

Grand Junction

High School

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Home of the Tigers

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Important Dates

P/T Conferences
Distance conferencing
November 11 3:30-7:30 pm

No School—
Thanksgiving Break
November 22-26

Finals
December 17-19

Last Day of Semester
December 19

No School—
Winter Break
December 20-31

No School—
Teacher Work Day
January 3

First Day of 2nd Semester
January 4

No School—
Martin Luther King Day
January 17

No School—
Teacher Inservice Day
January 18

**Advertise your
business in the GJHS
Monthly Newsletter.**

**Contact Steve Brown at
steve.brown@d51schools.org**

Letter from the Principal

Dear Tiger Families,

Second quarter is off to a great start! We are incredibly grateful to the voters of Mesa County for their generosity and support on measure 4B. We are looking forward to partnering with our Tiger Families as we begin the construction of the new school. We also know that there are many elements of the current Grand Junction High School that continue to be of value to the community, so we will work with the community to move and preserve that heritage as we build our new home. If everything goes according to schedule, the class of 2025 will be the first class to graduate from the new building!

We also know that Covid-19 continues to be an issue for many of our students and families. Please know that while we all want to be able to be back to 'normal,' we also need to protect our students, staff, and larger Tiger community through our Keeping Schools Open plan. If you have any questions, please refer to the plan on the [district website](#). You can also track our current Covid rates on the [data dashboard](#).

We hope you all have a wonderful November and a relaxing Thanksgiving break. As always, we thank you for allowing us to collaborate with you in the education of your student. We have enjoyed seeing students both with and without masks, and we look forward to continuing another successful year at GJHS!

Go Tigers!

Meghan Roenicke, *Principal*

The Dean's Desk

We are almost through the First Semester!

We appreciate how so many of our students are focused on school and taking pride in GJHS! I want to take a brief opportunity to thank those students and to encourage all of our students to finish strong by attending every class, every day, working hard on their grades, and preparing for the last push toward finals.

Remember to avoid the distractions that take away from those goals!

We appreciate your help in making GJHS a wonderful learning environment for ALL Students.

Thank you,

Tom LeFebre, *Dean of Students*

Choir Celebrations

Congratulations to **Johnny Flanagan** and **Charles Reilly** on being called back for All State Jazz Choir! They are the third and fourth students from GJHS to be called back in the last ten years. After some incredibly competitive callback auditions in Denver, we're happy to celebrate **Johnny Flanagan**, who was accepted into the 2022 All State Jazz Choir!

Congratulations to **Izzy Cornelison, Jenna Cox, Caymie Crone, Corran Gandy, Johnny Flanagan, Charles Reilly,** and **Pierson Worley** on being accepted into the Colorado All State Choir! We're excited that seven students will be representing GJHS in this prestigious ensemble. This is also the largest representation from GJHS in the last ten years.

Get your tickets for the choirs' Holiday Extravaganza! The theme of our 23rd annual Extravaganza is Winter in the Woods. Show times are 7:00pm on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, plus an afternoon matinee at 1:00pm on the 4th. Tickets can be purchased online at our Square site by following this link: <https://grandjunctionchoirs.square.site/>

Food Bank of the Rockies and GJHS Interact Club

The Interact Club and The Riverside Educational Center will be holding Fall Food Bank giveaways in conjunction with the Food Bank of the Rockies after school on November 16th and December 14th. Distribution for students will begin at 3:15pm. It will open to the community from 3:30-5:15pm in the circle drive in the East Parking lot. If you or anyone you know has food insecurity issues, please come. Everyone is welcome as our students & staff love to serve their community.

Distributions are planned on the 2th and 4th Tuesdays of each month, though this may change during the holiday months. If you need more information, please contact Ms. Gentry at Grand Junction High School.



Is your child considering military service as their next step?
Has your child enlisted but has not yet left for basic training?
Do you have a child currently serving or a veteran?

*Western Slope Blue Star Mothers welcomes and supports
Military Moms and Military Moms-to-be!*

Monthly meetings, social gatherings, and opportunities for service!

[Find us on Facebook!](#)
Western Slope Blue Star Mothers CO8

[Visit our website!](http://www.wsbluestarmoms.org)
www.wsbluestarmoms.org

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MOMS!

The Theatre Lights Up With ELF—The Musical

Elf the Musical has been fully cast with 40+ students, and we can't wait to see everyone in December. Get your tickets and mark your calendars for December 10-11 and 17th-18th. This will be a fun show you will not want to miss!

