

The GPJHS Gazette!

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



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



A Message from Our Principal

Greetings,

On behalf of the Gregory-Portland Junior High Administration, we would like to welcome all of our new students from the surrounding areas. We are glad you are here. Our sincerest hope is that you feel welcomed to our campus, and that you be given every educational opportunity that was afforded to you at your home district.

As of today, Gregory-Portland Junior High has taken over 350 additional students. In

order to accommodate our new student population, we have received several new teachers from Aransas County ISD. They have been instrumental in providing instruction for our new students. As we gain Aransas County Teachers, we will continue to balance classes, so please do not be alarmed if your child's schedule changes.

We do also thank you for your patience in regard to school traffic. I know that it has a tough transition to the new system, but please keep in mind we are trying to keep our children safe, and that we do have parents of over 700 new students between our campus and the high school trying to get through and drop off/pick-up their students. Your continued support and patience is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the community for the generous donations of supplies, money, and time. The outpouring of support has been amazing. We truly are a great



community, and I am proud to serve you and our students.

Sincerely,

Alcario Gabriel
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G-P JHS Principal





Rockin' K Maze Cat's Club Field Trip

Our next Cat's Club field trip will be Thursday, Oct. 12th. We will be going to the Rockin' K Maze in Robstown! Students will need to

bring their own lunch or order one from the cafeteria. Please also bring water, sunscreen, and maybe a hat, as we will be spending a lot of time outdoors. You may also bring money for snacks, available for purchase at the maze.

For more information about Rockin' K Maze, please visit <http://rockinkmaze.com>

For more information about Cat's Club, please continue reading!

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 2nd 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.



Meet Ms. Lindsay



What do you do at GPJHS? Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction

Education/experience: 18 years in education Bachelors from East Texas Baptist University; Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with a math emphasis from UT Arlington; Masters in Educational Administration from UT Tyler.

Hobbies: Cross Stitching, drawing, reading

Favorite Book: the “In Death” series by JD Robb

Favorite Game: Bananagrams

Favorite music genre: hard rock

Something about me that might surprise people: I was an editor of a newspaper before newspapers were done on computers. I cut and pasted all the articles and ads to fit the page. It was like doing a giant puzzle!



Mark Your Calendar



Picture Day - Friday, October 27
(rescheduled because of Hurricane Harvey)

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



Halloween Dance Saturday, October 28, 7pm-10pm.



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

The Haunted Hallway!

Faculty & parent volunteers wanted, needed, and greatly appreciated!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Ramirez: sramirez@g-pisd.org

For an online calendar of other exciting events, please visit:

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



Meet Mrs. Manning

What do you do at GPJHS? 7th Grade Math

Education/experience: This is my 15th year in education, Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies from TAMUCC and Masters of Library Science from SHSU

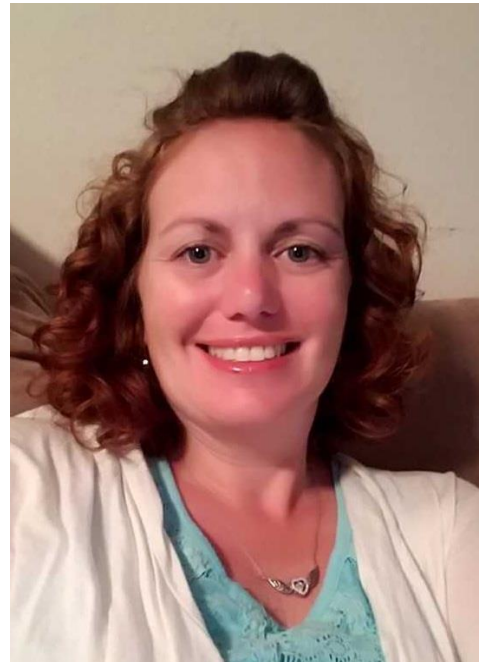
Hobbies: Reading and watching TV

Favorite Book(s): Harry Potter and Shadowhunters

Favorite Game(s): Match 3 games

Favorite music, artist or genre: 80's & 90's Pop/Rock

Something about me that might surprise people: I drive tractors every summer during harvest!



OPERATION

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY - SUCCESS

WHAT YOU CAN DO :

- GET IN INVOLVED - JOIN A CLUB-UIL, PLAY SPORTS, MUSIC, ETC!
- BE POSITIVE - SMILE, MAKE FRIENDS, STOP BULLYING!
- STAY CONNECTED - ASK FRIENDS AND STAFF FOR HELP



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)



NJHS - National Junior Honor Society

A big thank you to those NJHS members who spent part of their Friday off school helping with the registration of students affected by Hurricane Harvey and displaced from their home schools. A super big shout-out to Anthony Harris, who several staff members said went above and beyond assisting with all the paperwork. Way to represent G-P NJHS, Anthony!

