Grand Junction High School



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Important Dates

Intersession

March 21-25, 2016

Spring Break

March 21 - April 1, 2016

Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 15, 2016

9th Grade PARCC Testing 11th Grade ACT No School for 10th & 12th April 19, 2016

9th Grade PARCC Testing 10th Grade PSAT No School for 11th and 12th April 20, 2016

Normal School Day With 11th Grade Taking CMAS April 21, 2016

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April 23

No School

April 28 & 29, 2016

School of Choice Notification April 15, 2016

SOC Commitment Due

April 29, 2016

Graduation

May 17, 2016 8:30 am @ Stocker Stadium

A Message From Principal Ari Goldberg:

Happy Spring Tigers!

March always gets me excited for the spring season and changing into the warmer months. I have heard from many people that the gardening season here in Grand Junction starts in March! That is amazing to me because on the front range you always wait until Mother's Day to plant your garden. I am excited to grow some amazing tomatoes this year! As many of you have hopefully heard, we are waiting on the school board to adjust the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. By the time you read this, we may know what the school calendar will be. Regardless, waiting on a new calendar has pushed our registration process back a bit. Hopefully by the time you have read this, your student will have had the opportunity to input his/her course selections. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, now is the time for students to be very thoughtful regarding course selections and a projected schedule for next year since we will be limiting schedule changes in August to only schedules that are wrong, and not because a student has decided they want a different course instead.

During February, I had the pleasure of visiting all of our feeder middle schools and meeting most of next year's freshmen class. It was apparent how excited but truly nervous they are for high school. Next school year, GJHS will be making a few positive changes to better support our freshmen transitioning to high school. We are calling this our Freshmen Academy. Some of the changes will be replacing study hall with an access or home room class to all 9th grade schedules. This access class will be to help support our freshmen as they transition to high school. It will include things like upperclassmen mentors, teaching our 9th graders the important parts of being successful in high school such as grades and attendance, give time for homework and studying, connect with other students and teachers, provide club and activity opportunities, create a relationship with a teacher and students to ensure a safe environment, and really allow the freshmen to transition with some guidance and support. We are creating a separate lunch for freshmen and will expect they stay on campus. We will most likely open up offcampus privileges to freshmen the second semester given the students are maintaining an acceptable GPA and attendance rate. We are excited to provide more support to our freshmen as they transition to high school.

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Remember that the School of Choice window is from March 7 at 10:00 a.m. until March 25 at 4:00 p.m. You will find more detailed information in this newsletter.

In April we will have state testing as always. This year the testing has changed dramatically. The amount of testing has reduced dramatically for our high school students. Ninth graders are still required to take the PARCC ELA and Math tests. Tenth graders will take the PSAT. Juniors will take the ACT and CMAS science test. Starting in 2017, all Juniors in the state of Colorado will take the SAT instead of the ACT. We will be testing students on April 19th, 20th, and 21st. April 19th and 20th will only be for students taking the state tests and normal classes will be cancelled. The testing schedule details can be viewed in this newsletter.

I hope you all have a wonderful March! Ari Goldberg

National Letter of Intent Signing

Grand Junction High School is proud to acknowledge two student athletes who have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Sinjin Garrett, son of James and Teresa Garrett, signed to play baseball at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico, and Tyler Mantlo, son of Robert and Annette Mantlo, will be attending and playing baseball at Lamar Junior College. Both athletes will finish their high school careers this spring on the Grand Junction High School Baseball team. Congratulations and the best of luck on your next step into college athletics!





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Booster Club

The Grand Junction High School Booster Club is always looking for new members. In order for the Booster Club to function and provide continued support of our 40 plus Tiger activities, we need more parent members and parent involvement. Last school year the Booster Club was able to donate over \$51,000 to many of the Tiger programs and activities. Without this generous support of time and money, we would have to continue to cut back on programs and what our programs are able to offer and accomplish for your students.

If you have never attended a Booster Club meeting and are interested in doing so, please come and check it out. The typical agenda for a meeting is: to first hear requests from school groups asking for money, then discussion and voting on approving the requests, followed with a monthly financial report, and finally a discussion of Bingo business. We like to keep the meetings to about an hour. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month during the school year at 6:00 pm in Room 115. There may be an exception to this if a Monday falls during a break or is a vacation day.

At the February Booster Club meeting, the Booster Board approved a total of \$3,300.00. \$1,100 for the baseball program to purchase new helmets, \$1,000 for the Book Club to attend a literature conference in Denver, and \$1,200 for the GJHS Administration to purchase security cameras. Thank you to our Booster Club and all of the volunteers for your continued support of Grand Junction High School students, staff, and all of our activities.

