

Grand Junction

High School

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Important Dates

Booster Club Meeting
Tuesday, Apr. 9, Room 120

Freshman PSAT 9
Junior SAT
Tuesday, Apr. 10

Sophomore PSAT 10
Junior CMAA Science
Wednesday, Apr. 11

Community Bowl—
Academic Team Fundraiser
Saturday, Apr 14, noon-3pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, April 17, 3:30-7:30pm

No School—Non Contact Days
Wednesday, May 3 & 4

Senior Final Exams
Tuesday, May 7-8

Senior Cap & Gown Distribution
Thursday, May 10, 8:30-11am

Baccalaureate
Sunday, May 13, 7pm, GJHS Aud

No School—Graduation
Wednesday, May 16, 8:30am
Stocker Stadium

Last Day of School
Thursday, May 24

Letter from the Principal

April is here and we are approaching the end of another school year. We get to start looking at many end of year activities and celebrations. Spring sports are in full swing. Seniors are thinking about graduation. Activities and clubs are full of engagement. State testing is approaching. AP testing is approaching. We are diligently working on next year's classes for all our students. It is a busy time.

I would like to announce to all of you that starting this summer I will be transitioning my role in District 51 to an assistant area director. I have loved my time as the principal of Grand Junction High School, and I will miss it. My goal is to have a larger impact on District 51 as I will work with various principals and their staffs as they continue to transition and implement the D51 learning model. I believe in the work we are doing and I am excited to have a larger scale impact on this valley. Grand Junction High School is a strong and deep rooted school that will continue to offer great opportunities for students, and I look forward to continue supporting this school in my new role.

Go Tigers,

Mr. Goldberg

Important dates for Seniors

April 10, Tuesday

Senior class meeting in Auditorium 1:30

May 7 & 8, Monday & Tuesday

- Senior Check-out forms distributed in the commons starting at 7:15 a.m.
- Final Exams

May 10, Thursday

- Cap and Gown Distribution, Voter Registration – Auditorium Lobby from 8:30 am – 11:00 am
- Baccalaureate Practice – Old Gym and Auditorium from 11:00 pm – 12:30 pm
- Yearbook Distribution Foyer of Old Gym and

Senior Picnic – Sherwood Park south end shelter 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

- Spring Fest 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

May 13, Sunday

- Baccalaureate Ceremony starts at 7:00 pm – Auditorium

May 14, Monday

- Mandatory Graduation Practice – Suplizio Field (baseball field) at Lincoln Park at 1:30 p.m.

May 16, Wednesday

Graduation!

- Seniors in stand by 7:20.
- Ceremony starts at 8:30

Important State Testing Information

Tuesday, April 10:

Freshmen: PSAT 9

Juniors: SAT

Wednesday, April 11:

Sophomores: PSAT 10

Juniors: CMAS Science

The State of Colorado requires annual testing of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. **Test dates this year are April 10 and 11.** All tests are free of charge. We are doing the necessary pre-registration paperwork for these tests with all freshmen, sophomores and juniors during the last week of March and the first week of April. Most of the pre-registration paperwork for the tests will be done in their Advisory and ACCESS classes.

Freshmen and Sophomores will take the PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 respectively. The PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 give students valuable practice before taking the SAT their junior year. These tests also give the school and the family valuable information about each student's areas of academic strength and about the academic areas we need to work on with them in their next years in high school. **Juniors take two tests – the SAT and the CMAS Science Test** (the SAT on Tuesday and the CMAS Science on Wednesday). The proficiencies in English and math required for graduation can be met with qualifying scores on the SAT. The results are used by colleges and other post-secondary educational institutions as part of their admission process. It is important that all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students take these tests.

Please mark your calendars for these April test dates. All classes are cancelled these two days so that students will not miss instruction while taking the tests. Please keep these days free of appointments so that your student can take the tests at the regular scheduled testing time. If students do not take the tests on the regular test days, they will be pulled out of classes later to make the tests up and will miss instruction.

Test days will start at the usual school time – 7:25 a.m. Buses will be running on both days at the regular times. The cafeteria will have lunch available both days. Additional information will be forthcoming. Thank you for supporting this important process.

SBA Reminder for Seniors

Beat the crowd and pay your school fees now! It's no fun for anyone to stand in line on check out day to clear your student account before graduation or the upcoming year.

Thank you from your grateful SBA Secretary

Support the Academic Team

The State winning Academic Team will be hosting the Community Bowl, knowledge bowl fundraiser for their upcoming trip to nationals. If you would like to enter a team on April 14th, from noon to 3pm, contact Coady Shawcroft coady.shawcroft@d51schools.org.

