

# The GPJHS Gazette!

The Official Newsletter of Gregory-Portland Junior High School:  
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**October 2017**



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2. Select “G-P Junior High School” from the “Schools” dropdown menu.
3. Select “GPJH Gazette” from the “Community” dropdown menu.
4. You will see links for issues of the Gazette in English & Spanish, which you may view, download, and/or print!

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<https://www.g-pisd.org/gregory-portland-junior-high-school/community/gpjh-gazette>



**Picture Day - Friday, October 27**

Please observe the dress code, show your GP pride, ...and smile!



# Welcome to the GPJHS Library!!!

Our students have been learning how to access Destiny. Destiny is what we use for our library catalog. A library catalog is a listing of all of the materials available in our library. You can access Destiny online at [gpsid.follettdestiny.com](http://gpsid.follettdestiny.com) (no “www” at the beginning) or, if you’re reading this issue online, just click this link:

<https://gpsid.follettdestiny.com/cataloging/servlet/presentadvancedsearchredirectorform.do?12m=Library%20Search&tm=TopLevelCatalog>



*Trinity Lucero, Brianna Hernandez, their excellent ELA teacher Mr. Robbins, Camry Maris and other students explore Destiny in the GPJHS Library.*

Photos from Ms. Costilla

## Library to Host Lone Star Reading List BBQ



The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books. The Lone Star list is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. The annotated 2017 Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at:

<http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>

## 2017 TEXAS LONE STAR READING LIST

The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by librarians for middle school students. The list is intended to encourage students to explore a variety of current books with various genres, interests, and subjects. This year if your child reads all 20 books on the list, they will be invited to a Texas style BBQ in May!! Here is a list of our 2017 Texas Lone Star books.



*Happy Reading!!*

*~ Ms. Costilla  
GPJHS Librarian*

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Brody, Jessica	<b>A Week of Mondays</b>
Carter, Aimee	<b>Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den</b>
Collier, Peter	<b>Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero</b>
Davies, Linda	<b>Longbow Girl</b>
Eagar, Lindsay	<b>Hour of the Bees</b>
Elliott, Kate	<b>Court of Fives</b>
Gangsei, Jan	<b>Zero Day</b>
Gratz, Alan	<b>Code of Honor</b>
Graudin, Ryan	<b>Wolf By Wolf</b>
Harrington, Karen	<b>Mayday</b>
Henry, April	<b>The Girl I Used to Be</b>
Jobling, Curtis	<b>Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse</b>
Khoury, Jessica	<b>The Forbidden Wish</b>
Khoury, Jessica	<b>Kalahari</b>
Liss, David	<b>Randoms</b>
Long, Susan Hill	<b>The Magic Mirror: Concerning a Lonely Princess, a Foundling Girl, a Scheming King and a Pickpocket Squirrel</b>
Magoon, Kekla	<b>Shadows of Sherwood</b>
Reynolds, Jason	<b>Ghost</b>
Sands, Kevin	<b>The Blackthorn Key</b>
Welch, Jenna Evans	<b>Love and Gelato</b>



## STAAR Testing – 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)





## Cat's Club

Cat's Club is a reward for students who meet or exceed the criteria for good behavior and academic excellence. For each 9-week grading period, students who meet the criteria will be able to participate in this reward program. This can include but is not limited to; field trips in town or to a nearby area or an on campus activity such as movies, karaoke, and games. The criteria set forth by the campus is shown below.

By the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> progress report within each 9-week grading period, students should have:



- Maintained an 80 or above in every class,
- no more than 2 unexcused absences,
- no ISS referrals, no suspensions, no DAEP placements,
- and no more than 3 tardies.

Some of the field trips may include costs, such as: entrance fees, food, and travel. Students who qualify for Cat's Club will be given a permission slip with the information for the event, a lunch order form, and any other necessary paperwork. The paperwork must be completed and signed by the parent, and forms and money must be turned in by the deadline.