If you are interested in becoming a Booster Club member or in volunteering, please contact: Booster Club President Trina Brillhart at trina.brillhart@gmail.com or GJHS Athletic/Activities Director Carol Sams at 254-6900 or carol.sams@d51schools.org.

Tigers Roar!

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following Grand Junction High School February Student of the Month nominees. The Daily Sentinel Student of the Week for February is **Jessi Smith**. Jessi is the daughter of Michael and Nikki Smith. The Kiwanis Student of the Month for February is **Jhonathan Spomer**, son of Matthew and Jaclyn Spomer. The Alpine Bank/CMU Students of the Month for February are **Robi Powers**, son of Rob and Laila Powers, and **Julia Bremner**, daughter of Duncan and Kelly Bremner. Grand Junction High School is proud to recognize these students for their outstanding work in the classroom, and for the leadership they demonstrate in our school.

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2016-2017 Class Registration

Our timeline had to be revised due to a snow day and the school board's decision to change the calendar for the 2016-17 school year. Dates have shifted but it is still essential that students and families take this process seriously so that counselors can build schedules that fit what each student wants and needs to take in order to be prepared for life after graduation:

- **Freshmen** began the process of registering for classes on February 8 and they had until February 22 to get all required signatures. Advisors collected paperwork from students during advisory on February 22. We are requiring teacher, student and parent signatures on every students' form. On April 4, they will enter their course requests via Student Vue during advisory.
- **Sophomores** started the process of registering for classes on January 12 during Career Exploration Day. They continued that process during advisory on January 25 and had until February 8 to get all required signatures. We are requiring teacher, student and parent signatures on every students' form. On March 7, they will enter their course requests via Student Vue during advisory.
- **Juniors** began the process of registering for classes on February 8 and had until February 22 to get all required signatures. Advisors collected paperwork from students during advisory on February 22. We are requiring teacher, student and parent signatures on every students' form. On March 14, they will enter their course requests via Student Vue during advisory.
- Advisors will be turning forms over to counseling once their class enters their choices. Every student needs to complete a form, turn it in to their advisor, and enter their choices into Student Vue in order to have input on the classes they want.
- Counselors have visited all of our nine feeder middle schools during the month of February to work with eighth grade students who will be freshmen at GJHS in 2016-17. Incoming Freshmen Family Night was held on March 3 from 6-7pm and Tiger Tour will be April 25 from 6-8 pm in the gyms to help our newest Tigers transition to GJHS.

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Athletics at Grand Junction High School

In need of a Grand Junction High School Tiger T-shirt or hoodie this year? Stop by the Athletic/Activities office, to purchase your GJHS apparel.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The GJHS Boys' basketball team completed the regular season, clinching a 4th consecutive South Western League title with an 8-2 league record and 17-6 overall record. The varsity team moved into the 5A playoffs as a #4 seed playing Denver East at home on Saturday, February 27. Denver East won by a score of 77 to 57. All 3 of the GJHS boys' basketball teams finished the regular season with winning records with varsity at 17-6 as mentioned, JV at 17-0, and Freshmen at 8-6. The 2015-2016 season was a great success for the underclassmen teams and we are



looking forward to seeing those players continue to develop in the off season. Congratulations Tigers!!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After receiving a #9 seed into the 5A State Playoffs, the Tiger Girls Basketball team ended their season with a 57-43 loss to #8 Douglas County and a 9-13 record. It was the 16th consecutive year the Tigers played in the state playoffs. The girls' team will see five seniors graduate. Their example of hard work and leadership will be greatly missed.

The Tiger Jr. Varsity and Freshmen teams completed successful seasons this year with only 5 combined losses.

With a strong core of returning varsity players and a group of talented underclassmen, the coaching staff is looking forward to the off season as we work toward next year and another successful season for Tiger Basketball.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

The GJHS Girls swim and dive team finished out the season with 95% of the girls having their best swims at the conference meet. The divers were also very successful with Katie Tucker placing 6th and Royanna Crawford placing 4th. GJHS also qualified the medley relay for the state competition with Petra Gyuricza, Clarissa Berry, Avery Pope, and Kianna Colaizzi. Avery Pope also qualified for state in the 100 fly and 100 breaststroke. At state, the relay swam right on their best time with Sarah Griffin swimming instead of Clarissa (she was at orchestra state at the same time). Avery swam her best time in the 100 fly and just off her best in the breaststroke. Overall, a great season with a young team. We are looking forward to another great season next year.

