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## **Buc Bulletin**

#### The Gulf High School Newsletter

5355 School Road New Port Richey, Florida 34652

#### IT Academy Coming Soon!

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We are on the web!

See us at:

http://ghs.pasco.k12.fl.us/

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Gulf High School is delighted to have a great new Gaming, Simulation, and Animation Academy starting up for the 2014-2015 school year!

This is an exciting opportunity for you to get in on the chance to make an awesome career decision for your future!

To sign up for this academy you will need to fill out an application. You can get an application in the CRC, or by going to the link on the school website.

http://connect.pasco.k12.fl.us/adonlon/appl ication/

We look forward to seeing you in class next year.

#### **GHS Earns an A!**

Parents, students, teachers and staff of Gulf High School earned an A grade for the 2012-2013 school year!

We are all very proud of this accomplishment and would like to thank all stakeholders for making the grade!

If you would like to see our School Improvement Plan please visit:

https://pascostar.pasco.k12.fl.us/Forms/SI PTemplates/Gulf%20High%20School\_2014 \_33\_022720141521\_School\_Improvement \_Plan.pdf

#### **FREE TAX PREPARATION!**

The UNITED WAY is offering "free tax prep" for Pasco County residents. Just dial 2-1-1 or make an appointment on-line at unitedwaypasco.org. The deadline for this service is April 15, 2014.

All tax returns are prepared by IRS-certified, highly-skilled volunteers. Each year, the volunteers must pass the IRS exam to renew their certificates. The United Way provides this service to help promote and increase the long-term financial stability of area residents.

#### 2014 Graduation Schedule Released!

Graduation for the Class of 2014 is on the horizon! Below are all the times and dates that seniors and their parents need to save:

#### **CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATION**

Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 30th at 6 PM Calvary Chapel Epicenter, 6825 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34653 GRADUATES NEED TO ARRIVE BY 5:00 PM

#### **GRADUATION PRACTICES:**

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:30 am – 11:30 am at Calvary Chapel Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:30 am – 11:30 am at Calvary Chapel

#### **SENIOR CHECK-OUT**

Wednesday, May 21, 2014



#### Don't Forget to Sign up for eSembler ... Again!

eSembler is a great tool for parents and students to keep track of attendance, grades and assignments. But in order for that tool to work properly, parents must create an account every vear.

There are so many students who graduate or move to other districts every June, that the school district does not automatically renew the eSembler accounts for each family.

We recommend that you

#### New GHS Staff

Kathleen lves Adrienne Webster Kelly Seltzer Greta Schrader Hakija Halilic Jeff Kier Sheila Halley Michele Walicke Jason Messamore Tim Stevens **Russ Schenk** Jennifer Wood Debbie Painter JoAnn Reynolds Teach **Rachael Rucklos** 

Tiffany Rurkette



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Guidance

Registrar

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Business Ed.

Media Asst.

Math

sign up as soon as possible so that you can track your student's progress.

Don't forget to include your own contact information so that teachers can contact you with important dates and assignment reminders.

In addition, make sure that you make note of teacher contact information so you can contact them with any questions you may have about grades, attendance and assignments.

Information on eSembler is not limited to academic progress in individual

classes. It also documents FCAT scores, lunch balances, community service hours, and grade point averages.

Also, coaches may submit names of athletes so that sports participation will also appear on the eSembler site.

Every year these things are available to every parent and student. But you must sign up ... EVERY YEAR!

https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us



#### **New AP Class Offered!**

Gulf High School will offer a new Advanced Placement class beginning next year.

**AP Computer Science** will cover computer basics, algorithms, Object-Oriented Design, and Object Oriented Programming (OOP) as opposed to top down design. Data structures, loops, conditional statements, Booleans, and a plethora of programming theories will be covered as well. Students will learn the Java programming language. Prior programming knowledge is not a requirement, as we will be starting from the basics of computer science.

#### Dress Code

As part of our efforts to focus on learning, we enforce the **District** dress code. Please ensure student attire meets the requirements. For more details, please see the GHS website. http://ghs.pasco.k12.fl.us/

#### **GHS Athletic Golf Scramble** Sponsored by the Lucas Green and Magazine Law Group

Practice your swing and support Gulf High School athletics while you play the links at the Fox Hollow Golf Club!

Your \$85 registration fee includes green fees, cart, dinner after golf, prizes and fun. All proceeds are to benefit the Gulf High School Athletic Department.

