

Grand Junction High School



February 2017

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Important Dates

No School-President's Day

February 20, 2017

Financial Aid Workshop

February 25, 2017

@ WCCC 1-6 p.m.

Winter Formal

February 25, 2017

@ Clarion Inn

First Day of Spring Sports

February 27, 2017

Freshmen Parent Meeting

February 28, 2017 6-7 p.m.

@ Auditorium

Last day for Middle

School Credit

March 1, 2017

@ Counseling

School of Choice

March 6, 2017 10 a.m.

@ School Dist 51 website

End of 3rd Quarter

March 9, 2017

Spring Break

March 20-24, 2017

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A Message From Principal Ari Goldberg:

Welcome to February GJHS!

As we continue through the winter season slowly approaching spring, we have so much to be proud of here at GJHS. If you have been following our sports, we are approaching post-season opportunities for our teams. We have a musical that students are gearing up for. Solo and Ensemble performances are scheduled. Parent-teacher conferences were a success! And a huge thank you and shout out to the parents who volunteered their time to provide the staff with an incredible meal that night! The winter formal is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. Our quarterly school accountability meetings will be Wednesday, February 22nd. We are starting the registration process for the next school year. And we are visiting our feeder middle schools to meet our incoming Freshmen and getting them ready for high school. It is a busy time of year and so many wonderful things are happening.

The Senior Class of 2017 has decided on their class gift. The class of 2017 will be donating a Pergola with a few benches and tables. This Pergola will represent a place of hope for the Grand Junction High School community. This Pergola will be a place where students, staff and community members can positively remember and reminisce lost loved ones. This year, we have had loss in so many ways. I am proud of the Senior Class as they want to leave a place of hope for their fellow Tigers. The details are currently being worked on and the goal is to have the Pergola up before senior's last day. I mentioned in a previous newsletter and I would like to ask again, now that we have a plan, if you are willing to donate resources or support the Senior Class financially, we would love the help. We want this be a very special place and the more resources we have, the more we can assure it is done right.

We are now on the second year of a new trend at GJHS! It is our registration process and course selection for the next school year. As I mentioned last year and I will mention again this year, students are required to pick their courses for next year now and students will be held to the courses that they pick. During this current registration window, students are asked to plan, research, and be very thoughtful as they pick the courses they want to have next year. I want to be clear with parents and with students

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that once these courses are selected, we will do everything we can to create the schedule that our students select. In return, we will not be allowing students to show up in August asking to have their schedule changed. The only schedule changes that we will honor in August will be those to ensure students are on course to graduate or if the schedule needs to be fixed because it is incorrect. If a student does not fill out a course request now, they will be automatically enrolled in whatever classes are available and no schedule changes will be approved.

Enjoy this month and I wish everyone the best,

Ari Goldberg

Attendance Policy

Please remind your son or daughter that the attendance office has caller ID. A number of students have been referred to the office for attempting to give false information to the attendance office. Most students call impersonating a parent and attempt to excuse an absence from their cell phone. Students who attempt and/or provide false information to the attendance office will serve one day of In-School Suspension.

SENIOR INFORMATION

- Check NAVIANCE regularly.
- Check out - [Grand Junction High School Seniors 2017](#)– on Facebook!
- Memorize your Social Security number.
- Register to vote at www.govotecolorado.com.
- COF provides a stipend to Colorado students attending Colorado colleges, meaning a savings of \$75.00 for each credit hour...SERIOUS MONEY. Register for the COF (College Opportunity Fund) www.collegeincolorado.org.
- Athletes, know your NCAA number. If you have not registered, do so at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Visit colleges in person or through a virtual tour on the college's website.
- Remember to use the pre-excused absence form if you go on a college visit trip. These forms are available in the Attendance Office.