G-P NJHS would also 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 for more information.

Once again, G-P NJHS will be volunteering with Texas Adopt-A Beach Coastwide Fall Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Sunset Lake Park in Portland. Participants are encouraged to bring friends, family members, bug spray, sunblock, and water and wear closed-toed shoes. The event begins at 9 a.m. at the park.

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



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



NJHS members Tristan Lindley and Syndi Vo prepare Box Tops to raise money for our school!



Meet Mrs. Cullison

What do you do at GPJHS? Teach Texas History

Education/experience: Teaching for 15 years at GPISD, this is my 8th year at the JH

Hobbies: camping, hunting, and reading

Favorite Book(s): Harry Potter

Favorite Game(s): card games with friends and family

Favorite music, artist or genre: Oldies and Country

Something about me that might surprise people: I used to ride a Harley Davidson motorcycle!



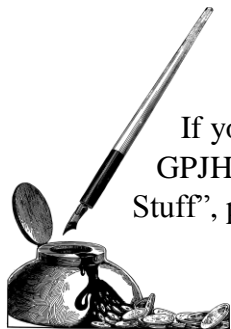
Academic U.I.L. Teams Forming

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



- * visit the UIL website: <https://www.uil texas.org/academics>
- * check the school's website
- * read future issues of the Gazette
- * or contact Ms. Young, our U.I.L. Campus Coordinator: jyoung@g-pisd.org



Ready Writing & Editorial Writing

If you like to write and/or improve your writing skills for competition, then join the GPJHS U.I.L. Ready Writing or Editorial Writing Teams! If you have the "Write Stuff", please e-mail Ms. Young: jyoung@g-pisd.org

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 e-mail Mr. Thomas: tthomas@g-pisd.org



Theatre Arts Spins a Terrific Web



Please join me in congratulating the students listed below! These talented students auditioned for three days last week, and they will be working hard over the next several weeks to tell the classic story of "Charlotte's Web." All of Theatre I will be working on the costumes, sets, dances, etc. 5 non-Theatre students, 22 Theatre I students, and 13 Theatre 7 & 8 students will be working on the acting after school from 4-6, four days a week.

Abigail Cummings	Maxamillion Matthew	Kayla Garcia	Leah Solano	Christian Kahl
Brianna Rodriguez	Morgan Rhodes	Kyla Johnson	Alysha Trotter	Savannah Giles
Alex Vasquez	David Rodriguez	Abby Krisl	Camrin Wilson	Donovan Strain
Maddie Fox	August Whitstine	Amanda McAda	Savannah Horton	Jackson Gragg
Andrea Bartley	Abby Akins	Jeremiah Montalvo	Ellie Hodges	Jeremiah Vizcaino
Julian Cano	Mackenzie Applewhite	Lauren Reyna	Jeremiah Diaz	Annissa Ary
Marissa Cortez	Valeria Casillas	Bianca Reyna	Emily Berger	Yazmine Rios
Easton Dowell	Shelby Drake	Yahaira Ruiz-Lucero	Riley Spencer	Jacob Thomas
Jude Johnson	Daisy Garcia	Madison Sanchez	Aubree Bartee	Austin Watts
Raven Lowery	Natalie Garcia	Thea Sanchez	Trinity Lucero	
		Sloan Snead	Riley Whitaker	

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...we hope to see you there!

- Mrs. Leisher

Mark your calendar for these *dramatic* upcoming events:

Oct 5 & 6 GPJH Theatre 7 & 8 In-Class Productions

Oct 19-24 GPJH Theatre Tech Week

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



Meet Mrs. Donovan



What do you do at GPJHS? Special Education Department Chair; ELA 7 Teacher

Education/experience: Bachelor of Science in Vocational Training and Management; 26 years in teaching; 18 years in Gregory-Portland

Hobbies: Reading, Gardening, Camping

Favorite Book(s): Anything by Stephen King or Tami Hoag

Favorite Game(s): Scattergories

Favorite music, artist or genre: Queen

Something about me that might surprise people: I was struck by lightning when I was 5 years old. I seem to make a great target, because I've had at least 3 more very close calls!