BTW—If you buy a ticket in advance for each of the four nights, you'll save so much money that it is like getting one night for free—you should do it!



Travel to Spain & Portugal

Over spring break of 2023 GJHS students will have the opportunity to travel to Spain and Portugal and experience the rich culture of the Iberian Peninsula. We'll see the amazing architecture, try the food, see a flamenco dancing show and see the Rock of Gibraltar. Contact Señora Henao at sarah.henao@d51schools.org for information or go to <https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2382595SF>

Travel to England

Mrs. Cronk and Mrs. Gutierrez are planning a trip with students to England, France, and Spain during the summer of 2025. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm** for any interested travelers and their parents. The meeting will be **in room 116 at GJHS**. Come and learn about the trip, payment options, and brainstorm fundraising ideas. Please contact Mrs. Cronk or Mrs. Gutierrez for more information, and please wear a mask to the meeting.

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Interested in Travel to Ecuador?



Join us June 2022 in traveling to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands! This is an amazing opportunity for students to experience another country, practice speaking Spanish, and earn high school or college credit while they're doing it

Contact Señora Henao at sarah.henao@d51schools.org for information or go to the website at www.explorica.com/Henao-1425.

Tiger Boutique and Haberdashery

Hello Tiger Families! Winter clothing items are now in stock! The Boutique is stocked with a great selection of clothing, shoes, and toiletries, and everything is absolutely free. Students can shop Wednesdays and Thursdays during Study Time or email tigerboutique@d51schools.org to request an appointment time to shop for all your student's school necessities.

Band News

Congratulations to the marching band for a great season! They finished ranked #16 in the state and only had 9 members that had gone to state championships before.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to perform with the Western Slope Colorado Bandmasters Association Select Band on Nov. 19th and 20th:

Lily Lofland	Axel Haugseth	Grace Robinson	Grace McCrum	Zachary DuBose
Caroline Duran	Quinn Larkin	Kaemon Arisawa	Noah Pearson	Albert Booth
Ethan Hampton	Anissa Gonzales	Joseph Seeberger	Gracie Hampton	Owen Booth
Chase Hudson	Jordan Hanzl	Tyler White	Vivika Ortiz Avalos	

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to perform at the Western Colorado Percussion Festival held at CMU on Nov. 13th:

Joesiah Wissink Clark Jordan Hanzl Joseph Kiggins Tyler White

Library News

NoodleTools!

One of the tools available to your student to help with the **research process** is NoodleTools, which:

- provides a way for students to **cite sources** easily and effectively (WAY more easily than when we were in high school!)
- provides a place for students to **create digital notecards**, attach their sources to the notecards, pick out appropriate chunks of text, and put their newfound knowledge in their own words
- attaches your student's research work to an inbox created by their teacher which then allows the teacher to see all of their students' progress through their teacher account--teachers can see, comment on, and assist students in an online environment

If your student is struggling to access or use NoodleTools effectively, have them stop by the library for help, or else send me an email and I will reach out to your student.

Pam Middlemas, GJHS Library

Mountain Biking Trials

The Grand Valley Cycling Team competed in the State Race the first weekend in November and had outstanding results from students all over the Valley. GJHS had many student ride and show the state why GJ is the place to visit if you want to ride hard. Way to go Team!

Health Office Notices

Greeting Tiger Families!

We hope you are all staying healthy! Just a few reminders from the health office:

If your student is ill, please remember we are asking for a negative COVID test, or an alternative diagnosis from a physician for them to return before 10 days, including students who are sent home from the health office.

If you have tested positive or have had contact with a COVID positive person please call the health department for direction on isolating and quarantine. Please ask them to send notification to the school and we will fix attendance based on those reports. Please understand all dates from the health department trump the tentative dates from our health office and staff. The number for Mesa County Public Health is 970-254-4120.

We continue to update immunizations for those required for school attendance and the COVID vaccine. Please provide updates as your student receives these. **COVID vaccine is not required for school.**

Stay well Tigers!