> Contact Paul Girardi at (727) 372-8111 or (727) 858-0688 for more information!

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#### **Important Contact Information**

Guidance Counselors (Assigned by student grade levels): 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Painter

11<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Jennings, 12<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Cotney, IB – Tiffany Burkette

Guidance Secretary Parent Conferences Career Specialist Attendance Athletic Director Clinic Social Worker Resource Officer Registrar Principal's Secretary

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#### **Talent Show Coming!**

Gulf High School is hosting the Tri-Star Talent Show, showcasing the finalists from Ridgewood, Anclote and Gulf high schools. This event will be on Thursday, April 24th at 6 pm. Proceeds benefit the schools' ABC programs. Adult admission is \$5 and students' admission is \$3.

#### **Band and Color Guard Trip Planned!**

The Gulf High School Buccaneer Band & Color Guard will be traveling to Washington D.C. on April 3rd through the 8th.

Their 5-day journey starts them off in Colonial Williamsburg, where they will be touring and putting on a public concert for the hundreds of visitors from around the world. They will then travel to our nation's capital and begin an educational tour that will include the Smithsonian Museums, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and a group photo in front of the Capitol Building.

This trip is taken every four years by our band program and the students have been looking forward to this trip all year. Many memories will be experienced and made on this fabulous trip of a lifetime!

#### **Teachers Out of Field Notification**

The Pasco County School District requires that we notify parents of any teachers on campus who are teaching a class for which they have not completed the certification. All of these teachers are presently working toward that certification as a condition of their employment. We are very confident in their abilities as classroom teachers and they are held to the same professional standards that the State of Florida and Pasco County require. The following teachers are working toward becoming certified in their content areas:

Emerson, Steven - ELL Endorsement Oster, Sharon - ELL Endorsement Seltzer, Kelly - ELL Endorsement Schrader, Greta - ELL Endorsement Donlon, Ann – Pasco Vocational Certification for Career Specialist

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The following pages include information about International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, End of Course, and FCAT exams. Please make sure your student is familiar with the test locations and times for each exam. If you have any questions contact your guidance counselor.

Make sure to get a good night's sleep and a have a good breakfast before each test! And always study, study, study!

Date	8:00 a.m.	Location	Noon	Location
Monday, May 5	IB English A Lit. HL paper 1	Gym	AP Psychology	Gym
	AP Environmental Science	Media	IB Economics SL paper 1	Media
Tuesday, May 6	AP Spanish	Media	IB English A Lit. HL paper 2	Gym
	AP Computer Science	Admin		
	IB Economics SL paper 2	P. 3		
Wed, May 7	AP Calculus AB	P. 3	AP Chinese	Admin
Thursday, May 8	AP English Lit. and Comp.	Gym	-	
Friday, May 9	AP English Lang. and Comp.	Gym	IB Biology HL papers 1 & 2	Media
Monday, May 12	AP Biology	P.3	IB Biology HL paper 3	Media
Tuesday, May 13	AP U.S. Gov.	P.3	AP Human Geography	Gym
			IB Math SL paper 1	P.3
			IB Math St. SL paper 1	Media
			IB Math HL paper 1	Media
Wed, May 14	AP U.S. History	Gym	AP European History	Gym
	AP German	Admin	IB History HL papers 1 & 2	Media
	IB Math SL paper 2	P.3		
	IB Math St. SL paper 2	Café		
	IB Math HL paper 2	Café		
Thurs, May 15	AP Macroeconomics	Media	AP Microeconomics	Media
	AP World History	P.3	IB Math HL paper 3	P.3
	IB History HL paper 3	Gym		
Friday, May 16	AP Comp. Government	Media		
Monday, May 19			IB Chem HL papers 1 & 2	Media
Tuesday, May 20	IB Chemistry HL paper 3	P. 3		

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Wed, May 21

Friday, May 23

IB French B SL papers 1 & 2

IB Spanish B SL paper 1 & 2

#### Spring and Summer Testing Information

End of Course Exams (EOC) - The Florida EOC Assessments are for the purpose of increasing student achievement and improving college and career readiness. EOC assessments: are computer-based, criterion-referenced assessments. The courses that will be tested are Algebra I, US History, Biology, and Geometry.