Service Learning is no longer a graduation requirement. Students who have recorded at least 117 hours will be members of the Millennium Club and receive a cord to wear for Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies

Preparing for Life After High School

- High school graduation does not guarantee admission to college.
 - Re-examine your schedule often to enhance academic rigor.
 - Strive for good grades, perhaps retake a class to improve your grade. See your counselor for guidance on this opportunity.
- Colleges have different admissions requirements; check the specific college website for their requirements.
- Know your ACT score. If you need to re-take it or need the ACT with Writing exam, go to www.act.org. High School code is 060-695. Does the school you are considering require an SAT score? If so, register for the test at www.collegeboard.com.
- Once you submit your college application, you are obligated to inform them of any schedule changes which reduce the academic quality of your senior year.
 - Request your official transcripts for college through NAVIANCE.
 - Remember to apply to colleges as early as possible. See your counselor for questions.

SENIOR INFORMATION (Continued)

- Students assume the ultimate responsibility for accurately selecting and passing the courses required for graduation and post-secondary options.
 - Complete the FAFSA by March 1. Watch for the dates of Financial Aid workshops. Many scholarships will require a student has completed a FAFSA, regardless of family income.
 - Apply for scholarships as they become available. Check the NAVIANCE site for messages and the Scholarship List.
- Complete your Resume. There is a Resume builder in the NAVIANCE program!
- You may need letters of recommendation for college, employment, and military. It is polite to ask for a letter two weeks before the due date, along with a copy of your resume.
- Students considering Military Options must take the ASVAB test.

Dates of Interest

Feb. 25 GJHS FAFSA Financial Aid Work Session 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. @ WCCC

Mar. 1 Deadline for submitting financial aid requests at many schools. (FAFSA).

Mar. 10 ASVAB @ CHS Cafeteria 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Mar. 16 Senior Class Meeting 9:30 a.m. during Advisory in the Auditorium.

Mar. 20- March 24 Spring Break!

Mar.31 Final date to submit Millennium Club service learning hours need to be turned into the Main Office.

One page reflection paper due, needs to be turned into the Counseling Office.

Apr. 27 Complete senior survey through NAVIANCE.

Apr. 29 Prom Two Rivers Convention Center

May -Mark in Naviance to which college you want your final transcript sent.

May 1 Last day to notify colleges of your final decision.

May 3 Final day to turn in scholarship offers for acknowledgement in the Graduation Program. Need to be turned into the Counseling Office.

May 8 Senior Checkout forms will be distributed during 1st hour and 3rd hour class.

Senior's Final exams

5th and 6th Period Final Exams 11:35 a.m.-1:10 p.m.

7th and 8th Period Final Exams 1:15 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

May 9 Senior Final exams,

1st and 2nd Period Final Exams 7:25 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

3rd and 4th Period Final Exams 9:05 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Checkout forms will be collected starting at 10:45 a.m. in the Auditorium Lobby.

May 11 Cap & Gown distribution, Voter Registration in the Auditorium lobby 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Baccalaureate practice 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Yearbook distribution, and Senior Picnic 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

May 14 Baccalaureate Seniors meet in big gym at 6:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Senior Slide Show and social immediately following.

May 15 Mandatory Graduation practice. Suplizio Field at 1:00 pm

May 16 Graduation! Seniors arrive by 7:20 a.m. and need to be seated in the Suplizio Field bleachers by 7:45 a.m.

Ceremony begins at 8:30 am at Stocker Stadium

Middle School Credit

Reminder for Juniors: March 1st is the final day for juniors to add or delete a middle school grade from their transcripts if they took a high school level course. Paperwork can be picked up and dropped off in the counseling office at GJHS for adjusting middle school grades and credits.

The ultimate goal for the counseling team is to have teachers leave GJHS with their schedules for 2017-2018 by the last day of school. The communication is so much better when we are able to complete the plan while teachers are still in the building. Because the district already has a calendar for next year in place, we will have roll over take place on February 20th, which means course requests can be entered after that date. So, here is the plan for a quick turnaround without a lot of extra work put on teachers:

2017-2018 Registration for Current GJHS Students

9th Graders

- February-March** Counselors will make appointments to use ACCESS class for passing out materials and explaining the registration process.
- March 7th** 9th Grade Registration Work Day (Counselors will be in the library the entire day calling down 9th graders to spend approximately 15 minutes entering their course requests into computers.)

