

# Grand Junction

## High School

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### Important Dates

#### Josten's on Campus

Wed, Sept 6—9am-3pm  
Thurs, Sept 7—9am-noon

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Sept 12— 3:30-7:30pm

#### School Advisory Council

Wednesday, Sept 20— 6:30-8pm

#### Homecoming Game

Friday, Sept 22— 7pm

#### Homecoming Dance

Saturday, Sept 23— 8:30-11pm

#### School Pictures Retakes

Monday, Sept 25— 7:30am- noon

#### No School—Teacher Work Day

Monday, Oct. 16

#### No School—Teacher In-Service

Friday, Oct. 26-27—

#### No School—Thanksgiving

Nov 20-24

### Letter from the Principal

Greetings Tigers!

I have to start off mentioning what a great start to the school year this has been. Students have been so excited and full of energy. Teachers have been starting off the year preparing students and creating early relationships with their students. The energy at Junction has been very positive!

The new parking lot flow has been very successful. Thank you for being patient and now using the north lot one-way entrance and exits. It has truly created a safer pick up and drop off process. Also, just so everyone knows, there are less than 400 total spots on our campus. So there are not enough spots to accommodate all students, staff and visitors. This summer we added a few student parking spots and designated staff and student parking to help clear up any confusion for students. As a quick reminder, student parking is first come first serve. Only Juniors and Seniors are allowed to buy a parking permit. Even with a parking permit, if there are no student spots available, students will need to park on 5th street. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate everyone. Students have been warned and if a student chooses to park in the wrong spots or parks without a permit, they will be towed.

Make sure to sign up for ParentVUE if you have not yet done this. This is an app you can download to your phone and you can check your student's grades and attendance. It is a very handy app if your teenager does not communicate well with you! Call the main office to get the log-in information.

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## Letter from the Principal (continued)

Speaking of cell phones, I want to strongly encourage parents to read these two articles about cell phones. We are in a transformative and pivotal time with technology exponentially increasing and being everywhere. Please be informed of what cell phones are doing to our students. We are starting to have lots of conversations regarding the distractions cell phones are causing. Please help your child by thinking about how you might limit the use of your child's cell phone. Here are the links:

*"Trends in Suicidality and Serious Self-Harm for Children 5-17 Years at 32 U.S. Children's Hospital, 2008-2015,"*

[http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/08/07/542016165/how-smartphones-are-making-kids-unhappy?utm\\_source=npr\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=20170810&utm\\_campaign=npr\\_email\\_a\\_friend&utm\\_term=storyshare](http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/08/07/542016165/how-smartphones-are-making-kids-unhappy?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20170810&utm_campaign=npr_email_a_friend&utm_term=storyshare)

AND:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/13/health/teenagers-drugs-smartphones.html>

There is so much going on as always, we will do September conferences in the gym in one location. We have fall sports starting up. Band, orchestra, and choir are gearing up. Clubs are getting started. Please visit our new web site to find all the activities that are happening. GJHS is a small city and there is always something going on if you or your student is interested.

Have a great day tigers!

**Ari Goldberg**

## Parking and Traffic Flow at GJHS

Thank you parents for being patient and understanding of our new parking flow on campus. It has been very successful and is creating a safer drop off and pick-up routine. Please know that juniors and seniors are allowed to purchase a parking permit for \$10 in the main office. They need their driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. Students with a parking permit are allowed to park on campus in any spot that is not marked RESERVED. The lot is first come first serve. If the parking lot is full, students must park off campus on 5<sup>th</sup> street. We are now ticketing students that don't have permits and students who choose to not follow the expectations. Cars that receive multiple tickets will be towed at the owner's expense. Thank you.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents and Guardians:

Please join us for Parent/ Teacher conferences on Tuesday, September 12 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. For this round of conferences, teachers will be in the West Gym. Please bring your student with you as they are a vital part of these important conversations. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Counseling News

### Life after High School

Are you going to college or interested in going to college? Well, the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations College Fair is coming soon! On Friday September 8 from 9-9:30am, you are invited to attend the College Fair at Palisade High School. Many of the Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges in Colorado will be there. Admissions' representatives will be available to answer any questions about their institutions. It is a great chance to look at many schools for free! If you would like to ride the bus, please go to the counseling office to get a field trip permission slip as soon as possible. If you choose to drive yourself, parents please excuse your child from class. For more information, please contact Justin Little, Career and College Advisor, at 970-254-6900 ext. 24248. We hope to see you there!

