



Upcoming Events

*Sept. 17
Sophomore Class
Meeting, 7 pm*

*Sept. 18
Talent Show Evening
Competition, 7 pm in*

*Sept. 19
IDs for Seniors only*

*Sept. 19-20
Yearbook and ID
Photos for 9th, 10th
and 11th grades.*

*Sept. 20
MEET the TEACHERS
6:30- 8:30 PM*

*Sept. 21
GHS Talent Show in
Assembly (A2)*

*Sept. 22
OWL Leadership
Conference
8 am - 1 pm*

*Sept. 25
Rachel's Challenge
in Assembly (A2, A4)
and for parents 7 pm*

*Sept. 28
Pep Rally (B4)*

*Oct 1 - Fair Day
Oct 2 - no classes*

*Oct. 5 - End of 1st
Six Weeks*

*Oct. 17
PSAT testing during
A1-A2*

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GHS PTSA Newsletter

MEET THE TEACHER, SEPT. 20TH

GHS Meet the Teacher Night is **Thursday, September 20th.** Parking will be congested, so come early and start in the cafeteria. The swim team will be hosting an auction starting at 6:30 pm and our first PTSA Association meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. Join us for a brief business meeting and learn what the PTSA is doing at Garland High School. Classroom visits will begin at 7 pm. Be sure to bring your child's schedule and a map of the campus.



KEEPING CONNECTED IN HIGH SCHOOL

With 2700 students on our campus, it's hard to keep up with what's going on. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the daily announcements on the school website. Find them at www.garlandisd.schools.net/GarlandHighSchool/index.asp. Click on the "Daily Announcements" link listed at the bottom of the homepage. The same PowerPoint slideshow is presented each day during 2nd period for students. Posted on the announcements recently were corrections to TAKS testing dates, revised Graduation dates and important senior dates for the Owl Planners to be corrected. From the homepage, you can navigate to the school calendar for a complete listing.

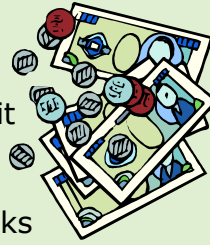
"WHAT IS THE PCC?"

This is the Garland ISD's online Parent Communication Center. You can access it from the homepage of the school's website. It was designed so teachers could give parents and children easy access to important classroom information over the Internet. From this parents can learn about upcoming events and keep track of student assignments. The teacher can also enter classroom and homework assignments in the classroom assignments section. Visit <http://pcc.garlandisd.schools.net/about.htm> to find out more and see if your child's teacher is enrolled in the system.

Join PTSA! In addition to supporting our own students and teachers, members of PTA all over Texas are receiving discounts from Nationwide Auto Insurance, Enterprise, Seaworld, Barnes & Noble and several other major businesses. Your membership will pay for itself! Membership forms available at <http://tinyurl.com/3d5hqu>.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

CASH is now required for all school fundraising items being sold at GHS events. The office can no longer accept and deposit personal checks for school fundraisers due to the large amount of insufficient fund checks returned to GHS Accounting during the previous school year. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding and support in protecting and managing GHS student organization and parent booster funds.



Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's Challenge is a school assembly and training program that uses the impact of Rachel Scott's brief life cut short at Columbine High School to motivate positive change in the way students treat others. The hour-long assembly is followed by a 45-minute session teaching students application principles to effectively integrate the message into action. That evening, the program continues with a powerful session for parents and community leaders, similar to the assembly program, with a specific challenge to parents to reinforce the decisions their youth are making. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the evening program on **Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7 pm** in the school auditorium. For more details, visit www.rachelschallenge.com.

GHS Yearbooks can now be ordered online through <http://jostensyearbooks.com>.

DID YOU WIN?

The Senior Class Parking Space Auction held on the evening of September 10th was a rousing success! We had nearly 80 students bidding on 66 spaces, so the competition was intense. As a result of this great participation, the PTSA raised over \$4,500 that will be split evenly between the Class of 2008 Booster Club and PTSA. For a list of winners and their official parking spaces, visit our website at <http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA/initiatives.asp>

Make a Difference

The PTA Reflections theme this year is "I can make a difference by..." Details are

available at <http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA/default.asp?hlbtn=50>.

Last year, our very own Allison Yank took a National-level award for her winning entry in the Photography category ([see it here](#)).

Freshman Jayci Van Cleave won a State-level award for her entry in the Mixed Media category ([see it here](#)). This year, maybe it will be your entry that represents GHS!