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Athletics at Grand Junction High School (cont.)

WRESTLING

The Grand Junction High School Wrestling Team concluded another strong season finishing 18-2 in Dual Meets. In individual tournaments the Tigers finished 1st at the Jackpot Duals, 3rd at Vernal TOC, 2nd at Arvada West, 3rd at Regionals, & 7th at the 5A State Tournament. At the Southwestern League Tournament, the Tigers crowned six individual champions (the most of any school): Angelo Guillen, Dylan Martinez, Jeremy Latham, JT Skalecki, Josiah Rider, & Seth Latham.

The strong perfomances continued into the post season during Regionals as , GJHS qualified seven wrestlers for the state tournament. Dylan Martinez, Josiah

Rider, Seth Latham, & Shawn Garcia finished as Regional Champions, while Jeremy Latham finished 2nd. Angelo Guillen and JT Skalecki also qualified for the State Tournament finishing in 3rd place.

At the State Tournament the GJHS Wrestling Team crowned their State Record 69th individual State Champion as Josiah Rider won the 152 lbs weight class. Dylan Martinez finished in 3rd place at 120 lbs, in the process he defeated a 2x state champion from Pomona. Seth Latham also found the podium placing 4th at 170 lbs. The Tigers return every state placer & state qualifier next year and will look to challenge for a state team title. The future is bright for the GJHS Wrestling Team.

Concussion Management

If your son/daughter has sustained a concussion this school year, and intends to participate in any Grand Junction High School sports team during the school year, he/she has to be cleared by a physician in order to begin the Return to Play process. If your child has been cleared to begin the RTP process by your Physician, you will need to contact our Certified Athletic Trainer Ms. Erin Glavan at the Saint Mary's Life Center, Wellness Department, at 970-250-1131 to schedule time to begin and complete the RTP process. If you have questions, please contact Athletic Director Carol Sams at carol.sams@d51schools.org or 970-254-6900

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Seniors - Getting Organized

The GJHS Counseling Department has created a check list for our seniors to look over before graduation in order to help them feel prepared and more organized going forward.

- Check NAVIANCE regularly.
- Check Senior website—updates will be added as they come in.
- Memorize your Social Security number.
- Register to vote at <u>www.govotecolorado.com</u>.
- 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 116 hours will be members of the Millennium Club and receive a cord to wear for Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

Seniors - 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 and Remember to apply to colleges as early as possible. See your counselor for questions.

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, www.fafsa.ed.gov. Watch for the dates of Financial Aid workshops.
- 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!

Students considering Military Options must take the ASVAB test.

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Senior Class Dates of Interest

- Mar. 9-10 Music auditions, sign up in main office.
- Mar. 18 Service Learning Hours for Millennium Club to main office.
- Mar. 21-April 1 Spring Break
- Apr. 12 1st Option: Senior Class Meeting at 2:10 –2:50 pm Location: TBD
- **Apr. 14** Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 pm
- Apr. 19 No classes for Seniors
- **Apr. 19** 2nd Option: Senior Class Meeting 1-2pm in the auditorium.
- Apr. 20 No classes for Seniors
- **Apr. 27** Complete senior survey through NAVIANCE.
- Apr. 28-29 No School
- May 1 In NAVIANCE mark to have final transcript sent to final decision college.
- **May 1** Last day to notify colleges of your final decision.
- **May 4** Final day to turn in scholarship offers for acknowledgment in the Graduation Program.
- May 9-10 Senior's Final exams
- May 10 Senior Checkout in the Auditorium lobby
- May 10 Grades due by 3pm.
- **May 12** Cap & Gown pick-up, Auditorium lobby, voter registration, Baccalaureate practice, yearbook distribution, and Senior Picnic.
- **May 15** Baccalaureate-Seniors meet in big gym at 6:00 pm. Ceremony begins at 7:00 pm in the auditorium, Senior Slide Show and social immediately following.
- May 16 Mandatory Graduation practice at Suplizio Field at 1:00 pm
- **May 17** Graduation Seniors need to be seated in the Suplizio Field bleachers by 7:45 am, Ceremony begins at 8:30 am at Stocker Stadium.







School of Choice

Although the Board of Education has endorsed a neighborhood school concept based upon structured attendance areas, it recognizes and has determined that students should be given the option to attend a school or participate in a school program located in an area other than that of their assigned school. In conformity with Board policy JCA/JFBB and regulation JCA/JFBB-R, parents/guardians of students may apply for School of Choice or a Transfer Request, as outlined in JCA/JFBB-R.