Students who do not qualify for Cat's Club will not be punished, but will remain on campus and continue with their regular class schedule. If a student qualifies but chooses not to participate in the event, the student will remain on campus and will also follow the regular class schedule.

The dates set for the Cat's Club events may be subject to change due to availability of venues, number of students participating, and programs and other events scheduled throughout the year. Students meeting the above criteria (and their parents) will be notified in advance of the dates, locations, and any fees for the events.



# Halloween Dance

### Saturday, Oct. 28, 7-10pm

We will have costumes (students & adults!), snacks, drinks, music, and of course...

The Haunted Hallway!



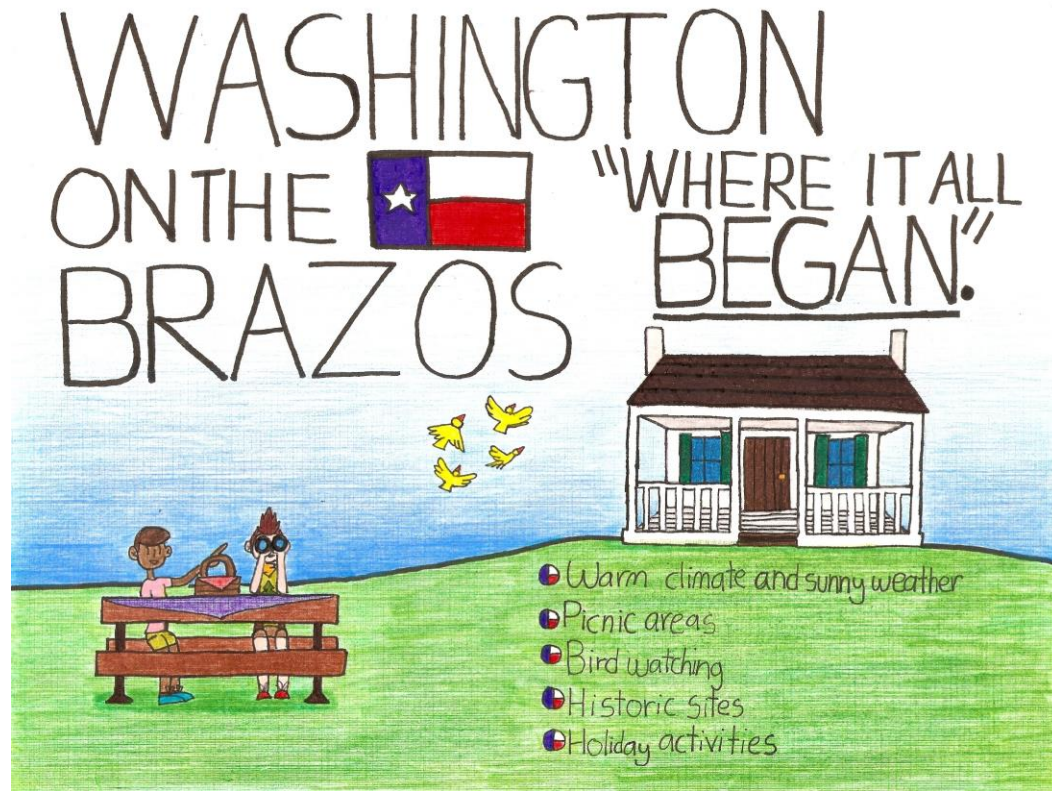
**Mummies & daddies (parent & faculty volunteers) wanted, needed, and greatly appreciated!**

For more information, please contact Mrs. Ramirez:  
[sramirez@g-pisd.org](mailto:sramirez@g-pisd.org)