The Colorado Western Slope College Fair is on Sunday October 1 at Aspen High School from 10am to 2pm. Please register online at [www.cwscollegefair.org](http://www.cwscollegefair.org) and list your top five schools you would like to communicate with. This opportunity gives students a more intimate look at prospective schools and a great way to find the perfect college. SENIORS!! Free application week with many different institutions is October 2-6. Senior workdays will be October 3 and 4. There will be many admission representatives from different schools and military recruiters on campus to answer any questions. The first day seniors can fill out the FAFSA is October 1 and there will be a FAFSA night on October 18 at 6:00pm on the CMU campus.

On October 16, in the GJHS cafeteria 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 no later than October 13. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

### PSAT

Who should take the PSAT?

Those who wish to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship-The PSAT is a **required** component for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship. Find info at [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org)

Juniors, this is the same test (different version) that you took in April of your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Sophomores, will take the PSAT in April this year.

**The PSAT measures:**

- ◆ Critical reading skills
- ◆ Math problem-solving skills
- ◆ Writing skills

## School Advisory Council

Please consider coming to our first School Advisory Council meeting on September 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the GJHS library. We would love to invite you to have discussions on many things affecting life at GJHS. We want to hear from you-hope to see you there!

## GJHS Ski and Board Club Begins the Year

The GJHS Ski and Board Club is setting up for the upcoming ski season. Returning members in good standing must turn in their paperwork and \$60 dues by the end of the day Friday, Sept 8. We will be accepting new members beginning on Tuesday morning at 6:30am outside the main office. They will need to have their paperwork and the \$60 dues as well and they are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Once we hit 75 members, membership is capped. Please look at our website [www.gjskiandboard.org](http://www.gjskiandboard.org) for more information.

## Booster Club

The Grand Junction High School Booster Club would love your help. The membership has declined due to parents no longer being members after their child graduates. 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.

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

## Safe2Tell

Welcome back Tigers! I am very happy to inform you that last year the district rolled out a program called Safe2Tell and we will continue using the system this year throughout the district. Safe2Tell is a state wide initiative sponsored by the Colorado Attorney General's office. The program allows students a safe and anonymous way to report behaviors such as bullying, self-harm, suicidal statements, abuse, neglect, substance abuse or any other concerning behavior.

Safe2Tell works through the P3 reporting system. When a tip comes in, it is automatically routed to the police department/sheriff's office, district safety and security as well as the school's principal. Within minutes we are able to address the reported concern at school or through the authorities. We also track all of these tips to make sure that students needs are addressed in a quick manner and to ensure students receive the help they need.

Due to this program being relatively new in the community we are still working on training new staff and students on the system and how it works. Please feel free to share this information with your friends and family

## Get your GJHS Gear

### GJHS APPAREL:

Check out our new sweatshirts 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!

## Tiger Yearbook Update

Seniors—Your Senior Pictures are due by October 11 if you want it to be included in the 2017-18 Tiger Yearbook. Contact yearbook advisor Mr. Bennett in room 102 with any questions. Baby Ads are due soon as well.



# GJHS Athletics Update

## ATHLETICS are underway...

All Fall Sports are underway at Grand Junction High School. Please continue to check the school website for changes in schedules, times, and locations. Support all students and coaches this fall with positive cheers and excellent sportsmanship.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The GJHS Cross Country team participated in their first meet at Matchett Park on Saturday, August 26th. The team had many stand out performances. The Varsity Girls team tied for 1st place and Varsity Boys finished 3rd as a team. The Cross Country team will travel to new locations this year for meets such as Craig, Aspen and Durango. Grand Junction hosts their HOME meet on Friday, September 8th at Canyonview Park with races starting at 3pm. Come out and support your Tiger Cross Country team!

## BOYS SOCCER

As the GJHS Boys Soccer program kicks off its season, Jonathan Pando has taken over the head coaching position for the varsity Tigers. The program has a new JV coach as well, Luis Schraidt, who has recently finished his playing career at CMU. Both coaches are assisted by the long time coach of the GJHS Boys Soccer program, Stephen Latta. With the combination of the current coaching staff, the program is hoping to replicate the success from the previous season with seven returning starters, whom are now seniors for the program. One of which was the 2016 SWL Player of the Year Jake Chaffetz. The GJHS Boys Soccer program has already participated in pre-season scrimmages and came away with positive results. The program's first official games are verse Palmer, Brighton, Glenwood Springs, and followed by the Air Academy Tournament which rounds off the pre-season non-conference competitions. The first conference game for the Tigers is against Montrose on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Canyon View Park.

