***GOLDEN WEST HIGH SCHOOL***

***HOME OF THE TRAILBLAZERS***



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**Friday, January 12, 2018**

**Do you know how to play the drum set? Are you interested in performing with the GW Jazz band around town and at festivals out of town? If so, please go see Mr. McFarlane in the band room (M5).**

**SENIORS!!!!!** Grad Nite tickets will be sold on Thursday, Feb.1st starting at 7am in front of the office. Tickets will be $190; cash or check made payable to Golden West High School. Permission slips will be available in front of the finance office and **both sides must be completed, including medical info**! **Bring your student ID, completed permission slip, and money to purchase a ticket.**

Formal pictures are in and may be picked up in the attendance office. Please come in before school, during lunch and afterschool to pick them up.

Please be aware that we will start with **Tardy Sweeps immediately**.  In order to avoid after school detention due to being caught in a tardy sweep please make sure that you are in your classroom prior to the tardy bell ringing.

Don’t forget to purchase your yearbook in room A-11. They are currently on sale for $85 and personalization is still available.  Make sure to order it before personalization ends on January 26!

**KIDS DAY \*MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Wednesday, January 17 at LUNCH in the Main Gym**

**\*You must attend the meeting to be able to work on Kids Day – March 6**

**See Mr. Gluckmann in Room FS-4/L-20 ahead of time if you are unable to attend.**

**Lost and Found:** Missing anything? Please come into the attendance office before school, after school and during lunch and look through our lost and found items. You would be surprised what gets turned in.

Artists and interested students: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum has teamed up with Target for the third annual National High School Design Competition, challenging teens around the country to make the everyday—place, process, or object—accessible for all! It’s a design challenge that welcomes great ideas from students with all interests from art and design to civics and community engagement. See either Mr. Vieira in A-3 or Mrs. K in A-9 for flyers or more information. Please visit the website, where you’ll find education resources to inspire and give you ideas. <https://www.cooperhewitt.org/design-competition/>

Due to the weather becoming colder we will be allowing students to wear beanies and headbands. Please remember they must be free of logos or decorations. The only logo that will be allowed will be our school logo. The beanies must be a single color white, black, grey, brown, tan or gold. This flexibility only applies to protection from the cold, not for hats. They may only be worn outdoors.

**ASB WANTS YOU!** **Want to be an ASB Officer?**

**Want to be in next year’s ASB/Leadership Class?**

**MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 7 @ Lunch in Room M-1**

***IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE OR BE IN THE ASB CLASS.***

**QUESTIONS? SEE MR. GLUCKMANN in FS-4 or L-20 BEFORE THE MEETING**

**Counseling Dept.:**

**ATTN SENIORS:** If you have not yet filled out your FAFSA, Visalia Unified will be hosting a Financial Aid Workshop, Thursday, January 25, 2018 at our Visalia Unified District Office (5000 W. Cypress St.) in the Board Room at 6 p.m.  Other than visiting our College & Career Ambassador after school in the library this is the last opportunity to have Financial Aid professionals present while you are applying.

**ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIOR BOYS:** Boy counselors are STILL needed for Scicon.  You MUST be in good academic standing, C average or better, Good Discipline and Attendance record and be a good role model.  If you are in need of community service hours, being a counselor for Scicon will help!  Please see Mrs. McIntosh in the Counseling Dept.

**ATTN Juniors & Seniors:**  If you are looking for work, Employment Connections Job listing is available weekly to view in the Counseling Dept. Presentation Binder or in the Library.

For the 81th consecutive year, the Lions Clubs of California will hold their annual Student Speakers Contest.  All grade levels are eligible to participate. Over $103,500 will be paid out in scholarships to the winning students. Local area winners will win $100 and can advance to the district level where the winner will be awarded a $4,500 scholarship and can advance even further in the contest to win up to $21,000.  *This year students will answer the question: “Integrity and Civility play what role in today’s society?”* An “Interest Form” is available on the GW Scholarship webpage or come to the Counseling Office and pick one up from the “Presentation Binder”.   Interest forms are due to Mrs. McIntosh in the counseling office by January 15, 2018.

A representative from Harvard College will be on campus**, Tues, January 16, 2018, during 6th period.**  Harvard has universally renowned faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and over 450 student-run groups including ethnic, athletic, dance, drama, music, religious, community service, political, and journalism organizations.  Harvard can be affordable as their financial aid program requires no contribution from families with annual incomes below $65,000.  Sign up in the Counseling department presentation binder to attend.

**AP students and parents:**Please refer to the AP documents (<http://www.vusd.org/webpages/gwhscounseling/ap.cfm>) for information regarding the fees, dates, and deadlines for 2017 AP exams.  You may also obtain forms for Fee Waivers and/or your one free AP exam provided by VUSD.  We also accept payments via credit card online at the GW webstore!  (<http://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/golden_west_high_sch/>).  ***March 2nd is the absolute last day to pay for AP Exams***!

**Clubs:**

**GSA Club:** Meeting this Thursday during lunch in A-9. The t-shirts are in and we need to plan for second semester events. See you then!

**Athletics:**

**Baseball:** Baseball season has begun. Throwing and conditioning begins at 3:40PM on the varsity field every day. Attendance is mandatory.

**XL Program:**

XL has Afterschool Intervention available on Wednesday's and Thursdays in E-10 from 3:30-4PM for students who have detention that needs to be served.

It’s coming this spring!!!   Mr. Rodgers will once again be offering his **EMS/Health Careers XL Class!**  Start date is March 1st, so plan ahead as this class fills quickly…field trips and guest speakers!!!  Check out the tentative schedule at:  [**http://bit.ly/emss2018**](http://bit.ly/emss2018)

**Below is the link for our Blazer Central.**

<https://youtu.be/WyyDS5euJRI>