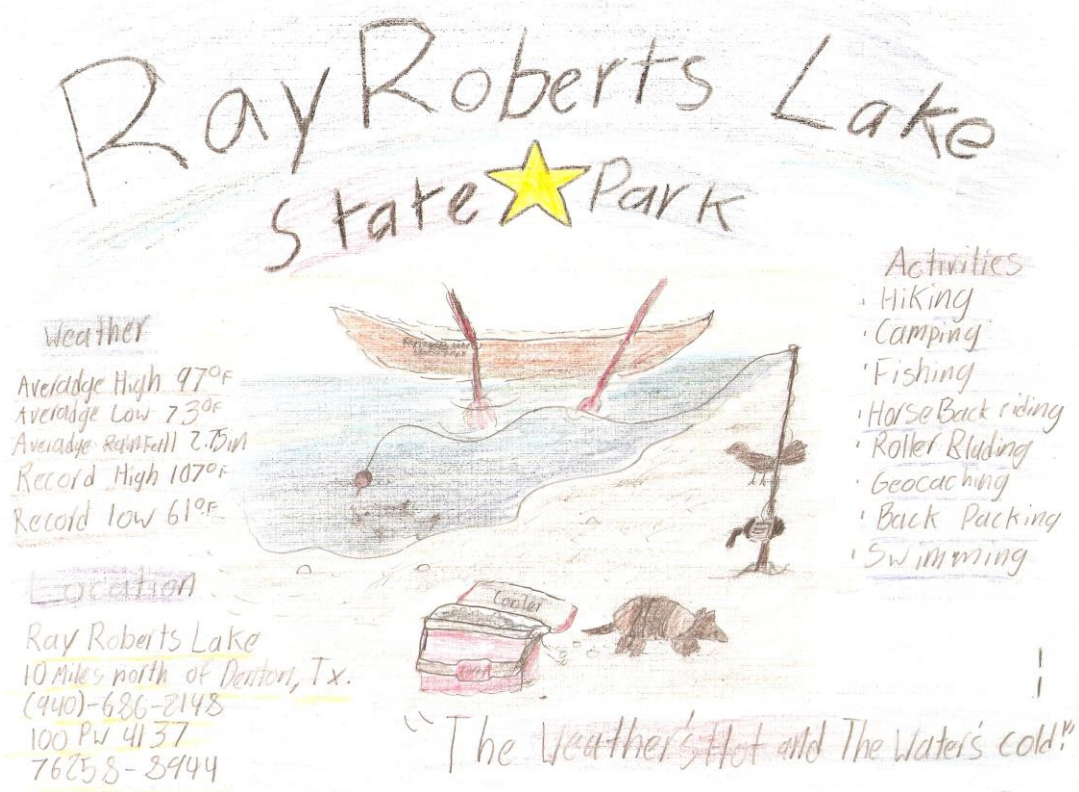


# Texas History Students Promote State Parks

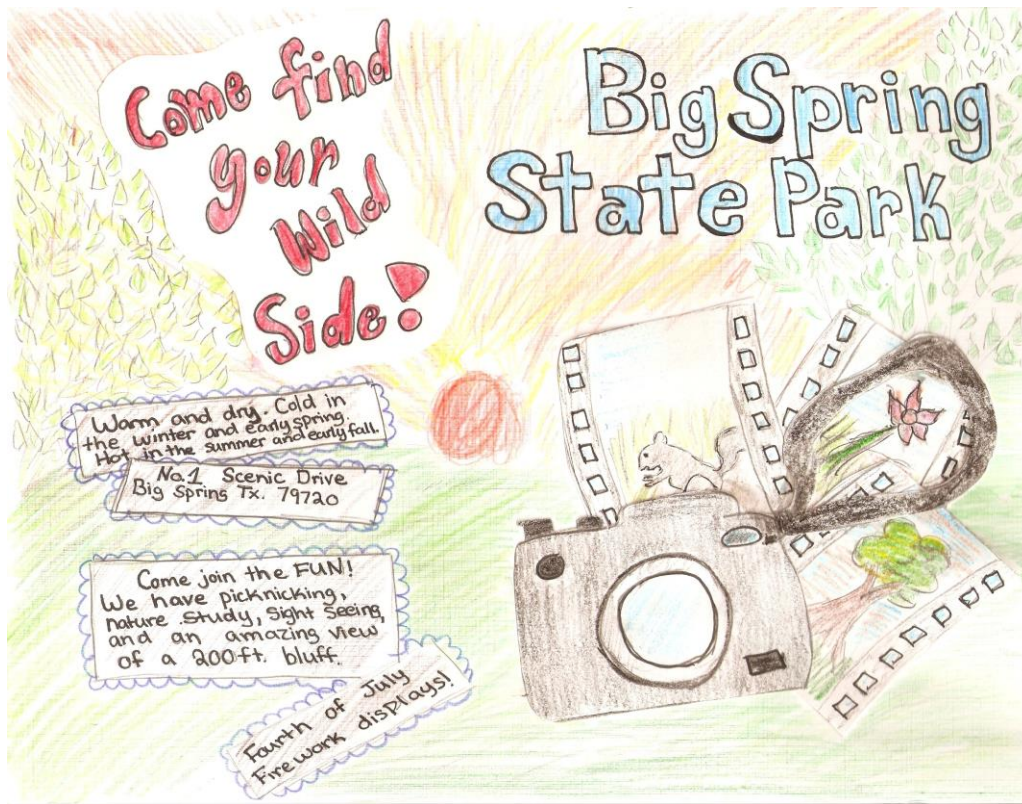
Mrs. Cullison's Intensive Texas History students recently designed billboards to advertise the state parks in Texas. Here are some samples of their outstanding work!