Wanted: Parent Volunteers

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

Dawn Nichols, our Academic Booster Club (ABC) Coordinator says, "Thank you to all parents that have been volunteering already. A special thanks goes out to Kristen Howard, Connie Dubose, Sandra Montez, Tracy Nesloney, and Heather Keylich for their amazing help!"



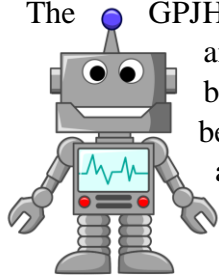
Pictured left-to-right: Kristen Howard, Lenore Martindale, Heather Keylich, three of our fantastic parent volunteers, sort through school supplies generously donated by wonderful people in our community.

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



Robotics

The GPJH Robotics program is headed up by Mrs. Barnard, the Intensive Science teacher, and Mr. Wooten, the Algebra 1 teacher. We 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 or bwooten@g-pisd.org



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Sports!



Volleyball

Introducing the 7th-Grade Volleyball GPJHS Team of 2017:

Reanna Aguirre
Iliana Cabello
Caitlynn Casas
Kylie Davis
Mikayla Fellers
Kara Felt
Margo Hatton
Iliana Hernandez
Hailey Hesseltine

Katrina Horst
Presley Magee
Caylor Neslony
Krista Redden
Marisela Rocha
Makayla Rodriguez
Alanna Moreno
Sierra Moreno
Mia Rich

Gabriella Rios
Kiara Vest
Alexa Vest
Nicole Watts
McKenzie Saathoff
Abigail Shaberg
Brianna Turner
Taylynn Scott
Manager: Payton Feltcheck
Coaches: Lyssy & Davila

Introducing the 8th-Grade Volleyball GPJHS Team of 2017:

Bartee, Aubree
Borden, Taylor
Castillo, Ethany
Friebele, Karlee
Galvan, Cadence
Garumbles, Camdyn
Garza, Sophia
Giles, Savannah
Jimenez, Julianna
Knight, Natalie
Kocik, Bethany
Kocik, Maddy

Kuzma, Sydney
Laughlin, Tabitha
Martindale, Skye
O'Riley, Peyton
Ouellette, Sierra
Reyna, Reyanna
Rodriguez, Canyen
Rodriguez, Lindsey
Sablatauza, Kiera
Samon, Marley
Spencer, Riley
Tietze, Rebecca

Ward, Madelyn
Zamarripa, Lauren
Managers:
Skylar Dailing
Sarah Langton
Coaches: Kenne & Robinson



The 8th grade girls had a great first volleyball game... Both A and B won their matches! Their hard work in practice showed up on the court. We are very proud of them!

- Coach Kenne & Coach Robinson.

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. Sept. 25	Calallen	away	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Fri-Sat Sept. 29-30	Calallen A Tournament	away	tba	tba		
Mon. Oct. 2	Tuloso Midway *	away	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Sat. Oct. 7	GP B Tournament	home			tba	tba
Mon. Oct. 9	Flour Bluff*	home	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
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



Pep Rally Schedule

Please check the school website for updates



October 10th – Pink Out and recognizing Volleyball

October 24st – Class of 2022 and recognizing Football

December 14th – Black Out and recognizing girls' & boys' basketball

April 5th – Special Olympics



Football Schedule

Please check the school website for updates



8th Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>C / B / A</u>
Sept. 19	Flour Bluff	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00
Sept. 26	Alice	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct.3	Tuloso-Midway	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 10	Beeville	Home	/5:30/7:00
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

7th Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>C / B / A</u>
Sept.19	Flour Bluff	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Sept. 26	Alice	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 3	Tuloso-Midway	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 10	Beeville	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 17	Alice	Away	4:30/5:30/7:00
Oct. 24	Calallen	Home	4:30/5:30/7:00
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 (8th Grade)
 Gregory Roussel (8th Grade)
 Chris Atkinson (8th Grade)

Chris Kasner (7th Grade)
 Jamin Cox (7th Grade)
 Pablo Garza (7th Grade)
 Christopher Tipton (Athletic trainer)



Grade Check with Skyward

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

1. Use the link at www.g-pisd.org , or (if you're reading a digital copy) 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.



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.

If you'd like to gazette your opinions, stories, art, comics, pictures of school events, and/or suggestions, then please e-mail tthomas@g-pisd.org and put "Gazette" in the subject line. We would love for future issues to include your good work; if you want people to get it, then you should Gazette it!

See you next month!

- Mr. Thomas

GPJHS External Communications Coordinator & GPJHS Gazette Editor