

The GPJHS Gazette!

The Official Newsletter of Gregory-Portland Junior High School: Home of the World's Greatest Students!



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Ms. McMahan's UIL Entry Form for Dictionary Skills, Listening Skills and/or Spelling



If you are interested in competing in UIL Dictionary Skills, Listening Skills and/or Spelling, please scan this QR code and it will take you to an online form where you can fill out and submit the required information.

If you're reading this online, click this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vMwErE5zZ0iCykI1ggsBqtQOw4hy9FxMlmGzZaKXZLRUMzBZSDNVMzBRVlo0RVAwOVpTTDZXTDdDSy4u>

**Calallen Middle School UIL District Meet: Grades 6-8
February 10, 2018**

**Please submit your information by December 8th, 2017.
Permission Slips will be handed out in December.**

If you have any questions, please see Ms. McMahan in Room #F119



Join the Knights of the Round Table (GPJHS Academic UIL Chess Team)

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

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

The Knights of the Round Table joust every morning before school (usually); please see Mr. Thomas for a hall pass.



For more information about other UIL events, please see Ms. Young in room C109, or e-mail jyoung@g-pisd.org.





GPJH Sports!

Tennis Triumphs

Coach Loyd reporting, with photos by Liz Loveland & Del Lindley

TM tournament November 4th

Congratulations to the GP Jr. High Tennis team, as they competed in the TM tournament over the weekend of November 4th. Overall, as a team, we finished in 2nd place. We had a lot of athletes competing in this tournament.

We had several 1st-place winners and they were: Dale Loveland and Ian Longoria in 7th Boys Doubles, Annika Cluff in 7th Girls singles, and David Avalos in 8th Boys Singles. ...and some 2nd place finishes: in 7th Boys singles Ryan Fudge, Adrianna Gonzalez in 8th girls singles, plus 7th girls doubles by Isabella Garcia and Abby Molone.

In 7th boys doubles, Trenton Weber and Ethan Brymner were 3rd, and Hunter Sowell and Sean Rios were 4th.

In 7th Boys singles Jeremiah Montalvo finished 3rd. In 8th mixed we had Alessandra Miller and Julian Turrivante finish 3rd. We had Juan Flores and Ryan Martinez finish 4th in 8th-grade Boys doubles.

We had Elian Pulido and Megan Yzaquirre win consolation, and Laney Bustos and Maddy Fox win consolation.

Way to go, WILDCATS!!!!
Very proud of everyone!!!!



Pictured above: Dale Loveland, Jeremiah Montalvo, Ethan Brymer, Trenton Webber, Ian Longoria, Sean Rios

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Tennis (continued)

November 11 G-P Fall Invitational

Congratulations to our tennis team, as they competed in the G-P Fall Invitational on November 11th. In both the 7th and 8th we finished in 2nd place overall.

7th grade: in boys singles we had Jeremiah Montalvo finish in 2nd place, and in girls singles Isabella Garcia finished in 3rd place. In boys doubles, Dale Loveland and Ryan Fudge overcame Kaiden Johnson and Ethan Brymer in the finals, so Kaiden and Ethan were the 2nd place team. Sean Rios and Hunter Sowell finished in 3rd place, and Blake Farr and Connor Chaney were the consolation winners.

8th grade: David Avalos finished in 2nd place, and Alex Janssen was the consolation winner. In girls singles, we had Adrianna Gonzalez finish in 3rd place. In boys doubles we had Tristin Lindley and Julian Turriante win the tournament, and Ryan Martinez and Hayden Buller were our 3rd-place finishers. In girls doubles, we had Laney Bustos and Maddy Fox win 2nd place, and Meagan Yzaguirre and Katelyn Meier won the consolation. In mixed doubles, we had Juan Flores and Alexis Haynes win the consolation. We hope to see even better results in the spring as we improve at a rapid pace!



Coach Kilmartin and Coach Loyd prepare the tennis troops for victory!

(...and more tennis on the next page!)

Tennis (continued)



Tristan Lindley, Julian Turruiate, Laney Bustos, and Maddy Fox display their medals.



More medals for Ethan Brymer, Kaidon Johnson, Dale Loveland, Ryan Fudge, Sean Rios, and Hunter Sowell.

(...even more tennis on the next page!)

Tennis (continued)



Blake Farr, Connor Chaney, and Jeremiah Montalvo.



Raise your hand if you're a winner!

Game, set, and match!





