beach, spending time with family and friends and traveling.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

I don't have one.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

Monopoly, Clue.

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

Country music, George Strait.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My mother - she was a very giving and kind person.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

Treat everyone like you want to be treated.

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I lived on an island for 17 years.



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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Grumbles



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

Eighth-grade ELAR teacher and grade-level leader

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

I'm starting my ninth year altogether.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I taught high school first in Ingleside and then in Crossville, Tennessee.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I love to go hiking, camping, and kayaking, but I also quilt in my "spare" time.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

In young adult, my favorites are: *Harry Potter*, *I am Number Four*, *The Blue Hole* *Back Home*, and most of Jack London's books.

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I just learned how to play "Cards Against Humanity!" So, that's my new favorite. I also like backgammon, Clue, and Candy Crush-Level 4643!

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

Depends on the day and my mood. I really like all genres, but tend to listen to more 80's rock.

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

My mom would be one of my heroes. She taught me what it is like to be truly thankful for everyday. The whole time she was battling cancer, she had a smile for everyone and she never quit.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"He who blames others has a long way to go on his journey. He who blames himself is halfway there. He who blames no one has arrived." ~Chinese Proverb

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I collect hippos. I have hippos made out of pretty much every substance.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions



### Ms. Braly

#### **1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I am the Assistant Principal for Student Support Services.

#### **2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

I officially started this position on July 20, 2020.

#### **3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I worked as a Science Teacher at G-P's Wildcat Learning Center and DAEP for the last six years. For the last two of those years, I was also an administrator intern under the WLC/DAEP Coordinator, Terra Haynes. Customizing the education experience to meet the needs of individual students is what I feel education is all about! I have also worked at Banquete High School as a Science Teacher and at the Texas State Aquarium as a Senior Level Aquarist (Aquatic Zoo Keeper).

#### **4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I enjoy being outdoors and with my family. We love to go hiking and spend days at the beach. I also really enjoy scuba diving and ballroom dancing, but rarely find the time to engage in those activities.

#### **5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

I am not much of a reader as I struggle with Dyslexia, so I always enjoyed text that was chunked. I love reading comic books (favorite: Uncanny X-men), graphic novels (favorites: Watchmen and Locke and Key), poetry (favorite: Edgar Allen Poe), and plays (favorites: Shakespeare and Eugene O' Neill).

#### **6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I enjoy card games and old school video games (ATARI).

#### **7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

Punk Rock, Alternative Rock, Indy Rock, and just about any genre of Rock are my favorites.

#### **8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

Nikola Tesla is my top hero! Most know him today for his inventions, demonstrating that he was very creative and intelligent. He was a very unusual individual who was way ahead of his time, and he's inspired me to push myself to think outside the box and march to the beat of my own drum.

#### **9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

#### **10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I used to train a 10 foot alligator and I dislike dolphins.

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## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. McAdam



**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

7th Grade English Language Arts and Reading Teacher

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

This is my first year at GPMS.

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I was an instructional coach in Kentucky for 1 year, a reading coach in Alabama for 3 years, and an elementary teacher for 10 years in Mississippi.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

I like to read and watch Master Chef. My son and I like to go fishing at the Sunset Beach Park when we can.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

*Because of Winn Dixie, The Crossover, Mustache Baby*

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I like to watch baseball and soccer. I like silly board games like "Apples to Apples".

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

I do not like country. I usually listen to pop music or whatever is on the radio with my son. ( He likes Kids Bop- so I listen to a lot of that right now. )

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is one of my heroes. She was the second female on the U.S. Supreme Court. She has done so much for women's rights and knows the struggle of a working mother. My husband got her to sign a book for me and it is in my safe.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"I don't have a favorite place. I have my favorite people. And, whenever I'm with my favorite people, it becomes my favorite place."

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I was super nerdy growing up--- big hair, thick glasses, the traditional nerd in the movies.



# 10 out of Ten

## GPMS Superstars Answer Ten Questions

### Mrs. Partridge

(aka Miss Cati)

**1.What do you do at GPMS?**

I'm the new GPMS librarian and the district's Head Librarian. I also enjoy doing lots of work for our Book-a-Palooza Children's Picture Book Festival.

**2.How long have you been at GPMS?**

Just a few weeks!

**3.What did you do before you joined the GPMS family?**

I've been in the G-P school district for many years as the Intermediate School librarian. I was based at TM Clark Elementary the last two years as the Elementary Library Coordinator.

**4.What are your favorite hobbies/interests?**

Reading, of course! I also love travelling to new places, especially other countries.

**5.What is/are your favorite book(s)?**

The Harry Potter series

**6.What is/are your favorite game(s)?**

I'm currently a pro playing Don't Break the Ice!

**7.What is/are your favorite musical artist/genre?**

80's music is the best!

**8.Who is one of your heroes, and why?**

I admire everyday heroes... the people who sacrifice and give of themselves for the benefit of others.