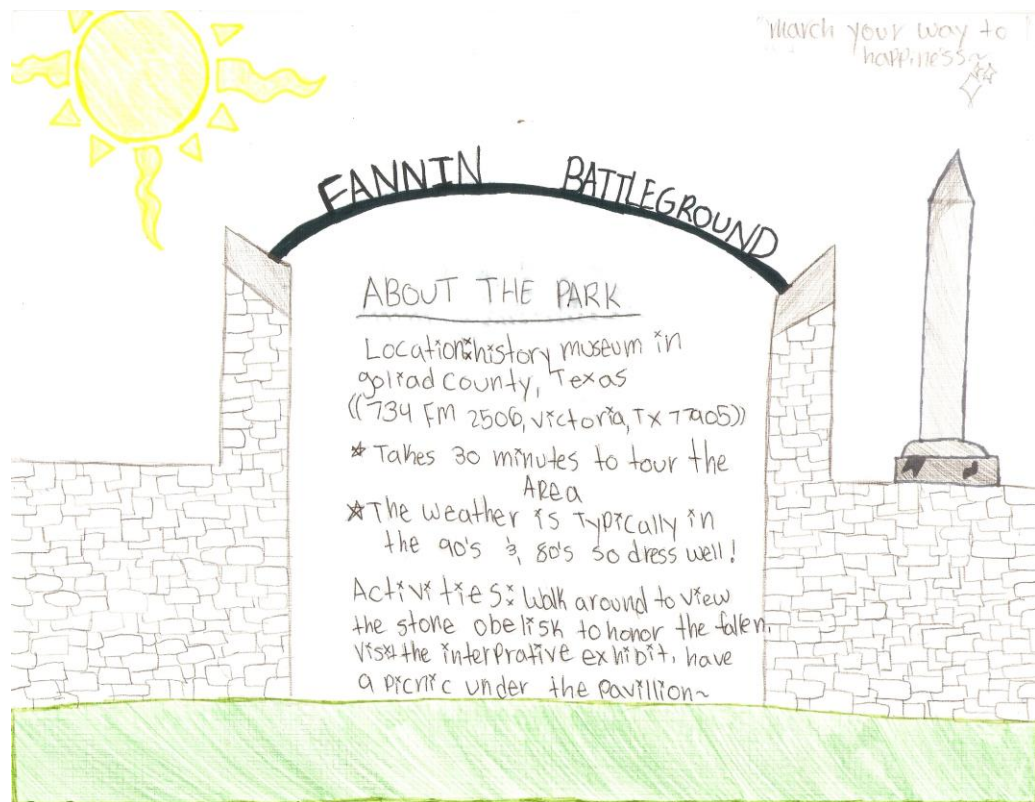
Billboard designed by Sofia Jimenez



Billboard designed by Terrell Elliott



Billboard designed by Peyton Felchak



Billboard designed by Natalie Deleon

For more information about these and other parks, visit: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks>





# GPJHS Sports!



## Wildcats Conquer in Corpus Cross Country!



Runners Jacob Thomas & Khilyssa White show their GP spirit from start to finish!

