# Grand Junction High School

Principal, Ari Goldberg

November/December 2017



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#### **Important Dates**

#### Choir Extravaganza

Thursday, Nov 30—7 pm Friday, Dec. 1—7 pm Saturday, Dec.2 - 2 pm & 7 pm *First Church of the Nazarene* 

Holiday Tea—Current and Past Staff of GJHS Wednesday, Dec. 6— 3 pm *GJ Library* 

Swingin' Sweets Concert Friday, Dec. 15—7 pm *GJ Gym.* 

Holiday Band Concert Tuesday, Dec. 14—7 pm *GJ Aud.* 

#### Holiday Orchestra Concert Tuesday, Dec 19— 7:30 pm *GJ Aud*.

**No School—Winter Break** Dec. 23—Jan. 7

**No School—Teacher Work Day** Jan. 8

No School—MLK, Jr. Day Jan. 15

## Letter from the Principal

Happy Holiday Season Tigers,

Fall is here. The weather has finally started to cool down, the leaves are almost done falling, and Thanksgiving break is over. There is a calm peacefulness to this time of year.

Thank you and congratulations to all our fall sports and activities. A special thank you to the coaches and parents that have made the fall season a success. In November we transition to our Winter sports seasons. We have some fun athletics and activities waiting to happen!

I also want to thank the students and parents at our recent Academic Awards Ceremony. This year we held the event as a school assembly. It was a huge success! We had almost 300 parents and families join us for this event. The auditorium was packed. We had the honor of recognizing 394 GJHS students for their academic success. It was very exciting and I hope that everyone enjoyed the celebration! It definitely showed the academic excellence and achievements of many GJHS students.

November also is Veteran's day. On November 10th we were able to recognize and honor Veteran's Day and more specifically we were able to recognize some of our teachers that have served our country.

Mr. David Bennett, Business teacher, US Army

Mr. Kevin Weekley, Social Studies teacher, US Marine Corps

Mr. Jacob Wilbert, Science teacher, US Army & Colorado Army National Guard

Ms. Ann Trout, Special Education teacher, US Air Force

Mr. Tim Couch, Science teacher, US Army

Last, there is a long standing tradition at GJHS known as The Holiday Tea. This is an event where we invite all of our past and present staff members for an afternoon of camaraderie as we welcome in the holiday season. This year the event will be Wednesday, December 6th after school in the Library. If you are a past teacher or staff member or know one, please share this information.

I hope you enjoy the holidays and I look forward to a wonderful  $2^{nd}$  semester with your students.

Have a wonderful day! Ari Goldberg

## **NHS Food Drive Success**



NHS collected just under 1700 food items to donate to Catholic Outreach. Here are just a few of the kids (and a smattering of cans) who lent a hand in the effort. We are proud of the work NHS did and we just wanted to share it with you.

## **Kiwanis Student of the Month**

The Kiwanis November Student of the month is Jilleeann Warinner. Jilleeann is daughter of Teaa and Josh Warriner. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts in the classroom as well as your contributions in the community!

#### **Business Department News**

The Business Department is excited to recognize Wyatt Raimer for his accomplishments in our High School of Business Program. Out of over 2,000 students nationwide, Wyatt earned one of the top 25 scores on the Business Economics test last spring. Overall, our first cohort of students scored well above the national average on our first year out in both Principles of Business and Business Economics. It is exciting to see these students striving for excellence through dedication and hard work.

The High School of Business Program is a college preparatory course of study in business. Students have many opportunities nationwide to earn credit or bypass courses as they move into a college business program.

We are currently seeking community members to serve on our Advisory Board. Board members will meet approximately five times during the year. We are looking for people to advocate as we seek to develop more opportunities for college credit, broaden our pool of community members to serve as speakers and mentors in our classrooms, and help us find sources of funding as we prepare to open our student run business next year. If you are interested, please contact Jane Nelms, David Bennett, or Cindy Ficklin at 254-6900.

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## **Tigers Roar—CHSAA All-State Academic Recipients**

We are proud to recognize and congratulate the following 49 Fall Sports Student Athletes that earned the CHSSA All-State Academic or Honorable Mention Student Athlete award.

