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Important Dates

Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, Apr. 9

Freshman PSAT
Junior SAT
Tuesday, Apr. 10

Sophomore PSAT
Junior Science CMAS
Wednesday, Apr. 11

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

Senior Schedule coming next month.

Letter from the Principal

Welcome to Spring Tiger Families.

2018 just keeps getting better. Our **GJHS Boys Wrestling Team** brought home a Team State Championship in February, with 2 individual state champions, followed by a second place finish for one of our wrestlers at the Girls State Wrestling Tournament; then, on the first weekend of Spring Break, our **GJHS Academic Team** brought home their 20th State Championship and 19th Governor's Cup. The Governor's Cup is for the team that has the highest point total of all the classifications! What a way to finish winter.

We also saw many students from our HOSA program compete in Denver and walk away with multiple top prizes.

This year our state testing at the high school level will be the SAT and PSAT. This is truly an exciting change as the SAT and PSAT will provide more meaningful data and purpose for our students and for state testing. All 9th graders will take the PSAT8/9 version of the SAT on **April 10th**, all 10th graders will take the PSAT10 on **April 11th**, and all 11th graders will take the SAT on April 10th and the Science CMAS test on **April 11th**. The PSAT 9 & 10 are practice tests for the 11th grade SAT. The 11th grade SAT is a college and career entrance exam. This test is vital for our students. All colleges and universities take and use the SAT as one of their college entrance requirements. So now, our state testing is more purposeful. We will be introducing and preparing students for the PSAT and SAT tests starting this month in our advisory classes. Please do not make any appointments and plan on your student being here on their designated test date. I strongly encourage you to talk with your student about the importance of taking these assessments in April.

Now that we are back from Spring Break and moving into the home stretch, we do want to remind you and your students that the dress code at GJHS will be enforced and we ask that student dress tastefully and respectfully as we finish the year. In addition, with the warm weather comes difficult tasks for our students on staying focused on the business of education. We all understand that the skills

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Letter from the Principal (continued)

learned in school will serve them well as they leave our halls and head into the workplaces and college classroom, but it is good for us to encourage our students to keep moving in the right direction.

Finally, we encourage you to get out and support our athletes this Spring as the season begins and show that Tiger Pride. We have so many things to be grateful for as we move into this season.

Go Tigers,

Ari Goldberg

Testing in April

Attention TIGER Families: Important State Testing coming April 10 and 11

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. 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 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.

April 10

Freshmen PSAT 9

Juniors SAT

April 11

Sophomores PSAT 10

Juniors CMAS Science

Booster Club: Supporting Our Students

Recently, I read an article about the perception of the word BINGO. What does that one word makes 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, March 19th at 6:00 pm in Room 120

Registration

We will be doing the registration process with students during ACCESS and Advisory the last week of March and first week of April. More detailed information will be forthcoming. Thank you for supporting this important process.

HOSA Achievements

Last week 32 HOSA students from Western Colorado Community College, representing all of our area high schools, attended the State Leadership Conference in Denver. HOSA is Future Health Professionals, and counts over 2,000 students in its membership for the 2017-2018 school year. There were over 830 members registered for the conference. Once again the WCCC team represented with pride and professionalism! They had fun, learned by attending symposiums, functioned as voting delegates and courtesy corps and brought home numerous awards. We had 39 top ten finishes, along with 8 silver and 7 gold medals. The students who medaled are now eligible to compete at the International Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX in June. The individual achievements are listed below.

Congratulations to Raigen Manspeaker (CHS) and Jocelyn Griffis (FMHS) for finishing their terms as state officers in a year that saw a changeover in their leadership. They helped to put together a great conference.

The Barbara James Service Award recognizes those students who go above and beyond in providing volunteer service to the community. Once again our students brought home 1/3 of all the awards given in the state. Service Awards were given to the following students for logging over 100 hours of community service since June:

Not attending the conference but still qualifying for the award:

GJHS: Karina Lopez, Alma Ortiz, Shawntaye Hunsberger

Top Ten Finishes/Medals per Event

Mallory Raimer – (GJHS) Top 10 Knowledge Test/Nutrition

Taylor Church - (GJHS) Pharmacy Science Top 10 and **SILVER** medal

Vashty Anguiano - (GJHS) Top 10 Pharmacy Science

Sydney Egan – (GJHS) Physical Therapy Top 10 and **SILVER** medal

Cooper Riddell/Brosig (GJHS) Sports Medicine Top 10 and **SILVER** medal

Rachel Haas – (GJHS) Top 10 Veterinary Science; Prepared Speaking Top 10 and **SILVER** medal

Anela Cronk – (GJHS) Top 10 Veterinary Science; Prepared Speaking Top 10 and **GOLD** medal

Lindsay Hull (GJHS) – Top 10 CERT (Critical Emergency Response Team)

Alyssa Benson (GJHS) – Top 10 CPR/First Aid; Top 10 Forensic Medicine

Lindsay Hull (GJHS) – Top 10 Extemporaneous Writing

Sydney Egan (GJHS) and Cooper Riddell/Brosig (GJHS) – Health Education Top 10 and **SILVER** medal

Again, please help us to celebrate the accomplishments of these awesome students!!!