Photo from GPHS Coach King

On September 16, the JH Cross Country teams participated in the Mary Carroll Invitational at Bill Whitt Park in Corpus Christi. Here are the results for 1.5 Miles:

### *7th Grade Girls*

Anika Cluff 2nd Place 13:26

Laura Bennett 4th Place 13:34

Valerie Casillas 25th Place 16:02

### *7th Grade Boys*

Garrett Melerine 6th Place 11:30

Andrew Vaiz 17th Place 13:14

Jeremy Gutierrez 18th Place 13:18

### *8th Grade Girls*

Khilyssa White 3rd Place 11:45

Kara Hinojosa 7th Place 13:04

Caitlyn Hart 15th Place 13:33

Skylar Dailing 19th Place 13:45

### *8th Grade Boys*

Jacob Thomas 1st Place 10:24

### *Additional, Outstanding Participants*

7G- Bianca Reyna; 8G- Nathalie Gonzales; 7B-Ausin Watts, Landon Boyd, Ryan Fudge, Matthew Rush, Alex Clute; 8B- James Cahill, Dragan Campbell, Richard Trevino

*Way to go, Wildcats!*

# Volleyball

## GPJHS Volleyball Schedule

*Please check the school website for updates*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>7A</u>	<u>8A</u>	<u>7B</u>	<u>8B</u>
Mon. Oct. 16	Beeville*	away	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Mon. Oct. 23	Alice*	home	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Mon. Oct. 30	Calallen*	home	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00

\*denotes district game



# Football

## 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade A Team Takes Alice Down Rabbit Hole

September 26, 2017

Nick Hartley led the scoring for G-P with two touchdown catches from quarterback Mark Lopez. Mark Redden scored the third G-P touchdown on a run. He also scored two two-point conversions. Jaden Terrell and Mark Soto also played well on offense.

On defense, Josh Villela made a tackle in the end zone for a safety. He played well all night along with Ross Dubose, Mark Soto and Nick Hartley.

Final score: G-P 24, Alice 12

Coach Cox reporting!



***Got Game Pictures? If you want others to get them, you've got to Gazette them!  
Become a Gazette photographer today! Pick up a staff application in room C112 or online at:  
[https://www.g-pisd.org/uploaded/personal/3133/Documents/Gazette/GPJHS Gazette Student Staff Application.pdf](https://www.g-pisd.org/uploaded/personal/3133/Documents/Gazette/GPJHS_Gazette_Student_Staff_Application.pdf)***

# Football Schedule

*Please check the school website for updates*



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Oct. 17	Alice	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 24	Calallen	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 31	Flour Bluff	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>C / B / A</u>
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Oct. 31	Flour Bluff	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00

## Coaching Staff

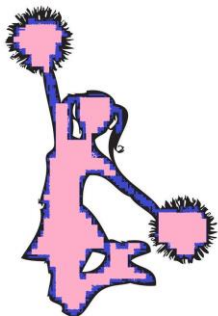
Athletic Director: Rick Rhoades

Junior High Coordinator: Chris Kasner

### Coaches:

Mike Garcia (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Gregory Roussel (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Chris Atkinson (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Chris Kasner (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Jamin Cox (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Pablo Garza (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Christopher Tipton (Athletic trainer)



## NEW Pep Rally Dates

*Please check the school website for updates*

**October 17<sup>st</sup> – Pink Out**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – Class of 2022**



# **NJHS - National Junior Honor Society**

G-P NJHS would like to invite any students new to our campus who were inducted into NJHS at their previous schools to join our chapter. Our next chapter meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 25 after school in the library. See Mrs. Hayward in Room D105 or email her at [khayward@g-pisd.org](mailto:khayward@g-pisd.org) for more information.