Basketball



Here are the rosters for the GPJHS 7th-grade basketball teams:

7th-grade Girls - Coach Wilson

Aguirre, Reanna	Horst, Katrina	Schaberg, Abigail
Barter, Ava	Ibarra, Julie	Scott, Taylyn
Bolden, Destiny	Martinez, Rylee	Smith, Livia
Cabello, Illiana	Moreno, Sierra	Theдин, Brooklyn
Carrizales, Jullee	Neslony, Caylor	Vest, Alexa
Davis, Julia	Rich, Mia	Vest, Kiera
Davis, Lacey	Rios, Gabby	Watts, Nicole
Hatton, Margo	Rodriguez, MaKayla	
Hernandez, Illiana	Saathoff, McKenzie	

7th-grade Boys - Coach Kasner

Kody Bailey	Ricky Garcia	JC Meza
Nathaniel Constante	Jace Garrett	Brandon Redden
Seth Davis	Khalid Gholsby	Michael Soto
Jeremiah Diaz	Nicholas Hartley	Jayden Terrell
Zacuriah Diaz	Aydan Hernandez	Noah Turner
Ross Dubose	Jaime Hernandez	Emilio Villarreal
Jaden Duenes	Jaden McClary	Joshua Villela
Nathan Flores	Kaden McCoy	Nicolas Watts

When & where is the next basketball game? Check the school website’s “Happening Now (Event Calendar)” or, if you’re reading a digital copy of the GPJHS Gazette, just click this link:

<http://www.g-pisd.org/gregory-portland-junior-high-school/calendar/happening-now-event-calendar>



Got Game Pictures?

You don’t have to be on the court to take a great shot! 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



Choir Notes



Photo by Mrs. Hardwick

Brooklyn Thedin, Elisabeth Miller, Emily Esparza, Gabriella Solis, Kara Hinojosa, Kaydence Fisher, Angelina Ortiz-Rolle, Makayla Rodriguez, Abigail Schaberg, Rosdaliany Garcia Diaz, Emily Berger, and other angelic voices prepare to compete at the October 14 All-Region Choir Auditions, under the dedicated direction of Mr. Campion!



Spanish Spectaculars

Words & pictures by Señora Puentes

Día de los Muertos Celebración El primero y el 2 de noviembre.

This year's Spanish students celebrated Día de los Muertos with food, pastries, beverages, face painting and Day of the Dead attire. Students had fun painting their own face or faces of others with colorful skull designs displaying scary, friendly or beautifully designed faces. The painted face skull is believed to be worn to ward off death and/or help you overcome the fear of death itself.



1st Period: Top row: Madelyn Garza, Morgan Rhodes, Madison Sanchez, Jameson Mayfield, and Ryan Pfeil Bottom row: Konner Soloway, Trinity Lucero, Ashley Morehead, Emily Esparza, Trinity Gimes, and Juan Leal

Each year Día de los Muertos is celebrated throughout the world in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away, from the smallest to the oldest family members. In México, this celebration is considered a public holiday that begins on October 31st, and continues through November 2nd. In the U.S., it is recognized as a celebration largely among the Hispanic population associated with the Catholic Church. According to the Catholic Church calendar, November 1 and 2nd are dedicated to All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

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1st Period: Gina Solis, Tailyann Rangel, y Adrianna Valdez



2nd Period: Reyanna Reyna displays her gift to Sra. Puente, while Lilliana Mendoza displays her Pan de los Muertos (Bread of the Dead).

Children in México will begin to build alters (ofrendas) on October 31st in hopes of helping deceased infants or children find their spiritual journeys back to their loved ones. November 1st (El primero de noviembre.) is dedicated to or referred to as Día de los Inocentes or Día de los Angelitos (“Day of the Innocents or of the Angels”). Sugar candy skulls, coloring pages, fruits, and small toys are awaiting the children that will be visiting throughout the night. Family members wait in

anticipation, knowing that their infants/children will soon be visiting. November 2nd is dedicated to honor adults that have passed away; this day is referred to as Día de los Muertos. Unlike the cemeteries that are located in the U.S., México’s cemeteries contain large colorful tomb stones that are located very closely to each other. Family members in México will begin to decorate tombs or gravesides several days prior to the actual day of the celebration. The gravesides are decorated with colorful flowers known as the orange marigold, papel picado, tamales, various types of fruits, along with the deceased favorite beverage(s).