## BOYS GOLF

The GJHS Boys Golf team is having another successful season. The Tigers won the team title in Cortez at Conquistador Golf Course on August 10th. The Tigers have also placed 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> four times in the other tournaments they have competed in so far this season. Junior Canon Olkowski took medalist honors at Yampa Valley Golf Course shooting a one under par 71. He was also victorious at Bookcliff Country Club shooting 67 and winning in a two-hole playoff. Senior Blake Schneider has also led the Tigers, highlighted by shooting three rounds even par or better. The Tigers have four tournaments left to play leading up to the Regional Tournament on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## VOLLEYBALL

The GJHS Volleyball season is off and running. We are excited about this year's teams as they work hard to learn how to build a team that they can be proud of and support. Volleyball is a unique sport in that it is the only sport that gives points for mistakes. We are working hard to earn points, not be giving them to the other team. There are many "life's lessons" that can be learned through sports. Hard work, constant learning, and teamwork will help student-athletes to go a long way in life. Please come out and support the Tigers as we battle local schools. Because we don't have many home games this year, get out and support the Tigers whenever you can!

## GJHS Athletics Update (continued)

### BOYS TENNIS

The Tiger Boys' Tennis Team expects a strong performance throughout this season. With six returning players and five new players, the Tigers hope to win the SWL again this season. At the opening tournament of the season, the Tigers took 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lowry Bishop. All three singles players placed within the top two - with Cal Hegstrom, Cameron Weckerly and Luke Aubert filling the top 3 spots. The doubles teams have a few new faces joining the ranks. At #1 doubles, we have returner Riley King joined with freshmen Max Nikkari. At #2 doubles, we have returner and senior captain Tommy Mahre, joined with freshman Brandon Miller. At #3 doubles, we have returner Joseph Hirschbuhl playing with first year player and senior Max Weckerly. Finally, at #4 doubles, we have two seniors Matt Carbajal and Devin Zurich. Go Tiger Tennis!

### FOOTBALL

The Grand Junction Tiger's Football team has been working hard in preparation for the 2017 Football season. The boys have put in many long hours in the weight room to get bigger, stronger, and faster. Both parents and athletes have also worked hard at fundraising this summer. With the fundraising efforts, the team was able to purchase new uniforms and also a new sled for training. The boys and coaches encourage everyone to come out and support the Tigers!!



Clay Payne was KKCO's Athlete of the Week for the week of August 21st.

With the graduation of quarterback Jax Nourse last year, the Grand Junction High Tigers found themselves looking for a quarterback and incoming senior Clay Payne took the reins.

"He was there all summer long preparing himself for it. He played it earlier in the program, but he didn't play it last year. So he took it upon himself to come out and do all the things that were necessary," said head coach Mike Sirko.

Payne's teammates realize the effort he put in during the offseason have prepared him to lead the Tigers into 2017. Congratulations Clay! Best of luck in the 2017 football season!



# TIGER FOOTBALL

This year the GJHS Tiger Football team will be hosting the hospitality suite at Stocker Stadium for all home football games. There are 6 home games total. Entry will be \$20/game or \$100 for a VIP pass which includes all games. This price includes entry to the game, viewing in the hospitality suite, and catering.

Tickets can be purchased outside of the main gate at Stocker or please contact Erica Webber at 970-589-1937 to reserve your spot. Tickets are also available in the athletic office. (cash or check).

Thank you for supporting GJHS Tiger Football!!

HOME GAMES include:

Fruita - Sept. 8

Montrose - Sept. 14

Skyline - Sept. 22 (HOMECOMING)

Greeley West - Oct. 5

Loveland - Oct. 19

Niwot - Nov. 4

## 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.

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- Chipeta Golf Course
- 4-Person Scramble
- 9 am Shotgun Start
- Lunch after the Tournament

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## Tiger Golf Scramble Hole Sponsorship \$100

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<b>Place:</b>	<b>Chipeta Golf Course</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$75.00 per player</b>

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**\*Lunch served after the  
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**\*Poker Run—Games  
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**Sign-Up Deadline:  
October 6th**

For More Information Contact: Sandy Story (970)250-4716 or Robin Ely (970)270-8631

4-Person Scramble Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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Send entry to: Grand Junction High Girls Golf 1400 N. 5th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501 Attn: Sandy Story

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**2017-2018 School Year  
GJHS Calendar**

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<u>School Not in Session</u>	<u>School in Session</u>
<b>Teacher In-service</b> August 11 & 14, 2017  <b>Teacher Work Days</b> August 10 & 15, 2017 October 16, 2017 January 8, 2018 March 9, 2018 May 25, 2018  <b>Teacher EEDay</b> September 1, 2017  <b>HS In-service</b> October 26 – 27, 2017  <b>HS Non-Contact</b> May 3-4, 2018	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>  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

<b>T</b>	Teacher In-service – All Schools
<b>C</b>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<b>G</b>	Graduation
<b>N</b>	No School Non-Contact Day
<b>W</b>	Teacher Work Day – All Schools
<b>EE</b>	Teacher Educator Effectiveness – All Schools
<b>•</b>	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