Oct.: Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising

Nov.: Food Drive for Portland Food Pantry

Dec.: Toy Drive

Jan.-Feb.: Pennies for Patients benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Feb.-March: Identify candidates for induction and issue invitations to approved candidates

April: 2018-19 Induction Ceremony, Adopt-a-Beach at Sunset Lake Park

May: 2017-18 NJHS Field Trip, Elections for 2018-19 officers

For more information about NJHS, please contact Mrs. Hayward [khayward@g-pisd.org](mailto:khayward@g-pisd.org)



## **Academic U.I.L. Teams Forming**

U.I.L. (University Interscholastic League) Academic Competition is a great way for your child to master and use his or her skills in a friendly, yet competitive day-long meet. Students have the opportunity to train with eager teachers and form friendships with other students from different districts.

Events your child could compete in are: Art, Calculator Application, Chess, Dictionary Skills, Editorial Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Listening Skills, Maps, Charts, and Graphs, General Math, Modern Oratory, Number Sense, Oral Reading, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling. We look forward to this new school year and expanding your child's educational experience.



This year's competition will be at Calallen Middle School on February 10.

For further information about sponsors and descriptions of events, please:

\* visit the UIL website: <https://www.uil texas.org/academics>

\* or contact Ms. Young, our U.I.L. Campus Coordinator: [jyoung@g-pisd.org](mailto:jyoung@g-pisd.org)



## GP Chess Team

If you like to play chess, and/or if you're interested in learning and/or improving your game, then join the GPJHS U.I.L. Chess Team!



For more information, please see Mr. Thomas in room C112 or e-mail: [tthomas@g-pisd.org](mailto:tthomas@g-pisd.org)

Meeting days and times TBA (To Be Announced)



## Theatre Arts Spinning Some Webs!



*Performances have been scheduled for grades PreK-6 on October 25 & 26 at 9:30 a.m., and for the public on October 26 & 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the PreK-6 shows will be reduced to \$2 each, and tickets for the public performances will be \$5 each.*

*We hope that you all put these dates on your calendar...and we hope to see you there!*

### **Mark your calendar for these *dramatic* upcoming events:**

*Charlotte's Web* performances in the GPJHS Auditorium:

OCTOBER 25 & 26 at 9:30 a.m. (\$2 for Elementary and Intermediate students)

OCTOBER 26 & 27 at 7:00 p.m. (\$5 for the public)

All GPISD employees – Always FREE!!

Upcoming UIL/TFA tournaments (6 local, 3 out-of-town):

Sept 16	Tuloso-Midway
Sept 30	Harlingen
Oct 14	PSJA Southwest
Oct 28	GPHS



For more information about Theatre events, please contact Mrs. Leisher. [sleisher@g-pisd.org](mailto:sleisher@g-pisd.org)



# Band Notes



## New Students and New Sounds

The GPJH Band began rehearsals at the beginning of this school year. It is stronger than ever, and has retained some of the very best players in its ensembles. The band is comprised of three performing groups—Blue Band, Red Band and Concert Band. All three ensembles compete at UIL competitions in the spring and present concerts throughout the year. They even combine to perform as one group, called “Purple Band”!

Once school resumed after Hurricane Harvey, the band saw a major influx of

students with numbers nearing 70 additional musicians. These students came from surrounding areas such as Rockport, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass and Ingleside with the majority of those students coming from Rockport. The band has been fortunate to have the Rockport Middle School band directors Pam Langley and Mateo Reyes on site to help with the rise in student numbers.

Recently, all band students have been preparing music for the first pep rally, in October.

Go Band!