Mel McConnell— RN, BSN

Radawna Clark-Bobbitt—Health Assistant

Melinda Garcia—Health Assistant

970-254-6900 x24191

Yearbook News

Get all the information you need about the Tiger Yearbook on the GJHS website (under Departments): <https://gjhs.d51schools.org/departments/yearbook>

Senior Photos should be emailed to gjstigeryearbook@gmail.com before Dec. 1, 2021 to avoid a late fee (\$10)

Senior Quotes should be included in the email (no more than 30 words, including author name)

Senior “Remember Whens” (photos from elementary and middle school) can be emailed to gjstigeryearbook@gmail.com before Dec. 10, 2021

Senior Baby Tributes can be purchased through Jostens with a link on the school web site until Feb. 10, 2022

You can also find information online to:

Advertise in the yearbook

Purchase your yearbook now

Orange and Black Online

Tigers, don't forget that the student newspaper, The Orange & Black, works to keep up with all the important school news, events, and issues. Follow our website, oandbnews.com, or follow us on social media (Instagram and Twitter: gjhsoandb) for news, unique campus stories and student perspectives on today's most important topics. To see our past issues, visit <https://issuu.com/gjhsandb>

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Thanks to the Federal Nutrition Program, Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students this year regardless of financial need. Students, if you need a nutritious meal, get down to the cafeteria.



Winter Sports Begin

We are now entering the Winter Sports Season. Please watch the school website for schedules for girls' and boys' basketball, wrestling, and girls swim and dive. Come out and support our winter athletic teams. All tickets will be available for purchase on the Purchase Ticket tab under Athletics on the GJHS website.

Fall Athletics Update

Football:

GJ Football would like to send a huge "Thank You" to the GJHS Community and GJ staff for the utmost support this season and trust in the process of building the Tiger Football Culture. Throughout the 2021 football season the GJ Football team continued to get better and to show progress. Though the outcome of every game may not have been victorious, the team continued to work and to build a competitive culture that will be a foundation for years to come. The Tigers did end the season with a 52-12 victory when they played the Gateway Olympians which was a much needed win and was filled with success. With the regular season ending, and in preparation for its 2022 campaign, the team is now transitioning to its off season training mode and the team has substantial intentions of improvement in the areas of strength, speed, and mental toughness. The program is on the rise and has a great number of returning football players for next season. Thanks again to everyone who supported the team through this year's process.

Boys Tennis:

Congratulations to the Boys' Tennis Team! The Tigers are SWL Champions with a perfect 8-0 dual record. In addition, the team took first place at the regional tournament, took 6 teams to the state tournament, had 5 teams make First Team All-Conference, and six players make the Academic All-State Team. Way to go: Evan Gear, Matt Silzell, Evan Severs, Bailey Rubinstein, Jase Satterfield, Christian Tuttle, Nick Silzell, Liam Pomrenke, Isaac Boyer, Ethan Davis and Nick Warner. Outstanding season and outstanding accomplishments!

Cheer:

Cheer ended the fall segment of their season with the 5 Seniors choreographing a halftime performance. Each senior was honored after their performance and escorted by their parents. The team is preparing for the competition season and will be attending a Regional and State competition before the end of the school semester. The Cheer team would like to thank the parents and families as well as the faculty and staff of Grand Junction High School for all of their support!

Volleyball:

GJHS Volleyball had a great 5 set match against Central at the last league game and wrapped up the season with a final tournament October 22nd-23rd at Dakota Ridge. The Tigers were able to get another win and come home 1 and 5. The final record for the season was 4-19, which is great progress from the short spring season. We are proud of the girls and want to thank our seniors Leanna Clement and Harley Hutto- good luck with your next endeavors! To all returning players, the coaches are already looking forward to next season! Go Tigers!

Boys Golf:

The GJHS Boy's Golf team completed another successful season. The Tiger golf team had several top five finishes this season. The Tigers were led by Freshman Jack Kaul who also represented GJHS at the state golf tournament in Colorado Springs. Senior Cale Moore, Juniors Landon Scarbrough, Ben Coleman and Sophomore Maddox Lovato all contributed to the success the Tigers experienced in 2021.

Baking & Pastry Success



Students in the Grand Junction High School Baking & Pastry class completed the National Restaurant Association's Food Safety Training Program and all received their ServSafe Food Handler Certificate. This is a nationally recognized certification which is good for three years. It will be a valuable resource for these students as they enter into food service industry professions or post secondary industry related courses. Congratulations to the GJHS Fall 2021 Baking & Pastry Students. (Students not pictured Paula Caro-Gaspar, Cyrus Lancaster, Dylan Cullen, Christian Diaz & Melissa Almanza-Gonzalez)

2020-21 Athletic Awards and Recipients

Due to the unusual situation of the pandemic and the spring sports seasons continuing into the end of June last summer, we were unable to have our regular awards presentations. The underclassmen have been recognized at our Fall Academic Awards ceremony here at GJHS and our Seniors who have already graduated will be getting their awards in the near future.