The marigold flower is referred to as the Flor de los Muertos – Flower of the Dead. Loved ones believe that the main purpose and usage of the orange/sometimes-yellow marigold during this celebration is to help the deceased find their way home, by following the smell of the flowers. Family members in México will even make arrangements with other family members to spend the whole day and night eating and partying near the loved one’s graveside, as they await their visit.

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*3rd Period: Top row: Dragan Campbell, David Avalos, Aubree Bartee, Faith Griffin
Bottom row: Victoria Moralez, Annissa Ary, and Alysha Trotter*



4th period

Left: One to get ready (Jakob Smith), two for the show (Josué Lozano y Jakob Smith)

Below left: Cesar Garcia Alcala Chris Vazquez, y Josué Lozano

Below: Hunter Tovar y Oscar Bennett



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As a teacher, I look forward to sharing this cultural lesson with my students in obtaining knowledge of why and how Día de los Muertos is celebrated throughout our world. It also allows my students to learn to respect the beliefs and cultural celebrations of others while learning to respect their own beliefs.



4th Period: Skye Martindale, Canyen Rodriguez, Sydney Kuzma, Keira Sablatura, Joshua Ferdon, y Oscar Bennett



5th Period: Natalie Garcia



5th Period: Elizabeth Kanapaux y Jacob Granberry



7th Period: "Faces, fun, and food!" by Taylor Leon Guerrero y Kolby Huetter



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5th Period: Madalyn Mendoza, Jason Drummon, Natalie Garcia, Caitlyn Hart, David Karl, Austin Lowry, Joshua Elias, y Elizabeth Kanapaux

This year, I had the honor of attending the Día de los Muertos celebration located downtown of Corpus Christ, Texas with my twin sister, Delfina Garcia. As she and we drove to Corpus, we wondered what the people in the cars beside us were thinking, as they saw two ladies wearing Día de los Muertos attire, face paint and all. We laughed throughout our whole drive from Gregory to Portland, over the Harbor Bridge, and finally to our destination. Upon our arrival, we were hesitant to depart from my vehicle, but we could hear the music playing in the distance and the sound of people laughing and having a good time; we walked faster to share in the celebration. After hours of walking from booth to booth and admiring all the food items, t-shirts, and face painting, we were glad that we had made the effort to attend. We look forward to attending next year’s Día de los Muertos, especially for the funnel cake that we purchased. MMMMM!



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



HALLOWEEN DANCE PICTURES

By P.J. Garcia, Gazette staffer



Is Albert Zambrano guarding a pot o' gold?



Mallory Manlove dressed as a pig! How adorable. She had a blast at the dance.



Cara Nichols and Tatiana Hernandez.



Danielle Flores dressed up as a vampire. Very scary! She is a very nice vampire though.

More pictures on the next page.

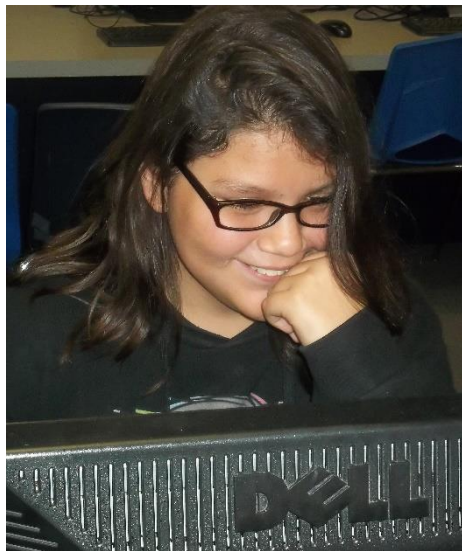
MORE HALLOWEEN DANCE PICTURES



Kamryn Themis was dressed up as a nerd. My mother also dressed as a nerd; from my calculations, that's pretty cool!



This is our very own principal, *Mr. Alvarado*! He was helping to keep kids safe and making sure that everyone was happy and kind to each other.



Meet PJ Garcia

GPJHS Gazette Staffer

Hobbies: drawing and reading

Favorite Book(s): Kitten (a book on an app)

Favorite Game(s): Five Nights at Freddy's/ Undertale/ Borderlands

Favorite music, artist or genre: Alessia Cara

Something about me that might surprise people:

I have pride.



Meet Miss Young

What do you do at GPJHS? I teach 7th ELAR and the UIL Coordinator and a Coach
Education/experience: Graduated for TAMUCC with a BA in English and Certificate in teaching 4-8. I've worked with kids since I was 16, and have worked many summer camps with junior high kids.