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, R-5 High School, will all have extend 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.

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.

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 must 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 Erin Glavan at Grand Junction High School to begin RTP protocol. Erin's contact information is 970-250-1131.

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CONGRATULATIONS GJHS WRESTLING TEAM!! 5A STATE CHAMPIONS 2018

Congratulations to the GJHS Wrestling Team and Coaches for winning the CHSAA 5A Wrestling Team title. A special congratulations to Head Coach, Cole Allison, for winning the CHSAA Wrestling Coach of the Year!!

106 - Kieran Thompson – 6th
113 - Dawson Collins – 1st
138 – Talen Valerio—qualifier
145 – Dylan Martinez – 2nd
152 – Josiah Rider – 1st (3 time State Champion)
170 – JT Skalecki – 3rd
182 – Seth Latham – 2nd
195 – Caid Lopez—qualifier
220 – Hunter Tobiasson – 2nd

GIRLS WRESTLING:

A special Congratulations to **Kaylee Lacy**, Senior at Grand Junction High School for competing in the 2nd Annual State Girls Wrestling Tournament. Kaylee brought home a 2nd place finish after wrestling on the boys varsity team for the regular season. Great Job, Kaylee! We are all very proud of you.

GIRLS GOLF:

The GJHS Girls' golf team is off and running with 12 golfers. Two are freshmen and the other 10 are returning from last year, including two state qualifiers: Gracie Olkowski and Chloe Manchester. With so many experienced players returning, the team is looking forward to a successful season. Wednesday, March 7th, is the season opener at Chipeta Golf course.

GIRLS LACROSSE:

Grand Junction Girls' Lacrosse is starting this spring season with a Varsity and JV team. They will be spending many weekends traveling to the Denver area to compete against some of the top ranking teams in the state. The Tigers are looking forward to another great season! The first home games will be against the Fruita Monument Wildcats on Wed., March 21st, at Walker Field at CMU at 7:30 pm.

TRACK:

Tiger Track and Field has been working hard and is excited to get into competition this season. The Tigers start their 2018 campaign at Stocker Stadium on Saturday, March 10th. The girls' squad is led this season by seniors Jaedyn Daugherty, Lindy Spiegel and Katie Carozza. The boys' team will be led by seniors Kainoa Cunningham, Billy Dudich, Grayson Gehl, Dante Gonzalez, Martin Huff, Nolan Hynes, Carlos Castaneda, Aaron King, Clay Payne, and Keanan Salazar. Additionally, last year state qualifiers, Nolan Hynes and Colin Morrison, will be returning to the track this season. The Tiger Track and Field team hopes that many of you come and support them this season to see their hard work pay off!

BASEBALL:

The GJ Baseball team kicks off the season with the Bill Fanning Classic. The Tigers start against Horizon on March 8th and continue all weekend with Rampart and Rock Canyon. Thursday and Friday games
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Athletics at GJHS (*continued*)

will be at Suplizio Field and Saturday at Canyon View. Go Tigers!

GIRLS TENNIS:

The GJHS Girls' Tennis Program has 33 athletes out for this year's season. The varsity team consists of 11 players, and our junior varsity team will break into two teams, an Orange and Black team. With challenge matches just completed, the varsity has eight returning players from last year's roster, including the same top three singles players: Julianna Campos, Isabel Manzanares and Kamryn Peltier. The Lady Tigers hope to improve on a 6-5 dual record and a 3rd place regional tournament finish from last year. Play gets underway March 20th against Montrose, followed by the Western Slope Open that features 16 teams, and 10 teams from the Eastern Slope on March 23rd and 24th. Good Luck, Lady Tigers!

BOYS LACROSSE:

The GJHS Boys' Lacrosse team has been busy preparing for the upcoming season. Currently, the roster is at 46 boys from GJHS, Central, and Palisade. The varsity and JV teams will start the season at the DPS Mile High Lacrosse Shootout in Denver on Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th. Come out and support the Tigers this spring season! Home games will be at Canyon View Park and Walker Field at CMU.

GIRLS SOCCER:

The GJHS Girls' soccer team is excited for the upcoming 2018 season. The Tigers welcome 30 student athletes to the team as they finish up the first week of practice. Though the varsity team is fairly young, the team is stacked with soccer experience. The Tigers look forward to a strong, competitive season this year and are hoping to find their way into the playoffs for a second year in a row. Come out and support the Tigers girls' soccer team.

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

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<u>School Not in Session</u>	<u>School in Session</u>
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 EEDay September 1, 2017 HS In-service October 26 – 27, 2017 HS Non-Contact May 3-4, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences The weeks of: September 11, 2017 November 6, 2017 February 5, 2018 April 9, 2018 Exact dates to be determined later.

<u>School Not In Session</u>	
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