Settling Lunch Accounts

Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2018: If your student will be graduating this year and does not eat lunch at school, perhaps this is the best time to check on his/her lunch account. If the student owes money, it can be paid up at any time before graduation. If the student has excess money on his/her account, we have several options to consider:

- 1) If you have another student attending school within the District, the money can be transferred into that account. Contact the GJHS Culinary Manager.
- 2) If you would like a refund, contact the GJHS Culinary Manager. Any amount over \$10 must be paid with a District check to the parent/guardian.
- 3) If you would like to donate the money to the Class of 2018, we will apply it to any account that a student might need extra help paying off.

Tigers Roar—Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month! We are proud and appreciative of your efforts in the classroom as well as your contributions in the community!

The Alpine/CMU Students of the Month for February are: Rogelio Lariz, nephew of Alma Duarte and Francisco Cuen-Salas and Taylore Church, daughter of Amy and Ron Church.

The February Kiwanis SOM is: Jose Ceballos, son of Maria and Jose Ceballos.

The March Kiwanis SOM is: Celeste Gutentag, daughter of Traci Simms and Don Gutentag

Volunteer Thank You

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who have given of their time and energy to the students of Grand Junction High School. It is because of the generous time and effort of these many volunteers that our programs continue to operate and perform at high levels.

GJHS Apparel

All GJHS parents, students, and alumni – Stop by the Athletics Office at GJHS and check out the new ¼ zip GJ shirts and the new lightweight GJ jackets to wear to the Spring Athletic events. Also available are sweatshirts, t-shirts, lanyards, baseball caps, and pop sockets.

RISE Above the Silence

Rise is doing the RISE Above the Silence walk again this year. It will be at CMU on Saturday, April 28. Registration begins at 5:30 and the walk starts at 6:30. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. People can register, donate, or get more information at www.riseabovethesilence.weebly.com

D51 Offering Extended Learning Opportunities this Summer

High School Summer School Programming 2018

Central High School, Grand Junction High School, Fruita Monument High School, Fruita 8/9 School, Palisade High School, and R-5 High School will all have extended learning opportunities for all students throughout the month of June.

Additionally, the following high school courses will be offered this summer as a part of the D51 summer school program. These three courses fulfill District 51 graduation requirements.

- Computer Applications
- Personal Health and Wellness
- Personal Finance

These courses will be offered on site at Fruita 8/9 School, Grand Junction High School, and Palisade High School. School will be held May 29 - June 29, Tuesday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be available. Normal course fees will be applied.

AP Exam Update

AP Exams—Payment Due

If your student signed up to take an AP Exam but you have not yet paid, please do so at your earliest convenience. Look for Balance Due reminder emails and texts. You can also logon to your student's account at www.totalregistration.net to make payment. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Timbreza in the Main Office.

Choral Update

The **Choral Showcase** in the CMU Recital Hall on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm, featuring the Advanced Women's Ensemble and Octet. Limited seating available; tickets sold at the door.

The **Bookcliff Barbershop Chorus's 50th Anniversary Concert** in the Avalon Theater on Saturday, April 7th at both 2:00pm and 7:00pm, featuring Men's Choir and the Octet. Tickets sold at the door.

The **GJHS Choir Concert** in the auditorium on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm, featuring all seven choirs. Free admission.

Jazz Night at Edgewater Brewery on Friday, April 13th at 7:00pm, featuring Westwinds and the GJHS jazz bands. Free admission; bring a lawn chair or blanket for this outdoor concert.

Colorado West Festival itself, which takes place on April 20th and 21st at CMU. Performance times and locations vary.

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Athletics at GJHS

CHSAA All-State Academic Recipients Winter 2017-2018:

We are proud to recognize and congratulate the following 33 Winter Sports Student Athletes selected as CHSSA All-State Academic or Honorable Mention Student Athletes.

Basketball (Boys): All State Academic- Canon Olkowski, Levi Prall, Beau Thornton, Luke Williams, Jake Chaffetz, Aaron King, Truet Richardson, Tisten Uribes

Honorable Mention- Derek Shaver

****Recognized as an Academic All-State Team****

Basketball (Girls) All-State Academic- Gabrielle Deters, Brooke Laffler, Shelby Leatherman, Taylor Rubalcaba, Mackenzie Younker

Honorable Mention: Hannah Hutto, Angela Paradiso

****Recognized as an Academic All-State Team****

Swimming (Girls): All-State Academic- Isabella Barker, Kelsie Kerr, Makayla Moran, Royanna Crawford, Sarah Griffin, Jennifer Pudlewski, Baily Manuppella, Madison Hollingworth (PHS), Ann Kessler (PHS), Lacey Hoselton (PHS)