Cheerleading:	All State Academic- Taylore Church, Hanna Landini, Jennifer Pudlewski Honorable Mention- Aliza Paradiso, Ashlynn Quillen, Lucienne Robinson
Cross Country:	All-State Academic <b>- Sarah Griffin, Makayla Moran, Grayson Gehl, Aaron King,</b> Charles Pitcher
	Honorable Mention-Emily Starritt, Kainoa Cunningham, Jacob Melchor **Recognized as an Academic All-State Team (Girls) 3.804 **Recognized as an Academic All-State Team (Boys) 3.798
Football:	All-State Academic- Jared Chapman, Wyatt Raimer, Jay Skalecki, Jearl Tobiasson Honorable Mention- Camden Dottson, Brett Ferguson, Logan Grossnickle, Col- ton Kronkright, Clay Payne
Golf (Boys):	All-State Academic-Canon Olkowski
Pom Poms:	All-State Academic- Jilleeann Warinner
Soccer (Boys):	All-State Academic- Julian Drysdale, Kyler Bradshaw, Mario Bravo-Fuentes, Jake Chaffetz, Garrison Corn, Abram Sanchez Honorable Mention-Manuel Reyes **Recognized as an Academic All-State Team 3.53
Softball:	All-State Academic <b>- Maya Bass, Arianna Martinez, Grace Ooley, Alexia Thomp- son</b> Honorable Mention <b>- Hannah Hutto, Megan Rubalcaba</b>
Tennis (Boys):	All-State Academic <b>- Luke Aubert, Cal Hegstrom, Evan Johnson, Thomas Mahre,</b> Maxwell Weckerly
	**Recognized as an Academic All-State Team 3.59
Volleyball:	All-State Academic- Victoria Larkin, Breck Smith, Mackenzie Younker, Katie Ca- rozza, Alexi Wright Honorable Mention- Lindy Spiegel **Recognized as an academic All-State Team 3.769

## **GJHS** Apparel

Check out our new sweatshirts, baseball caps, and t-shirts now available in the Athletics/Activity Office. Show off your Tiger Pride by wearing your GJHS gear to all athletics and activity events throughout the 2017-2018 school year!

The Grand Junction High School Booster Club would love your help. In order for the Booster Club to continue to function and provide continued support of our 40 plus Tiger activities, we need more parent involvement. Last school year the Booster Club was able to donate over \$68,000 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 meet 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 120. There may be an exception to this if a Monday falls during a break or is a vacation day.

If you are interest in becoming a Booster Club member or in volunteering, please contact: GJHS Athletic/Activities Director Carol Sams at 254-6900 or <u>carol.sams@d51schools.org</u>

The next GJHS Booster Club meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm in Room 120.

#### **Introducing College of the Week**

Each week the counseling department will be featuring information about a different college. The colleges that will be represented during the month of November will be University of Northern Colorado, Colorado School of Mines, Fort Lewis College, and the University of Colorado – Boulder. For more information about these colleges or other college opportunities, contact our Career and College Advisor, Justin Little at <u>jlittle@coloradomesa.edu</u>

Week of December 4 is Metropolitan State University of Denver Week of December 11 will be Regis University

## **GJHS Speech and Debate Team**

Tigers will be roaring again. After a few years of laying low, the Tiger Speech and Debate team is rebuilding. Speech and Debate has a little something for everyone with debate, public speaking, and literary interpretation (acting). We have a core group of students who are committed to making us the powerhouse team we once were. If you know a student who is interested in joining, we are meeting Wednesday after school in room 104. You can contact Jane Nelms for more information.

Jane.Nelms@d51schools.org.



#### **GJHS Performing Arts Update**

- *Band:* The GJHS Tiger Pride Marching Band had their State competition October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. They earned their highest score of the season representing GJHS very well! They were also in a more competitive class this year and the student's accepted the challenge like Tigers. Please pat them on the back if you get a chance – they have worked extremely hard this season and are excited to get some personal time back to devote to other clubs/activities. Thanks for all of your support this season!

- *Band:* Swingin' Sweets is coming! Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – 10pm at Grand Junction High School. The GJHS Band department is hosting a night of jazz dancing for the community. There will be three live bands and dance lessons starting at 6:30pm. A coffee bar and desserts will be available. Save the memory by having your picture taken in the photo booth that will also be available. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults for this semi-formal dance, and kids 8 and under get in for free! The proceeds go to support the band department and helps to fund Jazz Festivals for the students.

