



GSHS Newsletter



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Principal's Piece

I have a Trivial Pursuit quiz question for you. What does the SAT test (taken by all Colorado juniors) have in common with President Harry S. Truman? Answer: They both have initials that don't stand for anything. The S in Harry S. Truman does not stand for anything and none of the initials in SAT stand for anything. Once upon a time SAT stood for Scholastic Aptitude Test, then it changed to Scholastic Assessment Test, but since 1997 the letters SAT officially stand for nothing.

The scores that students achieve in the SAT do stand for something. The score is one of the key qualifications students earn as they seek college admission. In the Roaring Fork School District we give students lots of practice taking the test. The SAT tests that students take in 9th and 10th grade give them precise information about how they are likely to do in the Junior year test – the one that counts with colleges. The earlier tests alert students and parents to areas of strength and weakness and there is a lot of online help through Khan Academy that helps students perform better. Taking the test is a skill that improves with practice.

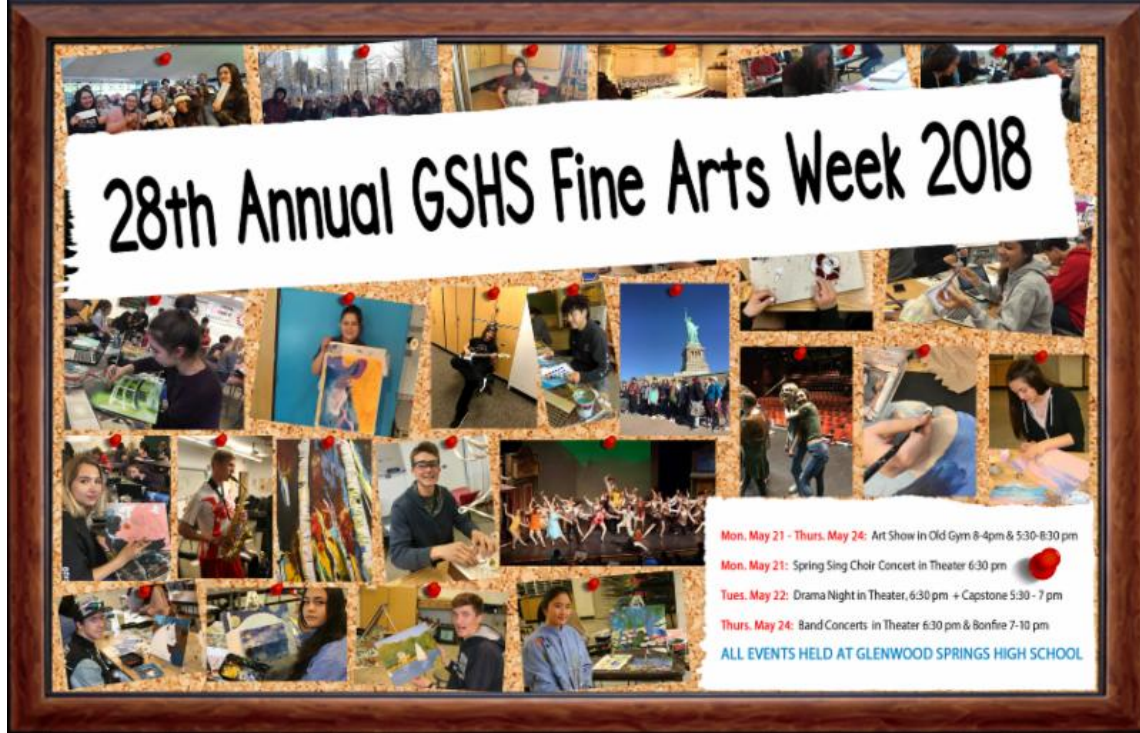


I am deeply impressed by all of our students who score in the top 5%. Such students bring phenomenal content knowledge to the test and then work through the examination at blazing speed. This year we have once again, a National Merit Scholarship Program qualifier, Jacob Wolf. Jacob is one of the 50,000 students across the USA who had the highest scores out of the 1.6 million test takers in the 2017 PSAT/NMSQT test. Jacob now goes on for consideration as a National Merit Scholar and we will hear about that in September.

Congratulations Jacob and congratulations to all our many other students who perform brilliantly in their studies.

Paul Freeman

News



Mon. May 21 - Thurs. May 24: Art Show in Old Gym 8-4pm & 5:30-8:30 pm

Mon. May 21: Spring Sing Choir Concert in Theater 6:30 pm

Tues. May 22: Drama Night in Theater, 6:30 pm + Capstone 5:30 - 7 pm

Thurs. May 24: Band Concerts in Theater 6:30 pm & Bonfire 7-10 pm

ALL EVENTS HELD AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL



Left to Right: Kirsten Petre, McDaniel, Latesha Putnam, Kylie Ort, Stacy Marquez, Daniel Yoshimura. Not pictured: Chef Instructor Matt Maier

Local students advance to National ProStart Invitational in Providence, RI

ProStart at Youthentity students earn \$275,000 in scholarship opportunities at Colorado ProStart Invitational

“If someone had told me years ago that Youthentity would have one of the leading restaurant management and culinary arts programs in the country for high school students, I would have said they were out of their mind. It wasn’t even on my radar,” said Youthentity Founder and Executive Director Kirsten Petre McDaniel. “But what started as a small program because of a Youthentity survey conducted at Roaring Fork High School years ago has become a passion.”

Youthentity is having a great spring. Youthentity successfully defended its 2017 state title of 1st in Culinary Arts and placed 2nd in the Restaurant Management competition at the Colorado ProStart Invitational at Johnson & Wales University last week. The team also took home the Sysco Hospitality Cup, a traveling trophy for the team with the highest combined score.