**9.What is one of your favorite quotes?**

"I think we've seriously underestimated The Beast," and "You're killin' me, Smalls!" - from the movie *The Sandlot*

**10.What is something about you that might surprise people?**

I often come across as serious because I'm not funny myself and I can be shy, but I have a great sense of humor and I am easily amused by others.





# *GPMS Wildcat Sports*



## Sports Schedules Online

See who's playing what, when, and where on the Athletics pages of the GPMS website:

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/athletics>

## Meet the GPMS Cheer Team

*Photos by Coach Whitaker*

**Cheerleaders:** -Sophia Arthurs -Kiera Baker -Brooke Becker -Gabs Cavazos -Cheyenne Cuellar  
-Raeleigh Devine -Taylor Getman -Sofia Gonzales -Cali Gregory -Megan Griffith -Payton Henson  
-Sara Hesseltine -Lauren Hollingsworth -Ailani Mancias -Lauren Moody -Addison Morales -Kendall Ramos  
-Avery Rodriguez -Kaelynn Shirley -Kyleigh Shirley

**Managers/Alternates:** -Mia Barrera -Allison McMahan

GPMS Cheer is hard at work getting ready for pep rallies, football games, and competitions. They spent the summer practicing in person and online to be ready for whatever 2020 might hold. Look out for our performances both virtual and in person!





# GPMS Wildcat Sports



## Pep Rally Schedule

**September 22nd** (Virtual) - Superhero theme, for Tennis & Cross Country

**October 6th** (Virtual) - Pink Out theme, for Volleyball

**October 27th** (undetermined whether virtual or not) - Halloween theme & Football

**December 17th** (undetermined whether virtual or not) - Black Out theme & Basketball

## Go Wildcats!

Watch virtual pep rallies on the GPTV Jr. page of the GPMS website:

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/jr-tv-club>



## Hey, Wildcat Sports Fans: Do You Have a Camera or Camera Phone?

Do you enjoy taking pictures at GPMS pep rallies, Tennis matches, Cross Country meets, Volleyball games, Football Games, Basketball games, and/or practices? Share your photography skills with the world! Upload your best pics at the link below, and you may see your work published in the next *GPMS Gazette*!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vMwErE5zZ0iCykl1ggsBqkoKFB2Dp69IrV40lqi7kTIUREg0UEFYTTE3QURWT0FGWDIJWUVSREtSMi4u>

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### GPTV JR.

Thank you to the Gregory-Portland Education Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Portland, and Dairy Queen for supporting GPTV Jr. as a grant recipient!

We cannot wait to spend the funds on materials for our members.

Thank you for believing in the power of imagination, youth, and education!

More exciting news -

Wishing you could take Video Production as an elective credit in middle school?

**YOU CAN!**

Select Video Production as an elective as you fill out your Pre-Registration forms for the coming school year.

We'll continue learning how to write, shoot, and edit a variety of videos, as well as take field trips to local news and businesses.

Sign up with your counselor today!

**Videos**

OUR FIRST VIDEO!

PINK OUT PEPPY RALLY AND VOLLEYBALL





# GPMS Wildcat Sports



## 2020 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Roster

Maryah Acosta  
Kaylin Baker  
Brooke Becker  
Cheyenne Cuellar  
Sophia Davila  
Raleigh Devine  
Rheanna Escamilla  
Aubrey Espinoza  
Lillian Finley  
Emry Gage  
Audrina Galvan  
Taylor Getman  
Sofia Gonzales  
Maribella Gutierrez  
Sara Hesseltine  
La'Ryssa Hill  
Monica Kazanjian  
Kaitlyn Kilgore  
Allison McMahan  
Faith McNeal  
Addison Morales  
Makayla Munoz  
Madison Ortiz  
Julia Palacios  
Kendall Patton  
Kendall Ramos  
Kaelynn Shirley  
Kailani Vargas  
Raegan Zipprian

### Coaches:

Sandra Davila (A)  
Alyssa Ahlers (B)



## The Opt Out List

Some students are not listed nor pictured in *GPMS Gazette* articles and/or the school yearbook. Parents of these students have requested that their children not be pictured nor listed in school publications; this applies to the school yearbook, as well as *The GPMS Gazette*. G-PISD respects the rights of parents to protect their children's privacy.

Parents who feel a mistake may have been made during registration, may follow these steps to change their child's status:

1. Log in to your Skyward Family Access Account  
<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WSISAService=wsedugregporttx/fwemnu01.w>
  2. Click "Online Registration"
  3. Click "Student Directory Information"
  4. Click "Release for School-Sponsored Purposes"
- Please contact the school's front office for help or more information. 777-4042

## GPMS Coaches, Help Us Support & Celebrate Our Wildcats!

Please send team rosters, photos, game recaps, and any other information about our outstanding athletes in the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vMwErE5zZ0iCykl1ggsBqkoKFB2Dp69IrV40lqi7kTIUREg0UEFYTTE3QURWT0FGWDIJWUVSREtSMi4u>