- *Choir:* Congratulations to Grace Ady, Macy Constable, Tommi Feller, Teresa Gandy, Luis Gaytan, Kathryn Jordan, Elise Larsen, Samuel Lee, Bridget Miller, Olivia Nikkari, Bryce Peck, and Peighton Thornburg for being nominated and selected to perform with the Colorado Choral Director's Select Choir. The GJHS Choir Department is excited to have these students participating in the honor choir of over 150 students. These students will work with Dr. Monte Atkinson as the guest clinician and conductor, which is a special honor since this is his last year as the Director of Choral Studies at CMU before retiring. Grace Ady, Macy Constable, Teresa Gandy, Kathryn Jordan, Bridget Miller, and Olivia Nikkari also made the Colorado All State Choir.

- Choir: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Extravaganza is coming! "The 12 Days of Christmas"– November 30 December 2 at the First Church of the Nazarene (28 Road & Patterson). Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, Children 6-12 \$5, students & seniors \$8. Reserved tables with seating for 8 are available for \$90. The proceeds go to support the choir department quest to purchase new choral risers. For information and tickets call 970-640-7079.

- Orchestra: Congratulations to Lauryn Burton, Melody Jacobsen, Callista Miller, Aubry Hunt, Naomi Guevara, Sara Lampitt, Grace Ady, Lindsay Hull, Sam Hazen, Makayla Moran, Tommy Mahre, Jessica Gerlofs, Grayson Gehl, Hannah Guevara, Indiana Jones, Mandy Moran, Matthew Jacobson, Logan Bunnell, and Matthew Johnson. These students were selected by live audition to perform with the District 51 High School Honor Orchestra on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the GJHS Auditorium.

- Drama: The Addams Family Musical is coming! February 22 – 24. Auditions will be December 11-13. Auditions require a one-minute song and a one minute comedic monologue. For more information contact Audrey Neumiller: <u>audreycneumiller@gmail.com</u>

## **GJHS Athletics Update**

Please continue to check the school website for changes in schedules, times, and locations. Support all students and coaches this winter with positive cheers and excellent sportsmanship. All winter sports officially started on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

The GJHS Cross Country team finished their season with meets in Rifle and Regionals in Denver. At Rifle, many of the runners ran their PR (Personal Record) for the season. At Regionals, the top five scoring girls were Mandy Moran, Dolcie Hanlon, Makayla Moran, Keyona Gough and Lauryn Burton. The top five scoring boys were Grayson Gehl, Aaron King, Reese Fledderjohn, Jacob Melchor, and Charlie Pitcher. Great Season Tigers!

#### POMS

The GJHS Poms team is gearing up for their Regional Competition on November 18, here at Grand Junction High School. The girls had a great football season and are looking forward to dancing during the basketball season this winter.

#### **BOYS SOCCER**

As you may already know, the GJHS Boys Soccer team finished the season advancing all the way to the CHSAA State Quarterfinals. The Tigers were defeated by the #1 seed Denver East by a score of 1-0. The boys had a fabulous season! Coach Pando is looking forward, not only to where the seniors will end up playing next season, but also to start working with the underclassmen of the team for next year. Thank you to all who supported this team throughout the fall soccer season! Go Tigers!

#### VOLLEYBALL

This year's GJHS volleyball season was a hard and growing experience. Although the record does not reflect that growth, coaches and players alike grew as people through hardship and the challenge to press on. This year we lost one of our most respected and loved coaches. Coach Tammy Wells was an inspiration and motivation for us all. The volleyball program learned to love, deal with lose, fight to stay emotionally afloat, and the challenge to press forward. Players and coaches have come together as a team to battle and conquer these challenges. Coach Jeff Wells states, "Tammy and I have always looked at coaching as a way to teach "life skills through sports". This year that saying took on a whole new meaning. On behalf of my family to Coach Tammy Wells' Grand Junction High School family, "thank you for your love and support". She would be proud the way the students, staff and players have positively responded to this unfortunate situation. We are thankful for the time she was with us and the many ways she invested in her players and students."

#### <u>CHEER</u>

Competitive cheer season is upon us! The GJHS Cheer squad is gearing up for the regional competition to be held here at Grand Junction High School on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The girls will be performing their state routine at the Regional competition. The CHSAA State competition is December 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Coliseum. The Tiger Cheer team enjoyed cheering for football and will start preparing for basketball season and the spring semester. The girls have had amazing success with fundraising the past couple of months. The girls and coach would like to personally thank everyone for their support and assistance with the fundraising. Go Tigers!

#### **FOOTBALL**

As we end our season, the football coaching staff would like to thank all students, parents, administrators, trainers, faculty, staff and longtime Tiger fans for your support this season. Congratulations to the student-athletes who made the 2017 a season of change and progress. We know we've made incredible gains this year. Our bar has been set even higher next year. We strive for a standard of excellence for Grand Junction High football.