CELLA - Florida uses the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) as a tool to measure the progress of English Language Learners (ELLs) proficiency in English; thus, ensuring the skills needed in school to achieve at high levels, academically. The CELLA tests four areas. They are listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

#### Florida Comprehensive Assessment

Test (FCAT) - The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is the foundation of the statewide educational assessment and accountability program. Students in grade 9 will be tested in Reading this year while 10th grade students will be tested in Reading and Writing.

ACT - http://www.actstudent.org/

**SAT** - <u>http://sat.collegeboard.org/register</u> \*\*Passing standardized test is a requirement for graduation\*\*

SUBJECT	DATES
Discover Education	February 20 - March 23
FCAT 2.0 Writing roth	February 25 - February 2
Grade Only	
CELLA	March 5 - March 11
PERT- 11th Grade Only	March 24 - March 28
FCAT 2.0 Reading Retakes	April 7 - April 11
FCAT 2.0 Reading - 10th	April 14 - April 17
Grade	
FCAT 2.0 Reading - 9th	April 22 - April 25
Grade	
EOC - US History	April 28 - May 2
EOC - Biology	May 5 - May 9
EOC - Algebra I	May 12 - May 16
EOC - Geometry	May 19 - May 13
PERT- 12th Grade Only	April 29th

SUBJECT	DATES
EOC - US History, Biology,	July 24 - July 25
Algebra I, and Geometry	

#### AP Testing

SUBJECT	DATES
Psychology	May 5th - Noon
Calculus	May 7th - \$:00 am
English Litersture	May 8th - 8:00 am
English Language	May oth - 8:00 am

Ous vision: To create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.

For more information on GHS testing, please contact: Travis DeWalt, Asst. Principal 727-774-3300



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#### AP Testing-cont.

SUBJECT	DATES
Biology	May 11th - 8:00 am
Environmental Science	May 5th - 8:00 am
Human Geography	May 13th - Noon
US History	May 14th - 8:00 am
European	May 14th - Noon
World History	May 15th - 8:00 am
Macroeconomics	May 15th - 8:00 am
Microeconomics	May 15th - Noon
US Government	May 13th - 8:00 am
Comparative Government	May 16th -8:00 am
Chinese	May 7th - Noon
French Language and Lit	May 20th - Noon
	(Alternate Testing Date)
German	May 14th - 8:00 am
Spanish Language and Lit	May 6th - 8:00 am

#### MORE ABOUT THE TESTS ....

AP Test - The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a curriculum sponsored by the College Board which offers standardread courses to high school students that are generally recognized to be equivalent to undergraduate courses in college. Participating colleges grant credit to students who obtained high enough scores on the exams to qualify. Theses courses are usually more rigorous than the general course offerings.

PLAN - The PLAN is a preliminary ACT test that is generally administered in the sophomore year.



SPRING and SUMMER TESTING INFORMATION

Discovery Education - Discovery Education provides engaging digital resources to schools and homes with the goal of making educators more effective, increasing student achievement, and connecting classrooms and families to a world of learning. Students are assessed three times a year in the following courses: English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology.

PERT - The purpose of the PE.R.T. is to determine accurate course placement based on the student's skills and abilities. The PE.R.T. is aligned with the Postsecondary Readiness Competencies identified by Florida as necessary for success in entry-level college credit coursework. The PE.R.T. assessment system includes Placement and Dagnostic tests in mathematics, reading and writing.

Industry Certifications - In today's job market, it can be difficult to stand out and be noticed. Taking an industry certification and earning the credentials can offer you a way to tell the world about your expertise.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year, selected GHS students will be taking industry certification tests in the following areas:

Adobe Certified Associate - Photoshop CS5 through our Commercial Arts course Internet Business Associate through our Introduction to Information Technology course

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#### GULF HIGH SCHOOL 2014

## Algebra EOC

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- It is a computer-based test  $(\mbox{CBT})$  using the TestNav platform.
- The assessment will occur from May 13-15, 2014.
- Students must earn a passing score to graduate.
- The EOC score will be averaged as 30% of final course grade.
- The assessment will be given in one 160-minute session.
- A 10-minute break will be given after 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished after the 160 minutes may continue working, but it must be completed on the same day.
- There are multiple forms of the assessment.
- There is a maximum of 65 questions:
  - 35-40 multiple-choice questions
    - 20-25 fill in response items (6-10 of these are experimental and NOT used to calculate student scores.)
- The test provides a basic four-function calculator. Students may request the use of a handheld four-function calculator if they are not comfortable with the online calculator for testing.
- A reference sheet containing commonly-used formulas and conversions is provided in the TestNav platform. Hard copies are also available.
- Students are provided with a four-page, hard-copy work folder to use as scratch paper.
- Students can review the Algebra EOC Assessment Practice test, called an ePAT, at www.FLAssessments.com/epat
- Students are REQUIRED to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.