10th Graders

- February 16th** Registration materials that were started on Career Exploration Day will be returned to the students during advisory.
- February 24th** 10th Grade Registration Work Day (Counselors will be in the library the entire day calling down 10th graders to spend approximately 15 minutes entering their course requests into computers.)

11th Graders

- February 16th** Juniors will attend a registration meeting in the auditorium during advisory; they will receive materials and learn the registration process.
- February 28th** 11th Grade Registration Work Day (Counselors will be in the library the entire day calling down 11th graders to spend approximately 15 minutes entering their course requests into computers.)

ASVAB

On **March 10th**, from **9am to noon** in the **Central HS library**, the ASVAB exam will be offered to all interested juniors and seniors in School District #51. There is no school that day, so no class time will be missed. ASVAB is the military entrance exam, but is also an excellent tool for students with no interest in the military to help identify their strengths, interests, and vocational or career prospects. **It can also count toward the proficiencies required for graduation.** **In accordance with the agreement among our military recruiters, only the student can initiate contact following the exam.** If you are interested in taking the exam, please sign up in the Counseling Office by March 6th. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Tiger Girls' Basketball Team finished the non-conference schedule this season with back to back wins over Steamboat Springs and Westminster, gaining valuable momentum going into conference play. The Tigers' opened league play with games against Montrose and Central. Come out and support the Tiger girls' basketball teams!!



BOYS BASKETBALL

The GJHS Boys Basketball team has had a busy start to the new year, wrapping up the non-conference schedule and preparing for league play. 2017 began with a home wins against tough Palisade and Ralston Valley teams. The team's attention now turns to the always tough Southwestern League and the defense of last year's league title. The varsity record stands at 8-7, JV at 4-3, and Freshmen at 7-2. The Varsity and JV teams will be at Fruita, Friday, February 3rd and then head to Durango February 10th. The Freshmen team will host Central on Tuesday, February 7th and play at Fruita Monument on Thursday, February 9th.

WRESTLING

The GJHS Wrestling team has enjoyed their best start to a season in a long time. GJHS wrestlers won the prestigious Warrior Classic and in doing so almost broke the all-time points record. This is the first title for a District 51 team in over 20 years. GJHS followed that up with an equally impressive team title at the Vernal TOC Tournament. Also, the GJHS wrestlers are unbeaten in dual meets (11-0). The last month will be exciting as the #2 ranked Tigers chase a team state title. Go Tigers!!

SWIMMING

The GJHS Girls Swim & Dive team is having a great season! They are working hard and looking forward to the final meets of the 2016-2017 school year. (District 51 Championship Meet, Montrose Invitational Meet, Conference Championship Meet and the CHSAA State Championships). All of the swimmers have improved their times with several of the girls already qualifying for state. Qualifying events are: 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 400 free relay, 200 freestyle, 200 IM, 100 butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and the 500 free. The qualifying girls are: Delaney Kidd, Kianna Colaizzi, Avery Pope, Sarah Griffin, Chloe Dalton, Clarissa Berry and Maddie Cawood.



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How to get cleared for spring sports

Register on line through Family ID

Need a current physical on file

Pay athletic fee \$140.00

After you have all three of the above items, come to the athletics office for clearance to practice (Pink Sheet)

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

1400 North Fifth Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-254-6900 Ext 24101

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 **1ST DAY SPRING SPORTS**

Athletes need to be registered and cleared in the athletics office by Tuesday, February 21, 2017

We would like all athletes to be registered and cleared in the athletics office by February 21, 2017 so that coaches can begin right away with practice and tryouts beginning February 27, 2017. If your student athlete registers on February 27, 2017 or later they will not be eligible to practice or tryout until the following day. No additional days will be added for tryouts.