Joe Biggs Award - The Joe Biggs Award was established in honor of Joe Biggs and his outstanding accomplishments at Grand Junction High School during the early 1940's. The Joe Biggs Award honors those Senior athletes, who like Joe Biggs, are outstanding athletes in their class
The 2020-2021 award winners are: **Dolcie Hanlon and Blaine Butler**

Lewis Dawson Award - The Lewis Dawson Award is a memorial award presented each year at GJHS to senior athletes who, like Lewis, are the epitome of teamwork, team spirit, and sportsmanship.
The 2020-2021 award winners are: **Maya DeGeorge and Parker Stanfield**

Scott Lambuth Award - This award is given to memorialize Scott Lambuth and his love of sport and his love of students. The Scott Lambuth Award is given to the outstanding Junior athletes at GJHS.
The 2020-2021 award winners are: **Harley Hutto and Cole Atkinson**

LV Turner Award - The LV Turner Award is given to memorialize LV Turner, a great student-athlete at GJHS. This award is honoring multi-sport athletes in the sophomore class.
The 2020-2021 award winners are: **Riley Applegate and Miller Jones**

The **2020-2021 Iron Tiger Awards** (three sport letterwinners):

Juliette Berry - cross country, swim, tennis
Johnny Flanagan - cross country, track, lacrosse
Miller Jones - cross country, soccer, track
Cole Atkinson - football, wrestling, lacrosse
Harley Hutto - softball, basketball, soccer
Dolcie Hanlon - cross country, basketball, soccer
Parker Stanfield - cross country, soccer, lacrosse
Blaine Butler - tennis, basketball, baseball

Congratulations GJHS Athletes and parents! Keep up the good work!

Girls' Basketball



2021-22 GRAND JUNCTION GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Dear Parents and Prospective Players:

Girls' Basketball Tryout dates and times:

Monday, November 15: *Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors*3:30-5:30 (Auxiliary Gym)

Freshmen..... 5:30-7:30 (Auxiliary Gym)

Tuesday, November 16: *Soph, Jr, Sr*.....3:30-5:30 (Main Gym)

Freshmen.....5:30-7:30 (Main Gym)

Wednesday, November 17: *Soph, Jr, Sr*.....3:30-5:30 (Aux Gym)

Freshmen.....5:30-7:30 (Aux Gym)

All student-athletes must be cleared through the Athletic Office prior to tryouts.

Winter Athletic Registration and Parent Permission through

rSchoolToday,

gjhsd51-ar.rschooltoday.com/

or

GJHS website,

gjhs.d51schools.org,

click Athletics tab, click Registration tab

A completed physical form signed by a doctor and the \$140 Participation Fee (refunded if player does not make team) must be completed and turned in to the Athletic Office by Nov. 8 in order to be cleared by Nov. 12. The first tryout day is November 15. We will not add additional tryout days to the current schedule. We are also asking players to bring a hard copy of their current grade report to the first tryout day.

While we would like to keep all prospects who try out, the unfortunate reality is that we cannot. At the Varsity/Jr. Varsity level this year's tryouts will be extremely competitive. With only 18 spots available at those levels and 12 positions available at the Freshman level, we are looking for players who are fierce competitors, players who want to be the best they can be! Prospects are judged on a five point scale in a variety of basketball skills. Academics, Leadership and Citizenship are also highly considered when making our decisions. We look for players who can meet these competitive challenges, not only on the basketball floor but in the classroom and the school community as well. *At the end of the last tryout day all players will be individually notified, through a private meeting with the coaching staff, as to whether they made the team or not.*

Whether your daughter makes the team or not, we want to thank her for wanting to be a part of Tiger Basketball! Should you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Office or a member of the coaching staff.

Sincerely,

Sam Provenza
Head Coach, Girls Basketball
Grand Junction High School
TIGER PRIDE!



At Grand Junction



WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.



**WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LEARNING AND
COMPLETE WORK WITH INTEGRITY.**



**WE LISTEN TO, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND RESPOND
TO ONE ANOTHER.**



**WE USE TECHNOLOGY (I.E., CELL PHONES)
POLITELY AND RESPONSIBLY.**



**WE USE APPROPRIATE AND PROFESSIONAL VERBAL
AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES.**



WE MAKE SAFE, HEALTHY, LEGAL CHOICES.