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Dates to Remember

11/1

Credit Recovery 8:30-11:30

11/4

Underclass Picture Make-ups

11/8

SAT- GHS Campus

11/8

Credit Recovery 8:30-11:30

11/17

Midterm Report

11/19

Parent Workshop
Teen Growth & Development

11/15 & 11/22

Credit Recovery 8:30-11:30

11/29

No Credit Recovery

11/24-11/28

Thanksgiving Break
No School



Last month our second parent workshop of the year was held. We discussed the importance of literacy at school and at home by having an open mic night where parents, teachers, and students could read or recite poetry. If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, please contact Theresa Tolbert at 770-229-3752 ext. 121 or at Theresa.tolbert@gscs.org

Quick Tips/Information from the workshop:

GHS has asked parents to engage in the DEAR philosophy.

D-Drop

E-Everything

A-And

R-Read

Parents and students together can designate a time to stop everything and enjoy a book, article, magazine, or newspaper.

Parent Involvement Corner

November is Parent Engagement Month

Every year the state of Georgia recognizes the month of November as Parent Engagement Month and schools across the state highlight the role parents play in a student's education. Additionally, the third Thursday in November is National Parental Involvement Day (November 20th). This is a day for all parents to consider how they can get more involved in the education of their children. To assist parents in the process, the Georgia Department of Education provides "Get the facts...get connected...GET INVOLVED!" resources for parents and schools to encourage parent engagement. Each year, the Georgia Department of Education also releases an updated Parent Engagement Calendar that provides specific activities for parents to do with their children at home each day in November to support learning and academic achievement. While parents are encouraged to use these materials particularly during Parent Engagement Month, parents can also utilize them to engage in meaningful conversations and positive interactions with their children throughout the year. Every student in Georgia should have a strong support system that values and encourages educational achievement and there is no one that can support this effort better than parents. Be sure to visit the Parent Engagement Month page on the Georgia Department of Education's website for updated 2014 materials. Also, be sure to check out the Georgia Department of Education's Parent Engagement Program's Twitter and Facebook pages every day during November for parent engagement facts, activities and ideas!

GaDOE Parent Engagement Page: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Parent-Engagement-Program.aspx>

GaDOE Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GaDOEParentEngagement?fref=nf>

GaDOE Twitter Account: <https://twitter.com/GaDOEParents>

Do you know the 4 C's of Parent Involvement?

1. **Capabilities:** Human capital, skills and knowledge
2. **Connections:** Important relationships and networks
3. **Confidence:** Individual level of self-efficacy
4. **Cognition:** Person's assumptions, beliefs and worldview

These "4 C's" are part of a dual focus on building capacity between schools and families to engage in partnerships.



Whether your teen struggles with math or actually has better skills than you do, you still can play an important role in his or her math education. Here's how:

- ❑ Build your teen's math skills by building his or her money skills. According to the Family Education Network, high school students should understand budgeting, investing, taxes, and saving for college.
- ❑ Talk to your teen about debt. A Consumer Reports study found that 40 percent of teens don't understand that banks charge interest on loans. Many young people don't even realize that credit cards are a form of borrowing.
- ❑ If your teen has a job, help him or her fill out his or her own state and federal tax returns. If your teen doesn't have a job yet, get him or her to help with the family tax returns.
- ❑ Encourage your teen to read the business section of the newspaper. Articles in this section often have a

lot of numbers in them.

- ❑ Encourage your teen to take as many math classes as possible and to always take the highest level for which he or she qualifies.
- ❑ Continually show an interest in your teen's math education. Every few weeks, you might want to ask, "What are you learning now?" Ask your teen to explain the lesson to you if it's not a math concept you already know.

For more information, see www.life.familyeducation.com/money-and-kids/personal-finance/34481

Parent Resource Centers

Find activities, books and brochures for your student in our School and District Parent Resource Centers. The centers are designed to provide educational resources for parents to help your students succeed academically.

District Parent Resource Center

Parent Services Center

Room B112

234 E. Taylor Street

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To make an appointment, please contact Jessica Layfield at

(770) 229-3710 ext. 363 or jessica.layfield@gscs.org.

School Parent Resource Center

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