



Garland High School PTSA

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GHS PTSA Newsletter

Upcoming Events

*Mar. 17 - 21:
SPRING BREAK*

*Mar. 24 - 28:
Voting for boy photos*

*March 26 - Last day for
Class of 2009 Begonia
sales*

*March 27, 29:
UIL Academics District
contest at NFHS*

*March 28 - Class of
2011 Golf Tournament
at Woodbridge*

*March 28 - 29:
FFA and Career Tech
Show at SEC;
Debs Spring Show;
Band Rummage Sale*

*March 31 - Apr 4:
Voting for girl photos*

*April 2 - PTSA Teacher
Treat Day*

April 3 - Begonia pick-up

*April 4 - Assembly
Schedule B2, Mock
Wreck and TDS
Awareness*

*April 8 - SHARE Night,
6:30 - 8:30; PTSA
Elections 6:15 Aud.*

*Apr. 11 - Faculty Chili
Cook-off (A3), Our Place;
UIL Academic Regionals*

*April 14 - Class Officer
Petitions Due by 3 pm*

*April 15 - Money due for
Walk America contest*

April 16 - Senior Photo

*April 18 - End of 5th Six
Weeks grading period.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - JOHN MORRIS

Garland High School was proud to represent the district as the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus visited Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. We had six very talented students from Garland High, **Landon Gaus, Neshell Graham, Cameron Green, Chris Jagielski, Rachel McDonald, Taylor Vaughn**, that met with the three music and sound engineers from the tour to create a video that will be shown worldwide over the next year. The engineers commented, that these students were the most talented group of high school students that they had worked with as they traveled the country producing the videos. Congratulations to these six GHS students for the work that they produced.

After the Choice of School period ended on February 29, Garland High School has a projected enrollment for 2008-2009 of 2,812 students. This enrollment is an increase of 264 students over our present student enrollment.

Garland High School has 370 students signed up for 695 Advanced Placements Tests that will be administered to students starting on May 5, 2008. The 370 students signed up for the exams is an increase of 25% more students testing in AP over the previous year.

THE LENNON BUS VISITS GHS!



While on tour in Texas, the Lennon Bus will be presenting the North Texas High School Battle of the Bands, creating original videos with multiple Texas ISD High Schools, sponsoring Texas A&M's i-Tunes-U Online Battle of the Bands, and capping it ALL off with a dual sponsorship of the Purevolume Ranch AND Texas Music Magazine's party at The 2008 SXSW Music Conference in Austin, TX!

Working together with some of the biggest names in music, the Lennon Bus encourages students to play music, write songs, engineer recording sessions and produce video projects using the latest audio, video, and live sound equipment. The bus itself is divided into three separate studio environments that can be opened to create one large studio. For more information, visit www.lennonbus.org.

CAREER COUNSELING AT GHS

Whether you plan to jump right into a career after high school or continue your education in college, the Career Center in the Counselor's office can help you make decisions and answer your questions. The Center is located at the back of the Counselor's office and is stocked with resources and references to help students plan their future. A good place to start is with an interest survey. Students in Career/Technology classes take an interest survey as part of the curriculum. Other students can get the entry code for the survey from the Counselor's office and take the survey online at home or at the computer terminal in the office. An interest survey will help identify possible careers and areas of strength you may want to pursue.

If your interests require further education after high school, check out the "Book of Majors" in the Career Center to see what colleges or universities, both within Texas and across the country, offer degrees in that area. After you've taken the PSAT in either 10th or 11th grade, you can also use "My College Quick Start" at www.collegeboard.com to find and compare colleges. The Career Center stocks college catalogs for many different types of schools to help you research information.

Even if you already have in mind a possible career and some potential schools, be sure to sign up for the SAT and/or ACT exams. Practice booklets are available in the Career Center, as well as copies of the Common Application used by many colleges. If you need financial aid, check out the most current list of scholarships available on the Counselor's page of the GHS website (under "Our Staff by Department"), <http://garlandisd.schools.net/GarlandHighSchool/Counselors/index.asp>. Then visit the Career Center to pick up an application. There is a manila file sorter with dozens of scholarship forms on the counter in the Center listing all the eligibility requirements and due dates. There is also a file of summer programs in the sorter if you are looking for fun things to do this summer.

No matter what you decide to do after high school, you can find help in the Counselor's office. For Career Center questions, contact Kim Garner at ksgarner@garlandisd.net.

Seniors, please note: if you have received any type of scholarship or award, please scan, copy, or fax the notification letter and give it to Kim Garner in the Career Center **by May 12**. She will need the documentation for you to be listed in the Senior Awards program, scheduled for May 19th.

DONKEY BALL AND ROYALTY

from Melanie Hensleigh-Parsons

We had a great day Thursday, March 13, raising money for March of Dimes while riding donkeys! The TWIRP nominees together raised just under \$3,000 for the March of Dimes. The TWIRP King is Jared Clark who raised \$317.95 and TWIRP Queen is Phoebe Kingsak who set a TWIRP record with \$743.81 raised. Nine of the other nominees raised over \$100, notably the girls, who raised \$2,016.95, compared to the guys' \$905.59. I am so proud of this Senior Class! 1,000 tickets were sold so GHS raised \$1250 for the March of Dimes with sales for the assembly, and \$1250 goes to PTSA Scholarships for graduating seniors. A fun time was had by all!