Youthentity’s four-person culinary team of Stacy Marquez (Roaring Fork HS), Latesha Putnam (Roaring Fork HS), Kylie Orf (Roaring Fork HS) and Daniel Yoshimura (Glenwood Springs HS) cooked three dishes for the judges in just 60 minutes with no electricity and only two burners: Seared Scallops with roasted sweet corn, jalapeño, bacon, Braised Veal Cheeks, artichokes, king trumpets and spring peas, Blood Orange Glazed Dark Chocolate Buche.

And getting ready to compete is no small task. “The entire process is inspiring to me. Taking high schoolers and working with them to better understand ingredients and techniques, to have them dedicate themselves to the process, to have them pour their very essences into striving towards the goal of perfection, and to see them rise from failure after failure to victory and ultimately to the national stage is truly one of the most rewarding things I know,” said Chef Matt Maier,

ProStart is a national high school hospitality program which incorporates business management, entrepreneurship and culinary arts into one cohesive program. Kirsten Petre McDaniel brought the program to Roaring Fork School district through Youthentity and serves as the business coach. Matt Maier, the chef/owner of aspenprivatechef.com, coaches the culinary arts competition team. Under Petre McDaniel and Maier, Youthentity’s students have competed at a national level four out of the last five years. ProStart at Youthentity is funded entirely by donations.

In addition to ProStart, Youthentity offers the YouthChefs Baking & Pastry Arts program for high school students. Youthentity is an award-winning nonprofit in Carbondale that provides real-world learning experiences helping students graduate life ready, career ready and work ready.



Athletics



Athletic Physicals

FREE physicals for athletes will be held on **Tuesday, May 15th**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. for middle schoolers and 6:30 p.m. for high schoolers.

These physicals are specifically for athletes and may not be used for other summer camps or programs.

Click on the calendar link below to view times and other events!!!

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Good to know...

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Yearbooks for 2018 are ON SALE now!

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The Glenwood Springs High School student newspaper, the **Brimstone**, is now online! Check it out: <https://gshsbrimstone.com/>



From the Counseling Office

AP Exam Schedule 2018

Date	Morning 8:00 am	Afternoon 12:00 noon
Monday May 7th	Chemistry	Psychology
Tuesday May 8th	Spanish Language/Culture	Physics 1
Wednesday May 9th	English Literature & Composition	
Thursday May 10th	US Government & Politics	Environmental Science
Friday May 11th	US History	Computer Science Principles ***studio art portfolios due * See Tish McFee for more info
Monday May 14th	Biology	Physics C (2 separate exams)
Tuesday May 15th	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Wednesday May 16th	English Language & Comp	
Thursday May 17th		Statistics

- **These dates and times are dictated by The College Board, not by GSHS. They are not flexible. Please do not plan vacations, doctor appointments or anything else during these times.**
 - All GSHS students enrolled in AP classes are expected to take the AP exam.
 - Students should arrive at least 15 minutes early to all exams.
 - Electronic devices (phone, smart watch, MP3 players, etc) will not be permitted in the testing room. Please leave cell phones at home or locked in their locker.
- Any students who are disruptive during an AP exam will be excused from the testing room and their score will be cancelled.
- Students will not be excused from their AP test until the entire testing time is

over.

Most tests last around 4 hours, but some may last 4 1/2 hours. Please make appropriate arrangements for students taking AP tests, as they will not be permitted to leave early under any circumstances, including doctor appointments, work, picking up younger siblings, etc.

Staff Profiles



Rachel Thompson

Special Education Teacher, Rachel Thompson, is currently in her 7th year at Glenwood Springs High School (GSHS.)

Thompson was born in Barrington, Rhode Island, and lived there through high school, where she played both soccer and lacrosse. Thompson also took an interest in skiing, racing on weekends in nearby New Hampshire.



Thompson's biggest interest in high school was history, which she pursued at Colorado College (CC), where she majored in history and minored in education. Thompson also maintained an interest in sports while at CC, playing rugby and continuing to ski race.

After university, Thompson moved to Telluride, Colorado, where she worked as both an adaptive skiing teacher and waitress. There, she continued her love of skiing and the outdoors, hobbies that she still enjoys today.

However, during this time Thompson was drawn to more traditional education; "It[living in Telluride] was fun, but I always knew I wanted to get my teaching license and be a teacher. I've always worked with kids in one way or another - summer camps, skiing, tutoring - so teaching was a natural next step for a career." she said.

Thompson then moved to Carbondale, and began teaching English and Social Studies at Basalt High School.

Thompson said "My goal has always been to make a difference in kids' lives. I hope to set a positive example and instill in students the love of learning and the knowledge that they have the power to be who ever they want to be."

Thompson has more than accomplished this goal at GSHS, and has earned a reputation in

doing so.

According to former peer at Basalt High School, and current GSHS coworker, Kelly Zevin, “[Thompson’s] contributions to the culture/environment of GSHS as a whole are evident in the support she provides to her students and the trickle effect that it has. She helps them complete assignments, adhere to deadlines, holds them accountable for their actions and work ethic. These students then come into our classrooms more prepared and set up for success than they would have otherwise, making our classrooms and school as a whole function more effectively.”

Thompson, is not only a positive influence for the students of GSHS, but is an asset to teachers as well.

“Ms. Thompson is approachable and easy to talk to. We often have conversations about how to best support students and she is consistently solution oriented and a problem solver. Her patience and calm, pleasant demeanor enable her to de-escalate difficult situations as she supports my efforts in the classroom.” said Zevin.

Thompson is undoubtedly an important facet of GSHS’s educational community, and one of the reasons why the staff is looked upon so highly.



Thank you for being part of this wonderful school.

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