Al	gebra I EOO	Assessmen	t Scale Scor	es
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3*	Level 4	Level 5
325-374	375-398	399-424	425-436	437-475

\*Level 3 or higher denotes a passing score.

#### Resources:

An online preparation course (non-credit earning) will be facilitated by Pasco County teachers to meet the needs of individual students taking the Algebra I EOC in the Spring. Students interested must register at:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/cis/eoc\_form

These prep courses begin at the end of February and are open to any interested students.

A comprehensive website with resources for the Algebra I EOC, as well as the four other high school EOC courses is also available. The content of this website includes information on the reporting categories for each assessment, as well as multiple links, videos, and other supports organized by standard. The link will he available on the Pasco County Schools website very soon.

Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) will be available through the school district's Canvas site. There will be a Canvas MOOC for each EOC area to reinforce key content prior to the EOC administration. All students taking an EOC course will be enrolled for additional support. Beginning in March, probing questions will be posted weekly and student responses will be monitored





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# Biology EOC

The Facts of What You Need to Know to Be Prepared





#### Information about the Exam:

- It is a computer-based test (CBT) using the TestNav platform.
- The assessment will occur between May 6-8, 2014.
- Students must earn a passing score to receive a scholar designation on diploma.
- The EOC score will be averaged as 30% of final course grade.
- The assessment will be given in one 160-minute session.
- A 10-minute break will be given after 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished after the 160 minutes may continue working, but it must be completed on the same day.
- There are multiple forms of the assessment.
- There is a maximum of 66 multiple-choice questions:

6-10 of these are experimental and NOT used to calculate student scores.

- The test provides a basic four-function calculator. Students may request the use of a handheld four-function calculator if they are not comfortable with the online calculator for testing.
- A Periodic Table of the Elements is provided in the TestNav platform. Hard copies are also available, upon request.
- Students are provided with a four-page, hard-copy work folder to use as scratch paper.
- Students can review the Biology EOC Assessment Practice test, called an ePAT, at www.FLAssessments.com/epat
- Students are REQUIRED to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3*	Level 4	Level 5
	325-368	369-394	395-420	421-430	431-475

\*Level 3 or higher denotes a passing score.

#### Resources

An online preparation course (non-credit earning) will be facilitated by Pasco County teachers to meet the needs of individual students taking the Biology EOC in the Spring. Students interested must register at: http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/cis/eoc\_form

These prep courses begin at the end of February and are open to any interested students.

A comprehensive website with resources for the Biology I EOC, as well as the four other high school EOC courses is also available. The content of this website includes information on the reporting categories for each assessment, as well as multiple links, videos, and other supports organized by standard. The link will he available on the Pasco County Schools website very soon.

Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) will be available through the school district's Canvas site. There will be a Canvas MOOC for each EOC area to reinforce key content prior to the EOC administration. All students taking an EOC course will be enrolled for additional support. Beginning in March, probing questions will be posted weekly and student responses will be monitored by content area staff to provide feedback.



# the U.S. History EOC

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#### Information about the Exam:

- It is a computer-based test (CBT) using the TestNav platform.
- The assessment will occur between April 30-May 2, 2014.
- The EOC score will be averaged as 30% of final course grade.
- Students must earn a passing score to receive a scholar designation on diploma.
- The assessment will be given in one 160-minute session.
- A 10-minute break will be given after 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished after the 160 minutes may continue working, but it must be completed on the same day.
- There are multiple forms of the assessment.
- There is a maximum of 60 multiple-choice questions
- (6-10 of these are experimental and NOT used to calculate student scores.)
- Students may use a one-page CBT worksheet as scratch paper during the test. Hard copies will be available upon request.
- Students can review the U.S. History EOC Assessment Practice test, called an ePAT, at www.FLAssessments.com/epat
- Students are REQUIRED to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.
- Students will receive a scale score on the new U.S. History EOC Assessment score scale.
- The score scale and achievement levels will be established by the State Board of Education in early 2014.
- A passing score, which will be for all students seeking a standard diploma with a scholar designation will also be established.

