# PTSO OPEN HOUSE

September 8, 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES

• September 12-16 Homecoming Week

- Early Release Friday September, 16 at 11:30 after Pep Rally
- Sack lunch will be provided
- Parade will begin at 1:30
- October 5 Test Day
  - All Senior willtake WorkKeys
    - Can Check out with a note
  - All Sophomores willtake Pre-ACT
    - Can Check out with a note
  - $\circ$   $\;$  All Freshmen and Juriors will have an E-Learning Day  $\;$
- October 10 Inservice Day for Teachers no school for students
- October 28 Early Release for all students at 1:00 p.m
- November 11 Veterans Day Observance
- November 21–25 Thanksgiving No School
- December 13–14 Finals for GCHS
- December 19- January 3 Christmas Holiday

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Check PowerSchool Parent Portal
  - You can check your students grades, attendance, schedule and more.
  - You can email school for login information
  - Update Contacts for Check In or Out Purposes
- Quickest and best way to contact is through email.
  - Staff members are here to help you and your child
- Very lucky to have on staff Mental Health Counselor and Social Workers
- You can set up parent/teacher conferences with your students grade level counselor
- We send information out through schoolcast, social media, email, school signage, through students.

# MORE, IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- College and Career Readiness Indicators
  - Likely to become a condition for graduation with the next 9th grade class.
  - 8 Ways to currently become CCR
    - ACT Benchmark
    - Pass an AP EXAM
    - Take and Pass a Dual Enrollment class
    - ACT WorkKeys Benchmark
    - Military Enlistment
    - Take and pass a Career Readiness Indicator Exam
    - Become a Completer in a Career Field
    - Youth Apprenticeship (Not CO-OP)

# GCHS RULES AND POLICY

- Had a great start to the school year
- Few Reminders
  - Cell Phones are not allowed in the classroom, hallways, or lunchroom at any time.
  - Students may place cell phones in lockers, leave them in their cars.
  - May not be on students person during the school day
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Cell phones are not allowed on school buses
  - Cell phones may be taken out once students leave school
- Backpacks
  - Must be clear or mesh (Board Policy)
  - We have a few left to give out
- Attendance
  - Students are considered chronically absent with more than 9 absences in the first semester and 18 or more for the school year.
  - Students who miss more than that in a semester or the year will be subject to missing school sponsored events.

## TARDIES AND CHECK-IN AND OUT

- School begins at 7:50 each day
  - All students report to home room each day
- We have switched to 5 minutes between classes
  - Students are considered tardy if they are not in class on time
- Tardiness to class or school is becoming a problem
  - Students may be dropped off at the commons area as early as 7:00 a.m
- Check In Student may be checked in by anyone
  - We would rather the student be at school
- Students who come in to school between 7:51 and 8:19 are considered tardy
- Students who come in after 8:20 must be checked into school.
  - Students who are not checked in by 9:00 a.m will be placed in ISS until the are checked in.
- Check Outs
  - Only those on the students list may check a student out; absolutely no exceptions
  - No one can check out after 2:15 each day.

# Dress Code

- We have told students there is a minimum dress code for any job and that includes school.
  - Things we seem to have problems with:
    - Hoods, hats, toboggans, hair wraps, head bands.
    - Sunglasses
    - Shorts that are too short, rule is all shorts for boys and girls must be mid-thigh
    - Shirts too short, belly buttons should not be seen at school
    - Students should not wear flip flops to school on rainy days if possible

# SCHOOL FEES AND PAYMENT

- <a href="http://gchs.gcs.k12.al.us/">http://gchs.gcs.k12.al.us/</a> School Website
- At the very top of the page



#### MORNING TRAFFIC PATTERNS



#### AFTERNOON TRAFFIC PATTERN



#### HOMECOMING

- Next Week
- Dress up Days
  - Monday Marvel Monday
  - Tuesday Tiki Tuesday (Hawaiian)
  - Wednesday Western Wednesday
  - Thursday T–Day
    - Seniors Togas
    - Juniors TV (Favorite TV Character)
    - Sophomores Throwback
    - Freshmen Toddlers
  - Friday Titan SpiritDay
- We will have Powder Puff and Men's Volleyball games as part of Homecoming
- School will dismiss at 11:30 on Friday

# OPEN HOUSE PLAN

- We ask that you follow your students schedule
  - We will ring the bell every 15 minutes to go to the next class.
  - Staff will be in the hallway to help guide you to classes
  - Many teachers have changed rooms from previous years
  - Start in Homeroom and go to the next block every time the bell rings
  - Homeroom teaches will pass out progress reports
- Tables are set up in front of the library and lunchroom to pay fees, buy SGA T-Shirts, join PTSO
- GSCC, Family Success Center and Upward Bound are also here tonight.