Mr. Sanders

## Meet Mr. Sanders



**What do you do at GPJHS?** Associate Band Director

**Education/experience:** Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching.

**Hobbies:** Travel, amateur photography, eating (yes, that’s a hobby...), composing and arranging music, and Netflix binge watching.

**Favorite Book(s):** The Art of Possibility by Benjamin Zander. Current book that I’m reading—Quiet- The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking by Susan Cain

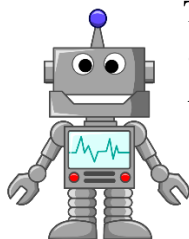
**Favorite Game(s):** Basketball and Swimming

**Favorite music or genre:** Classical music.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I have perfect pitch (I can hear any pitch and tell you what note it is).



## GPJHS Robotics in Gear



The GPJH Robotics program, led by Mrs. Barnard and Mr. Wooten, will focus on a team-based project: building a robot using the Lego Mindstorms classroom sets. A custom table will be setup with tasks you program your robot to complete! Come explore, build, and have a little bit of goofy fun!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Barnard or Mr. Wooten. [nbarnard@g-pisd.org](mailto:nbarnard@g-pisd.org) or [bwooten@g-pisd.org](mailto:bwooten@g-pisd.org)



# Meet Ms. Gunn-Meche

**What do you do at GPJHS?** *displaced Rockport US History Teacher*

**Education/experience:** 25 years of ELA and Social Studies

**Hobbies:** reading, sewing, Renaissance Festival, gardening, and my 3 puppies.

**Favorite Book(s):** *Lord of the Rings, Divergent, Cuckoo's Egg, Foundation, etc...*

**Favorite Game(s):** hopscotch...

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** all kinds of music depending on the mood... same with art.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I am a certified industrial x-ray technician and I SCUBA... I've been to Europe and China...



GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD

## Check Grades with Skyward

Get the jump on progress reports and report cards! Check your grades online; here's how:

Login ID:

Password:

1. Use the dropdown link in "Quick Links" at [www.g-pisd.org](http://www.g-pisd.org), or (if you're reading a digital copy right now) click this link:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedugregporttx/fwemnu01.w>

2. Your Student Skyward Login (Login ID): The 1st five letters of your last name (if your last name is less than five letters, you will need to type spaces - enough to equal five characters) and 1st three letters of your first name, followed by 000 (three zeroes). Some students may have a 001, 002, etc.

Login ID Examples:

gonzajau000 (Juan Gonzalez's Login ID)

gonzajau001 (newer student, Juanita Gonzalez's Login ID)

cox cou000 (Courtney Cox's Login ID)

\* Your teachers may look up your "Student Access Login" for you, if you ask nicely.

3. Your password should be your student ID (lunch) number
4. Once you've logged in, click the "Gradebook" link in the left column.
5. If you want to know more about a posted grade, click it (the blue number), and you will see a list of the assignments/tests/quizzes that account for the grading period in that class.





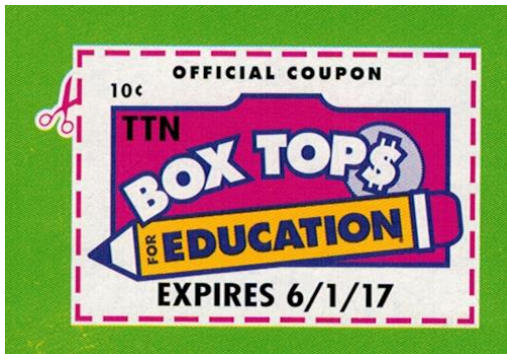
## Red Ribbon Week at GPISD

Red Ribbon Week is an annual alcohol/tobacco/drug/violence awareness campaign. Below is the FINAL Red Ribbon Week Schedule for GPISD; please note that different schools have different themes on different days.