BOOSTER CLUB

GJHS Booster Club is accepting new members!

So far this year, the GJHS Booster Club has given almost **\$19,000** back to our students. The Boosters have supported the purchases of new chess clocks, new softball uniforms and so much more. In January, the Booster Club approved a request for the GJHS Book Club to help them attend a Teen Literacy Conference in Denver this spring! Funding is approved at the Booster meetings held on the second Monday of each month during the school year. Last school year, the Booster Club was able to donate over **\$68,000** to many of the Tiger programs and activities. The generous support of your time is all it takes to make this happen!

Come by GJHS Room 120 at 6:00 on 3/13/2017 and check it out. A new and exciting way to support our students here at GJHS!

If you have questions about becoming a Booster Club member and volunteer, please contact: GJHS Athletic/ Activities Director Carol Sams at 254-6900 or carol.sams@d51schools.org

Tigers Roar!

The Kiwanis Student of the Month for February is Jed Wilson. Jed is the son of Lynn and Ron Wilson.

The Alpine Bank/CMU Students of the Month for February are Sarah Hicks and Kordale Bavor. Sarah is the daughter of Carolyn and Dan Hicks and Kordale is the son of Donald and Sandy Bavor.

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CHSAA HALL OF FAME

Grand Junction High School Alum joins the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame

Ray Coca, a three-time state wrestling champion at Grand Junction High School, has recently been inducted into the CHSAA Hall of Fame. Coca posted a career 59-1-1 mark. Of his 12 state matches, he won seven by pin. His only loss came when he moved up in weight to take the place of an injured teammate.

Ray went on to Western State where he again starred on the wrestling mat, going undefeated as a freshman and earning all-American honors in 1964 when his team won the national title. He officiated 10 district and one state championship tournaments. He remains active in the community as noted in his awards from the city as a Hometown Hero on at least two occasions.

Ray was also the sports editor for the local newspaper for a number of years, promoting prep sports at a high level for the schools on the Western Slope. Grand Junction High School is proud to recognize Ray Coca as a CHSAA Hall of Fame member.

LUNCH FEES FOR SENIORS

Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2017: If your student will be graduating this year and does not eat the school lunch, 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 to that account. Contact the Culinary Manager at GJHS.
2. If you would like a refund, contact the Culinary Manager at GJHS. Any amount over \$10 must be refunded with a District check.
3. If you would like to donate the money to the Class of 2017, we will apply it to any account that a student might need extra help paying off. Contact the Culinary Manager of GJHS.

Thank you,
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AP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

AP registration is now open and will close on Wednesday, March 1st. Your student will need to sign up for their exams on the Total Registration website www.totalregistration.net . If your student has taken AP exams in the past, they should already have an account. If they have forgotten their account information, please come see Mrs. Rigg in the Main Office.

This year, exam fees can only be collected by Total Registration. Exams will only be ordered for students who have paid their fees. **Exam fees must be paid by Saturday, March 4th .**

THANK YOU FOR CONFERENCE DINNER

We want to thank our wonderful parents for the delicious Mexican Feast that they provided during our recent Parent/Teacher conferences. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and it was such a special treat for us during a long work day. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and hard work! Thanks for taking such good care of us!

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

1. Applications for School of Choice will be accepted beginning on March 6 at 10 a.m. and ending on March 31 at 4 p.m. The application is available in electronic form only and is available at the District's web site at www.d51schols.org/schoolofchoice.
2. Complete the application and submit. Applications will be marked with the date and time upon submission of the electronic form.
3. All students wanting to attend an out-of-area school for the 2017-2018 school year must submit a School of Choice application **unless the student is continuing in the same school in which a School of Choice was granted last year and space is still available.**
4. **If you do not have access to the Internet**, please go to the Basil Knight Center at 596 North Westgate Dr., from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or the GJHS school library.

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February 25, 2017, 1-6 pm

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Contact your high school's counseling office or your college's financial aid office for more information.