#### Resources

An online preparation course (non-credit earning) will be facilitated by Pasco County teachers to meet the needs of individual students taking the U.S. History EOC in the Spring. Students interested must register at:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/cis/eoc\_form

These prep courses begin at the end of February and are open to any interested students.

A comprehensive website with resources for the U.S. History EOC, as well as the four other high school EOC courses is also available. The content of this website includes information on the reporting categories for each assessment, as well as multiple links, videos, and other supports organized by standard. The link will he available on the Pasco County Schools website very soon.

Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) will be available through the school district's Canvas site. There will be a Canvas MOOC for each EOC area to reinforce key content prior to the EOC administration. All students taking an EOC course will be enrolled for additional support. Beginning in March, probing questions will be posted weekly and student responses will be monitored by content area staff to provide feedback.



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# Geometry EOC

The Facts of What You Need to Know to Be Prepared



#### Information about the Exam:

- It is a computer-based test (CBT) using the TestNav platform.
- The assessment will occur from May 20-22, 2014.

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- The assessment will be given in one 160-minute session.
- A 10-minute break will be given after 80 minutes.
- Any student not finished after the 160 minutes may continue working, but it must be completed on the same day.
- There are multiple forms of the assessment.
- There is a maximum of 65 questions:
  - 35-40 multiple-choice questions
  - 20-25 fill in response items (6-10 of these are experimental and NOT used to calculate student scores.)
- The test provides a scientific calculator on the TestNav platform. Students may request the use of a handheld scientific calculator if they are not comfortable with the online calculator for testing.
- A reference sheet containing commonly-used formulas and conversions is provided in the TestNav platform. Hard copies are also available.
- Students are provided with a four-page, hard-copy work folder to use as scratch paper.
- Students can review the Geometry EOC Assessment Practice test, called an ePAT, at www.FLAssessments.com/epat
- Students are REQUIRED to participate in a practice test at their school prior to testing.

 Geometry EOC Assessment Scale Scores

 Level 1
 Level 2
 Level 3\*
 Level 4
 Level 5

 325-369
 370-395
 396-417
 418-433
 434-475

\*Level 3 or higher denotes a passing score.

#### Resources:

An online preparation course (non-credit earning) will be facilitated by Pasco County teachers to meet the needs of individual students taking the Geometry EOC in the Spring. Students interested must register at:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/cis/eoc\_form

These prep courses begin at the end of February and are open to any interested students.

A comprehensive website with resources for the Geometry EOC, as well as the four other high school EOC courses is also available. The content of this website includes information on the reporting categories for each assessment, as well as multiple links, videos, and other supports organized by standard. The link will he available on the Pasco County Schools website very soon.

Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) will be available through the school district's Canvas site. There will be a Canvas MOOC for each EOC area to reinforce key content prior to the EOC administration. All students taking an EOC course will be enrolled for additional support. Beginning in March, probing questions will be posted weekly and student responses will be monitored



#### **Gulf High School**

#### Spring 2014

## FCAT 2.0 Reading

The FCAT 2.0 Reading Test measures student achievement of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) in Reading.

### FCAT Reading Dates 7

- April 7-15 FCAT 2.0 Reading Retakes for Grades 10-13. Periods 1-4 in Media, 242, 256, & CRC
- April 14-17 FCAT Reading 2.0 for Grade 10. Periods 1-4 in Media, 242, 256, & CRC

April 21-29 FCAT Reading 2.0 for Grade 10. Periods 1-4 in Media, 242, 256, & CRC



#### Test Administration Information

Grades 9 and 10 FCAT Reading will be administered in two 70minute sessions over two days with a break in the middle of each section.

Students must earn a passing score to graduate.

The FCAT 2.0 Reading retake will be administered in two sessions over two days. Students have up to half of a typical school day to complete each session.

FCAT 2.0 Reading consists of multiple-choice items only.

Students taking a CBT Reading assessment will receive a worksheet for taking notes.

The following table presents the content categories and the percentage of raw-score points that will be derived from each content category for the FCAT Reading 2.0:

Grade	Vocab	Reading Application	Literary Analysis	Informational Text & Research Process
9-10	15-25%	20-30%	20-30%	25-35%

	FCAT Re	ading 2.0 De	velopmental	Scale Score	
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3*	Level 4	Level 5
9	178-221	222-239	240-252	253-267	268-302
10	188-227	228-244	245-255	256-270	271-302

#### \*Level 3 and higher denotes passing

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