Honorable Mention- Kamryn Hochevar

****Recognized as an Academic All-State Team****

Wrestling: All-State Academic- Jay Skalecki, Hunter Tobiasson, Dylan Wilkinson, Dylan Martinez, Josiah Rider

Honorable Mention- Kaylee Lacy

Booster Club: Supporting Our Students

Recently, I read an article about the perception of the word BINGO. What does that one word make you think of... a song? a game? I think of GJHS, about all of the students that will be able to participate in sports or clubs because of that one word. I think of the safety our students have through cameras and golf carts because of that same word. I think of my fellow volunteers that are amazing and have a true heart for the students and the betterment of GJHS. That one simple word, BINGO, can have a much bigger impact on our student body than you can imagine!

The generous support of your time is all it takes to make this happen. Redefine what BINGO means to you!

Come by GJHS Room 120 at 6:00 on the second Monday of every month during the school year and check out a fun and impactful way to support our students here at GJHS! Or reach out to GJHS Athletic/ Activities Director Carol Sams at 254-6900 or carol.sams@d51schools.org

The next GJHS Booster Club meeting will be on Monday, April 9th at 6:00 pm in Room 120

Colorado West Scheduled Performances

Orchestra

Pre-Festival Concert on Thursday April 12

7:30 p.m. at GJHS-All Groups

Itinerary

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

GJHS Full Orchestra—3:15 p.m. Perform PHS Auditorium

Friday, April 20, 2018

GJHS Symphony Strings—1:00 p.m. Perform PHS Auditorium

GJHS Chamber Orchestra—5:15 p.m. Perform PHS Auditorium

Band

THURSDAY, April 19th

Wind Ensemble—5:45pm Perform GJHS Auditorium

FRIDAY, April 20th

Symphonic Band 8:00am Perform GJHS Auditorium

SATURDAY, April 21st

7 th Hour Jazz—11:15am Perform CHS Auditorium

4 th Hour Jazz—1:00pm Perform CHS Auditorium

5 th Hour Jazz—3:00pm Perform CHS Auditorium

CMU Jazz Festival—April 30th

As you may have noticed, our next band festival is right around the corner. This is the CMU Jazz Festival held at Colorado Mesa University. 4th Hour Jazz performs at 9:00am and 5th Hour Jazz performs at 10:30am in the Robinson Theater. 7th Hour Jazz performs at 3:15pm in the Band room.

Drama—One Acts for the Spring

We had a great turnout for auditions for the One-Acts; 55 students auditioned, and we found a part for everyone.

Drama is doing a combined show with Central High School Drama this year. They will be performing two comedic one acts.

We are titling the night, “Be Funny”

Performances are

April 26th at CHS @7

April 27th at GJHS @7

Teachers and staff are free, students and the general public are \$5.

Congratulations!

Audrey Neumiller is the new GJHS Drama Teacher.

School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY
2017-2018 School Year
GJHS Calendar

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School Not in Session	School in Session
Teacher In-service August 11 & 14, 2017 Teacher Work Days August 10 & 15, 2017 October 16, 2017 January 8, 2018 March 9, 2018 May 25, 2018 Teacher EE Day September 1, 2017 HS In-service October 26 – 27, 2017 HS Non-Contact May 3-4, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m. September 12, 2017 November 7, 2017 February 7, 2018 April 17, 2018

School Not In Session	
September 4	Labor Day
November 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 25 - January 5	Winter Break
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	Presidents' Day
March 12 - 16	Spring Break

T	Teacher In-service – All Schools
C	Parent/Teacher Conferences
G	Graduation
N	No School Non-Contact Day
W	Teacher Work Day – All Schools
EE	Teacher Educator Effectiveness – All Schools
•	Last Day of Quarter-School in Session
	No School-Non Contract Days

Statistical Record Data	
Total number of contact days elementary -	167
Total number of contact days middle -	168
Total number of contact days high -	170

Classes Begin	August 16, 2017
1st Quarter Ends	October 13, 2017 (40 ES/MS – 41 HS)
2nd Quarter Ends	December 22, 2017 (41 ES/MS – 42 HS)
3rd Quarter Ends	March 8, 2018 (39 ES – 40 MS – 41 HS)
4th Quarter Ends	May 24, 2018 (47 ES/MS – 47 HS)

General Staff Information	
High School Principals' First Day	July 12, 2017
Middle School Principals' First Day	July 27, 2017
Elementary School Principals' First Day	July 27, 2017
Teachers' First Day	August 10, 2017
Teachers' Last Day	May 25, 2018
Elementary School Principals' Last Day	June 8, 2018
Middle School Principals' Last Day	June 8, 2018
High School Principals' Last Day	June 21, 2018