Monday (10/23)	“Sock It To Drugs” (Elem, Int, JH) “Hats off to being drug free!” (HS)	Crazy Sock Day (Elem, Int, JH) Crazy Hat Day (HS)
Tuesday (10/24)	“Champions Combat Drugs” (Elem, Int, JH) “Don’t snooze. Stay off drugs” (HS)	Camouflage Day (Elem, Int, JH) Pajama day (HS)
Wednesday (10/25)	“Wear Red Day” (Elem, Int, JH) “A meme a day keeps the drugs away” (HS)	Wear Red in Remembrance of the DEA Officer Who Was Killed While on Duty (Elem, Int, JH) Meme day (HS)
Thursday (10/26)	“Crazy Hat Day” (Elem, Int, JH) “Staying off drugs is no sweat” (HS)	Crazy Hat Day (Elem, Int, JH) Sweats day (HS)
Friday (10/27)	“Team up Against Drugs” (Elem, Int, JH) “Help your dreams come true and stay off drugs” (HS)	Wear a Team Sports Jersey (Elem, Int, JH) Disney Day (HS)
Tuesday (10/31)	“Book Character Day-We Go By the Book-Don’t Do Drugs!” (Elem)	Dress Up Day (Elem)

For more information about Red Ribbon Week, visit <http://redribbon.org>





# Box Tops for Education

*Turn your trash into cash*

*...for our school!*



Please clip, collect and bring your Box Tops coupons to school. Money raised will support our school library! Box Tops collection bins are located in the front office, the library, and several teachers' classrooms. For more information about the program and/or to register as a supporter of our school, please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)



## Meet Señora Puente

**What do you do at GPJHS?** 8th Grade Spanish Teacher \*

**Education/experience:** This is my 18th year of teaching; 11 years at GPJH and 7 years at Sabinal Elementary / High School in Sabinal, Texas (Go Yellow Jackets!)

**Hobbies:** spending time with family, shopping, and going to movies on week-ends

**Favorite Book:** The Bible

**Favorite Game:** Bingo

**Favorite music or genre:** Christian and Tejano

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I have a younger sister who is also my twin. *Pictured with Sra. Puente is her twin sister, Ms. Delfina Garcia, on the left. Sra. Puente is 6 minutes older.*



*\* Sra. Puente also produces the **Spanish** editions of **The GPJHS Gazette!***



## Wanted: Parent Volunteers



Please apply at the school's front office to join the ranks of our awesome parent volunteers!

For more information about the Academic Booster Club (ABC), please contact Mrs. Nichols: [dnichols@g-pisd.org](mailto:dnichols@g-pisd.org)



# Meet Mrs. Dornak, Assistant Principal



**What do you do at GPJHS?** Help teachers and kids at school  
**Education/experience:** 27 years in Education  
**Hobbies:** Running and reading  
**Favorite Book(s):** Romance Danielle Steele  
**Favorite Game(s):** Football, baseball  
**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Country - all artists and music  
**Something about me that might surprise people:** I was born in Hawaii



## Meet Mrs. Ross

**What do you do at GPJHS?** I teach 7th grade Intensive ELA  
**Education/experience:** I have a B.A. in History and Political Science and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction  
**Favorite Book:** The Count of Monte Cristo  
**Favorite Game:** Pictionary  
**Something about me that might surprise people:** I have written 1 biography, 5 novels, and am currently working on an inspirational book for teachers.



## Until Next Time...

Did you know that the word “gazette” can be used as a noun or a verb? This means you can get information from a gazette (like this one), or you can gazette information for others to see.

Is there something you’d like to see in the next GPJHS Gazette?

**Students:** If you’d like to *Gazette* your opinions, stories, art, comics, pictures of school events, etc., then please fill out a staff application from room C112 or download/print a copy from the school website. We would love for future issues to include your great work!

**Teachers, coaches, directors, etc.:** when your students and players do awesome stuff in school and/or at school events, please send me the news (and pictures!) via e-mail.

The sooner we get it, the sooner we can *Gazette* it!

See you next month!

- Mr. Thomas    tthomas@g-pisd.org

GPJHS External Communications Coordinator & GPJHS Gazette Editor