Hobbies: Riding my bike along the Seawall in Corpus Christi and cooking. I'm not very good at baking anything sweet though.

Favorite Book(s): Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers, The Twilight Series by Stephanie Meyer, Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes by Anita Loos, and An Imitation of Life by Fannie Hurst

Favorite Game(s): Spades w/real cards and people, not the computer version

Favorite music, artist or genre: I enjoy listening to Texas Country, Oldies, Bruno Mars, and Justin Timberlake. Really anything that makes me feel good, gets my feet moving, or makes me tear up.

Something about me that might surprise people: Before I was a teacher, I taught dance. Sometimes this job would require me to dress up like a princess.



Miss Young worked with children in Villa Mella, a municipality in Santo Domingo Norte, Dominican Republic last summer!



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.



So, now you know!



OPERATION ATTENDENCE

2ND PERIOD CONTEST

November 27-December 8

The class with the highest attendance will win.....



A HOT COCOA & COOKIE PARTY

WINNER(S) WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

THE PARTY WILL BE FRIDAY DECEMBER 15



Theatre Arts

Mrs. Leisher reporting

Please congratulate the following students for being selected for the company (cast, crew & alternates) of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”:

Public performances will be Feb 1 & 2, and the UIL One Act Play Contest will be Feb 17 at GPHS!

Also, please give “mad props” to the kids who didn’t make it, but took on Shakespeare and tried their very best! I am so proud of all the kids who auditioned. Shakespeare can be a challenge for any age, and these 7th and 8th graders rose to meet that challenge!



A Midsummer Night's Dream -- FINAL CAST LIST as of 11/17/2017

Quince - Emily Berger

Bottom/Pyramus - Austin Watts

Snug/Lion - Natalie Garcia

Flute/Thisby - Jacob Thomas

Starveling/Moon - Yazmine Rios

Snug/Wall - Jackson Gregg

Oberon - Donovan Strain

Titania - Riley Spencer

Puck - Owen Brown

Peaseblossom/Fairy - Shelby Drake

Moth/Fairy - Ellie Hodges

Mustardseed/Fairy/Duchess - Savannah Giles

Fairy/Duke -
Christian Kahl

Fairy/Attendant - Savannah Horton

CREW/ALTERNATES

Aubree Bartee

Abby Cummings

Abby Krisl

Trinity Lucero

Mallory Manlove

Lindsey Pullin

Brianna Rodriguez

David Rodriguez

Alex Vasquez



Gazette Q & A

Q: Why did the Gazette cover this event, but not others?

A: The Gazette is different from most newspapers, in that stories are not assigned; students and teachers who want an event covered will send information and/or pictures for/from that event to the editor. Sometimes, coaches or faculty sponsors will ask parents to take and send pictures of an event. If there is something you'd like to see (or see more often) in the Gazette, tell a Gazette staffer or teacher, or (if you're a student) you may join the Gazette staff, and do it yourself – we'd love to see your work! Remember: If you want people to get it, you need to Gazette it!

Q: Why am I (and/or my friend) not listed in a story about our group or event?

A: Several parents have requested that their children not be pictured nor listed in school publications. This applies to the yearbook, as well as the Gazette. While it may seem inconvenient or awkward, we should always respect a parent's desire to protect their child.

Q: How does a student join the Gazette staff?

A: Fill out an application and return it to Mr. Thomas in room C112. Once you submit your completed application, there will be a quick computer tutorial, and then you're on the staff! What you write/draw/submit is up to you; we'll include it in the next issue as long as it's school-appropriate. You may download an application from the school's website, or visit this link (if you're reading online): http://www.g-pisd.org/uploaded/personal/3133/Documents/Gazette/GPJHS_Gazette_Student_Staff_Application.pdf

Q: Why do I need to join the Gazette staff, if I want to publish one comic strip or essay?

A: We need parental consent (on the application) to publish your name and photo in the Gazette. If you decide to submit more articles in the future, you do not need to complete another application; it stays active.



Call for Gazette Teacher & Student Content



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.

Students: If you'd like to gazette your opinions, stories, art, comics, pictures of school events, and/or suggestions, then please apply for the Gazette Staff.

Teachers: Please send Mr. Thomas information about (and pictures of) the amazing things our awesome students are doing. We would love for future issues to include this great stuff; if you want people to get it, then you should Gazette it!

See you next month/year, in 2018!