We are especially proud of the senior class. They leave their legacy as a group determined to make a change. We must recognize all the student-athletes that put in the extra effort to better themselves academically. First and foremost, each Grand Junction High student-athlete is a student. There is no football at Grand Junction High without academic commitment.

While the teams in the program had mixed success in win-loss records, they enjoyed their share of big victories and emotional defeats. The games of this past fall will eventually fade into fragmented memories. In the end, the measures of success are not the statistics or wins, rather, they are the friendships, lessons and maturing that are the result of effort, selfless commitment to the team and dedication to personal betterment. The student-athletes of the 2017 Grand Junction High School

Football were truly successful. As coaches, we are fortunate to have been a part of it. We R Tigers!!

Important dates:

November 27 – JV/Varsity Awards dinner – 7pm

March/April 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tee Off for Tigers Golf Tournament

## **FAFSA Information**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> the FAFSA is open and students and families can fill it out. There are a lot of misconceptions about the FAFSA, but we encourage every student to fill it out and **complete** it. Here are some good reasons to fill out your FAFSA even if you are not sure about it.

1. IT IS FREE. Why not fill out a free form that essentially will help you pay for college.

2. Many scholarships (institutional and private) will require you to fill out the FAFSA. If you don't complete it you could miss out on thousands of dollars.

3. It is not as difficult as everyone makes it out to be. With new improvements in technology, it is easier than ever to complete the FAFSA

4. You are not only applying for Federal money. The FAFSA qualifies you to be eligible for State grants, scholarships, and work-study opportunities.

5. Most students qualify for financial aid.

Even if you don't expect anything to come from the FAFSA, fill it out to open more doors to you education. REMEMBER, students and one of their parents must fill out the FAFSA and each get an FSAID to sign.

#### **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.

#### **Volunteers**

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.

## **High School of Business**

Ever wanted to be a part of something different that prepares you for the real world?

The High School of Business program at Grand Junction High School is where students come to take a series of accelerated courses that gives them more than a leg up in the business world. While in the High School of Business program, students will be answering real business questions that stem from current real world business affairs while also participating in projects that look to answer those problems.

Have questions? Feel free to contact Mr. Bennett at david.bennett@d51schools.org.

#### **Art Department News**

The Art Department had another exiting and busy month this October. Over 50 students were able to experience Colorado Mesa University's "ArtoberFest." Students were able to create T-shirts with printmaking, participate in a Graffiti workshop, and see an Iron Pour. Art club is in full swing and meeting once a week. We have great participation this year and are planning events for the year.

### **Sophomore Career Exploration Day**

Friday, January 12th, all 10th grade students will participate in Career Exploration Day!

As a result, 10<sup>th</sup> graders will not be participating in regular classes on that day. All sophomores will report to the auditorium after the bell rings on the morning of January 12th. For half of the day, students will tour the Technical/Career programs offered to students through Western Colorado Community College. Students will be introduced to a diverse world of classes available from marketing to mechanics and engineering to healthcare! Many students find a challenge they would like to pursue, and some, learn about new career choices as a result of this tour.

For the other half of the day, students will complete their state-required sophomore Individualized Career and Academic Plan (ICAP), start the registration process for their junior year courses, and interact with guest speakers/watch videos about a variety of careers they can pursue after completing their education.

The Career Exploration Day will help students focus the remainder of their high school career on their future. They will learn to select classes for their junior and senior years that are career focused, and they will further enhance their work with tools like Naviance, which will help with the search for appropriate career paths after high school. Attendance will be taken at each of the activities since regular classes will not be in session for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you for your support in career development for our students!

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2017-2018 School Year GJHS Calendar							
<u>School</u> Not in Session		School in Session					
Teacher In-service August 11 & 14, 2017		Parent/Teacher Conferences					
<b>Teacher Work Days</b> August 10 & 15, 2017 October 16, 2017 January 8, 2018 March 9, 2018 May 25, 2018		The weeks of: September 11, 2017 November 6, 2017 February 5, 2018 April 9, 2018 Exact dates to be					
<b>Teacher EE Day</b> September 1, 2017		determined later.					
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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   Srd 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 Middle School Principals' First Day Elem entary School Principals' First Day Teachers' First Day Teachers' Last Day Elem entary School Principals' Last Day Middle School Principals' Last Day	July 27, 2017 July 27, 2017 August 10, 2017 May 25, 2018 June 8, 2018
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