While students residing within a designated attendance area shall have priority, such applications, if timely, made in accordance with the policy and regulation, shall be granted if space is available in both the requested school and the requested school program. Priority among applicants will be determined by the date of the application on a space available, first come, first served basis.

Procedures for applying for the School of Choice Option are as follows:

- 1. The School of Choice Application will be available starting at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2016, and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2016. The application is available in electronic form only and is available at the District's web site at www.d51schools.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 2016-2017 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 Emerson Building at 930 Ute Avenue, 2nd Floor from 7:30 AM 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or your child's school office.

New Emerson Elementary, Dual Immersion Academy, Independence Academy, Juniper Ridge and R-5 High School will not be available as options for School of Choice as enrollment in these schools are by a separate application process only. The Challenge Program at East Middle School and the International Baccalaureate Program at Palisade are not options of School of Choice as these programs are available through a separate application process. PLEASE NOTE: Transportation will NOT be provided for students who live out of the attendance area and attend school under School of Choice.

Once the applications are received, prioritized waiting lists will be established for each school. The criteria for placement in your school of choice are space availability and date of application. Each school in the district has established a capacity for the total school, for each grade level, and for programs in the school.

Consequently, a school may have space available at one grade, but may not at another, or there may be space available in one program but not another at any given school. There must be space available in both a grade level and/or a program in the school to accept an applicant.

After the March 25, 2016, deadline, the building principal will notify the parent/guardian on or before April 15, 2015, of their application status (acceptance or denial). If the parent/guardian receives notice of acceptance, they must sign and return the letter of commitment no later than April 29, 2016, to be accepted into the receiving school.

Following the closing of the School of Choice window, a parent/guardian may utilize the option of requesting a transfer from one school to another, but other criteria in addition to first come, first served may be considered.

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

AP Testing season is coming! The deadline to register is March 18th so sign up your student today! Go to the GJHS website, under the Students tab, and click Advanced Placement then "Register for your AP Exams here!" Or you can follow this link: http://gjhs.mesa.k12.co.us/advancedplacement.htm

2016 AP Testing Dates

Week 1	Morning (8 am)	Afternoon (12 noon)	Afternoon (2 pm)
Monday, May 2	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology	
Tuesday, May 3	Computer Science Spanish Language & Culture	Art History Physics 1: Algebra-based	
Wednesday, May 4	English Literature & Composition	Physics 2: Algebra-based	
Thursday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC		
Friday, May 6	German United States History		
Week 2	Morning (8 am)	Afternoon (12 noon)	Afternoon (2 pm)
Monday, May 9	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Tuesday, May 10	United States Government & Politics		
Wednesday, May 11	English Language & Composition	Macroeconomics	
Thursday, May 12	World History Comparative Government & Politics	Statistics	
Friday, May 13	Human Geography Microeconomics		

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Student Learning Center	Eric Brunner	Room 110	Monday – Friday				
			8:00 - 12:00				
A certified teacher will be available to work with students on current online courses, KPP coordina-							
tion, extended learning for current classes, as well as credit recovery and grade replacement through							
additional online courses.							
Reading and Writing	Laura Martinovich	Room 220	Monday Thursday				
Camp			8:00 - 12:00				
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Language Arts teachers b	oy March 17th.						
Math ACT Prep	Matt Hurni	Room 101	Tuesday – Thursday				
			8:00-12:00				
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Math 1 & 2 Interven-	Greg Hartman	??? ?	Tuesday – Thursday				
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This course is for students enrolled in our English Language Learner program. Students will work in							
small groups to catch up on work, maintain skills, and learn study skills.							
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Science Extended Learning	Maura McDougal	Room 301	Tuesday – Thursday				
Learning			8:00-12:00				
This course if for students currently enrolled in a science class who need assistance in conducting							
labs and writing lab reports. Small group labs and extended learning available.							

AP Physics Study	Tim Couch	Room 501	Monday—Wednesday	
Session			8:00 - 12:00	
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Review for students who are preparing to take an AP Physics exam in May. Day I Calculate the weight of a car and using vectors to move a car. Day 2 Water balloon and rocket launch. Calculating parabolic motion/velocity/acceleration/max distance and max height. Day 3 rotational motion/circular motion/waves.

Art Studio Open	Marylou Wetherstein	Rooms 704, 705 & 706	Tuesday – Thursday
Hours	Sean Henry & Joe Gra- ham		8:00 – 12:00

Students will be able to access the support of a certified Art teacher, as well as all necessary Art assignments and supplies to improve their grade in Art 1. This time can also support NAHS members needing to work on projects.