

Graham High School
April 2016
Principal's Report

ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE:

CAMPUS/PROGRAM	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	TOTAL
GHS	179	188	158	142	667
DAEP		1		1	2
ATTENDANCE %	94.31	94.56	93.29	93.86	94.04

INNOVATIONS:

- The Spanish department has been utilizing Google Classroom to prepare student to function in an online classroom environment in post-secondary education.
- Astronomy students researched the history of the space-travel program. They also created 3-D printable scale models of launch vehicles and concluded with creating posters of famous astronauts.

CAMPUS NEWS:

- Students cooperated to present a beautiful memorial service for the late Ms. Karen McBride.
- Graham High School's One Act Play, Picnic, placed 1st in District Competition and was Area Alternate.
- Seniors are completing a scrapbook of their senior year in high school in English IV
- Spanish Club is still collecting toiletries, snacks, and candies to donate to the local chapter of the VFW. The local chapter of the VFW ships care packages to service men and women with ties to our community.
- The Spanish Club offers a scholarship opportunity each year for graduating seniors. Scholarships are funded through club fundraising activities during the year. This year the Spanish Club awarded 4 scholarships.

- Construction Management classes have completed the storage shed for the Habitat for Humanity project.
- Special Olympics Pep Rally and Athletics was a great success. We had 55 peer partners show in Iowa Park to help! I am so impressed with the outpouring of love from our High School students!
- Graham High School's Scholarship program saw over \$100,000 in scholarships awarded.
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STUDENT HONORS:

- Savanna Wilson, GHS Valedictorian, received the prestigious Terry Foundation Scholarship and will attend Texas Tech
- Both high school band groups recently competed in UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest.
 - On April 14th, the JV Band (under the direction of Dax Freeman) received Superior (Division 1) ratings from all three judges.
 - On April 19th, the Varsity Band (under the direction of Joshua Kidd) received unanimous Superior (Division 1) ratings from all judges in both Concert and Sight-Reading competitions.
- Coby Bryant finished in 28th place at the State Golf Tournament in Austin. At the regional tournament he finished 2nd overall, earning a spot on the All-Region Team. As of March 26th (most recent update), Coby is ranked #5 in the state. Also, as of March 26th, the boys team was ranked #5 in the state according to highschoolgolfscoreboard.com.
- One Act Play Recognition -
 - Honorable Mention-Jessica Burgess All-Star Cast-Finis Smith, Cara Williams.
 - Bi-District-Honorable mention-Harrison Brown, Finis Smith and All-Star Cast-Jessica Burgess.
- FCCLA members attended the FCCLA Leadership Conference in Dallas in April. We had one Parliamentary Procedure team compete and finished 6th in the state, receiving medals and a plaque. We also had three students who tested over the Creed, Mission, and Purpose of FCCLA who all received gold medals (scoring over a 90). As part of the responsibility of our State Office, Grace Windham, our students were able to host the FCSA Testing event. During a four hour period we were able to facilitate over 850 students who took various tests over Family Consumer Science subjects. Our students did a fantastic job representing GHS and our community.
 - Parliamentary Procedure Team included:

- Mandi Paulson, Sadie Walls, Kaytee Nault, Christine Dooley, Emma Logan, Mattie Sullivan
 - FCSA Testers:
 - Alejandra Anaya, Matilda Lopez, Dallas Martins (received a perfect score)
 - State Officer: Grace Windham
- FFA Judging contest results.
 - Tarleton Area Contest: Horse 13th, Livestock 8th, Poultry 7th, Milk Quality Products 8th, Range 5th
 - Texas Tech - Area - Meats 7th
 - Tarleton State Contest: Range 12th
 - Texas Tech State Contest: Cotton 7th, Plant Id 9th
- Advanced Audio/Video Production students Alyssa Salinas and Danielle Patrick received a Bronze Award from the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission for their video contest. Students are Danielle Patrick & Alyssa Salinas
- Garrett Gatlin was inducted into the National Forensics League.
 - Garrett Gatlin and Lainey Choate both moved up from degree of merit to degree of honor in the NFL.
- James Bobek, Catlin Lewis and Garrett Gatlin attended the DECA International Career Development Conference in Nashville, TN, April 22 - April 27. They competed against the best of the best in the United States and Canada. They were able to interact and “trade pins” with approximately 17,000 teens from around the U.S. and other countries. In addition, they participated in a 5K DECA run benefitting Muscular Dystrophy and attended a special rendition of the Grand Ole Opry for DECA members only.
 - International Qualifiers in DECA
 - Garrett Gatlin - Principles of Marketing
 - James Bobek/ Catlin Lewis - Travel & Tourism Team Decision making
- The GHS UIL Accounting Team took second place at District UIL. Individually, Ben Gilbertson took 3rd place and qualified for regional competition. Cristal Sanchez received 4th place and Dylan Brightman received 6th place. Kristen Duncan was the fourth member of the team.
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FIELD TRIPS:

- May 6th- Spanish Club members will be going on their annual trip to a local park, Dos Chiles Restaurant (ordering their food in Spanish :), and will see the film about the life of Tejano music legend, Selena.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- On May 14, GHS will host the Regional Texas Music Educator Association Professional Development day. Thank you to Mr Joshua Kidd!
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 21 Students from the GHS Band Program will be representing GISD at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition at the end of May. This prestigious event takes place in Austin over Memorial Day weekend.
- FFA Area IV Convention May 9
- State FFA Degree Check June 10
- Special Olympics Sports Banquet is May 16th at the FBC at 1:30pm
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OTHER:

- The Financial Mathematics class has been planning for retirement this month. Students worked on a PBL that took them through the process of calculating estimates of how much money they would need to save for retirement, the issue of social security and the fact it may no longer exist when they retire, and different avenues to save for retirement through 401(k), 403(b), IRA, and roth IRAs. They also studied the effect of compound interest and the negative effects of fees on mutual funds and taking a loan out from a 401(k).
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