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CONTEST

By Patti Clark

Congratulations to the following winners of the GHS PTSA Environmental Awareness Contest:

Amanda Inman	Photography	1st place (10th grade)
C. Adam Brinkley	Photography	1st place (11th grade)
Leslie Applegate	Photography	1st place (12th grade)
Miguel Huerta	Print Advertising	1st place (10th grade)
Jovanna Martinez	Print Advertising	2nd place (10th grade)
Aaron Sopoco	Print Advertising	1st place (11th grade)
Jessica Dealy	Print Advertising	2nd place (11th grade)
Erika Clark	Newsletter	1st place (9th grade)

These winners have been selected to advance to the next level of competition at the Garland Council of PTAs level. **In addition, all entries submitted to the Council Level will be on display in a booth at the "Garland Goes Green Festival" at Firewheel Town Center on April 19th. For more information about the Festival, visit www.garlandgoesgreen.org.**



Recycling Program

One final recycling collection will be made in late March. Please drop off any toner cartridges, cell phones, PDAs, and CDs, to the main office. Thank you to all who have helped to make this a successful first year of recycling at GHS.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

By Kathy Bianconi and Sarabeth Spann

The PTSA Teacher Appreciation committee is sponsoring a Teacher Treat Day for the staff at GHS. It is on **Wednesday, April 2nd** in the teacher's lounge. If you are interested in donating food it would be greatly appreciated by all! Ideas for donations are as follows:

sweet snacks	cheese
non-sweet snacks	sliced meats
chips and dip	fruit
veggies and dip	or your specialty

It can be dropped off at school on Wednesday morning before or by 7:30 a.m.. If you need to drop it off the night before we have a North Garland or Rowlett location. Please respond to Sarabeth Spann at sbspenn@msn.com. Thank you for all do to support the staff. They truly appreciate it!

<http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA/initiatives.asp>

CLASS NEWS

Class of 2008 - Class panoramic photo will be taken April 16 at 7:00 AM in front of the Science Building.

Class of 2009 - Begonia sales began March 10 and close March 26th with delivery on April 3. Turn in orders with payment to Mr. Kinsbury in room 139 by March 26th. Orders be ready for pick up on April 3 between 4 - 8 pm

Class of 2010 - Golf Tournament on Friday, March 28, 12:30 - 5 pm at the Woodbridge Golf Course in Wylie. http://www.garlandowls.com/pages/organizations/Class_10/default.asp

Class of 2011 - Mark your calendars for the annual Craft Fair, April 26, 9 - 5 at GHS. Contact Jean Stokes for more information or to be a vendor at Stokes1028@aol.com.

SHARE NIGHT - APRIL 8

Senior High Advice Reaching Eighth-Graders

As we prepare for the incoming Freshman class, we host this event school-wide to showcase our academics and extra-curricular programs. Several locations within the school will be used for the event. Groups and organizations that want to reserve a space, or Booster Clubs that want to sell items, need to contact Melanie Hensleigh-Parsons. Set up will be from 2:30 - 3:30, and then the gym will be locked until 6:00.

Following the PTSA meeting at 6:15pm in the Auditorium, the Counselor's will begin the program at 6:30. StuCo members will be at various locations near the gym/coms to pass out parent agendas, and to assist guests in finding locations. Every organization should have their tables staffed and ready by 6:45. Sponsors must be present with the students. Make sure to have information about membership requirements, and activities. Shut down begins at 8:45.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The GHS PTSA will be offering **FIVE** student scholarships for \$250 each to be used toward tuition or expenses at a college or technical school. Please go to the PTSA Website or the Counselor's Office to get an application form and eligibility rules. If you have questions, contact Jacki Hulm at jhulm@msn.com. **The deadline for submitting applications is April 18, 2008.**

PTSA NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee has been formed and is already working on our Executive Board for next year. If you'd like to serve on the PTSA board next year, please contact one of the members of the Committee listed below for information on available positions. A slate of officers will be presented for election at the Association meeting on April 8 at 6:15 pm just prior to the start of Share Night.

Cathy Shine - shineonme@ev1.net
Susan Swanson - Sswanson2007@verizon.net
Tonya Torske - ttorske@flash.net

VISIT PTSA WEBSITE :

<http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA/docsdnlds.asp>

BY-LAWS UPDATE

GHS PTSA is updating the by-laws and will need the membership to vote on proposed changes at the April 8th Association Meeting. A list of the changes we would like to make is available on our website. Most of the changes are bringing us current with State and National requirements. However, one proposed change reflects the amount we keep and send away from membership dues, and another change reduces the quorum needed for Association meetings from 25 to 10 members. For the complete by-laws, go to <http://sites.garlandowls.com/PTSA/docsdnlds.asp>. Please submit any suggestions or comments regarding the changes to our Parliamentarian, Katherine Ben, at roberteбен@aol.com. Thanks to both Katherine and Kathy Jagielski for their hard work and willingness to take on this task.

Remember to visit the school website often for current information and to view the daily powerpoint announcements at www.garlandisd.schools.net/GarlandHighSchool/index.asp