

# Gulf Breeze High School

## Class of 2014

### Sophomore Newsletter

Fall, 2011



## Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

Your half way to graduation! Are you making the necessary preparations?

### College Timetable and Checklist for Sophomores

- Get Involved!!!! Explore clubs and organizations available at school. Colleges want to see that you had school involvement and future employers like to see active students.
- Understand what is required for graduation. If you are not sure about specific graduation requirements, come down to guidance and meet with your counselor.
- Be involved in the community. Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship requires 100 hours of community service. All colleges want to know you were involved in the community. When you volunteer, make sure it is at a non-profit organization. If you are unsure, come see your guidance counselor. Turn in any community service hours to Mrs. Hardee in Guidance as you complete them so they can be entered onto your transcript.
- Take the PLAN and the PSAT which are indicator tests to how you will do on the ACT and SAT.
- Consider taking the PERT (Postsecondary Education Readiness Test) so that you can take dual enrollment classes your junior and senior year. What is required? Good grades (3.0 unweighted gpa) and passing scores on the PERT will allow you to take dual enrollment. See your counselor for more details.
- The summer of your sophomore year get a study book or practice tests online and start preparing to take the ACT or the SAT your Junior year so you will be ready to complete your applications at the beginning of your Senior year. You can take these tests more than once to obtain the highest score possible! Most colleges will accept scores from either test. See Guidance for information on local SAT/ACT prep workshops.
- When questions arise, don't rely on what you hear around as the correct answer. Come and see your counselor!!!

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#### 2010-11 Testing Dates



#### [ACT \(www.actstudent.org\)](http://www.actstudent.org)

Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, Apr. 14,  
June 9

#### [SAT \(www.collegeboard.com\)](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 28,  
Mar. 10, May 5, June 2

Sign up at least one month in  
advance to avoid late fees!

#### [PERT \(Postsecondary Readiness Test\)](#)

Watch the morning news for the  
date and then sign up with Ms.  
Van Tassel at the testing window



### Important Dates:

**Oct. 24**

End of first 9 weeks

**Nov. 11**

Veteran's Day

**Nov. 21-25**

Fall Break

**Dec. 19-Dec. 30**

Christmas Break

**Jan 17, 18, 19**

Semester Exams

**Jan. 19**

End of second 9  
weeks

## Graduation Status...where do you stand?

You are ultimately responsible for meeting your graduation requirements. It is important to look for errors and report them to your counselor.

- You will need 24 credits, a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and passing scores on the FCAT and EOC's to graduate. Specific required credits for graduation can be found in the GBHS Curriculum Catalog on the Guidance page of the school website.
- We now offer an online credit recovery program called COMPASS learning. This is an option for students to re-take core classes in which they made an F. See your counselor to sign up!

## Dual Enrollment

As a Sophomore you can still take Dual Enrollment classes. You must first meet with your guidance counselor and meet the following criteria: Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and sufficient PERT scores, ACT or SAT Scores. See your counselor for details.

***Have a great year!***