***GOLDEN WEST HIGH SCHOOL***

***HOME OF THE TRAILBLAZERS***



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**Monday, February 25, 2019**

Kim Hickam took 5th place in league (Central Valley) in only her second tournament ever. And, more importantly? KIM QUALIFIED TO THE STATE SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT!!! This means Kim will travel to compete against the 55 best speakers in the state in Original Oratory at CSU Long Beach this May. And to top it all off, her performance was so exceptional that it earned our school a third place sweepstakes trophy in small schools. Please congratulate Kim when you see her today, and wish her luck as she heads out to show California what Golden West can do.

**NEW INFORMATION:**

**\*\*Please do not order food to be delivered to school. You will not be able to pick up the food during class time and the office will not accept any food delivered from any delivery service.**

Spring Fling is **Saturday, March 2nd from 8pm-11pm** come and enjoy a night **“Dancing through the Decades”**, the dance will be held at Redwood High School.  Tickets will be on sale Monday, February 25th – Friday, March 1st in the finance office (before school, at lunch, and after school), buy yours now to save time and money!

**Attention Diversity Club members:** We have a guest speaker for out meeting on Tuesday.

Come and here about the Warming Center for the homeless population of Visalia from Rev. Suzy Ward who organizes and facilitates the Center. Our Penny Drive will go to support the needs for the Center. Pizza will be provided, so come at the beginning of lunch. Guests are always welcome.

**Students must have a 2.0 GPA at P5 grading period to attend GradNite. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. IF YOU PURCHASE A TICKET YOU STILL MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES TO GO ON THE TRIP IN MAY.**

**Attention SENIORS: Grad Nite will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:30am through Wednesday, May 22, 2019.** Tickets will go on sale on the GW Webstore from Friday, March 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. through Monday, March 4th at 6 am.  $185 + a small processing fee (credit cards only). This is the link to the GW webstore: <https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/golden_west_high_sch/> You should log in, then go to departments and click “tickets”.  Then follow the instructions to purchase your Grad Nite ticket with your credit card. Non Webstore ticket sales will begin Monday, March 4ththrough Thursday, March 7th before school, during lunch and after school @ the GW Finance office window. **To purchase a ticket you must have no financial obligations (fines) and be eligible for extracurricular activities. Bring your student I.D, completed permission slip (permission slips are available in front of the Finance office) and either $185 cash or checks made payable to Golden West High School. Bus selection will be completed at a later date.**

Any student who was interested in being an extra for the Transgender PSA please note that filming has been pushed back to Thursday. If you are interested in being an extra for a Transgender PSA come to Mr. Rodgers’ room, P-17, Thursday, 28 at lunch.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Good morning, students and teachers. The countdown to the NAEP assessment is underway. We are only **4** days away from NAEP Day on March 1, 2019 when some of our 12th-graders will take this important assessment to measure our nation’s educational progress. Students and teachers, if you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Diaz our School’s NAEP coordinator. Thank you.

**All Parents and Students**

**ATTN SOPHOMORE BOYS:  At this time of year Scicon is permitting you to be camp counselors with your counselor approval.  You must have grades of C or better, good attendance and no discipline issues.  Junior & Senior boys are also always needed as counselors.  Please see Mrs. McIntosh in the counseling office to sign up.**

**Attention all students and parents:** This is a reminder that any Golden West student found on another VUSD campus before, during, or after school other than GWHS is considered trespassing. Any students that ride the bus home must catch the bus on the GWHS campus.

**Students are not allowed to wear any headgear.** This includes, but is not limited to caps bandanas, visors, sweatbands, hairnets, and do-rags. Due to the cold weather beanies will be allowed during these colder months. The beanies 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. They may only be worn outdoors. Please avoid a dress code violation by no longer bringing or wearing them on campus. This dress code will be enforced.

Attention All Students! REGARDING TARDIES - If you have 4 or more tardies in one week you will lose off campus lunch privileges or be assigned lunch detention. To avoid these restrictions, please work to be ON TIME TO CLASS!

Students must have a valid GW student ID card to be allowed off campus during lunch.

**Clubs:**

**FCA:** FCA Wednesdays! Grab a friend or two then head on over to room A-1.

**Athletics:**

**Athletic Clearance:** Golden West is offering online student athletic clearance through Family ID.  This is a secure and user friendly way to register for our athletic clearance.  All information can be found on the Golden West website …..**trailblazerathletics.com** then click on Student Athletic Clearance tab. This form of clearance is now mandatory along with a current physical.

**Counseling**

The ASVAB test will be given March 6, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. in the GW CAFETERIA. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is the most widely used multiple aptitude battery in the world. Whether you are a planning to go to college, a vocational school, the military, OR, if you are just not sure what you want to do as a career, the ASVAB Career Exploration Program can provide you with important information about your skills, abilities, and interests – AND help set you on the right course for a satisfying career! Sign up in the “Presentation Binder” in the Counseling Office.

**ATTN SENIORS:** The Visalia Education Foundation Scholarship Application is now available. The Foundation awards over $50,000 in scholarships to Visalia Unified School District High School seniors each year. By filling out this one application you may qualify for up to 26 different scholarships.  Do not miss out on this scholarship opportunity!  See the Golden West Scholarship web page for more information and to apply.  Applications are due to Visalia Unified District Office by 5 p.m., Friday March 8, 2019.

**\*AP students and parents:** AP Tests are now on sale!!Please refer to the AP documents for information regarding the fees, dates, and deadlines for 2018/2019 AP exams. <https://www.vusd.org/Page/12318>  We also accept payments via credit card online at the GW webstore!<https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/golden_west_high_sch/>  March 8, 2019 is the absolute last day to pay for AP Exams! Be sure to check and see if your student qualifies for a fee waiver, and if so, the directions for obtaining a fee waiver.  The fee waiver paperwork can be completed immediately and turned in to Mrs. McIntosh in the office.  For any questions contact Mrs. Gajdusek in the counseling office.

**XL Program**

It’s coming on March 6th!!  Mr. Rodgers, our very own EMT, will once again be offering the EMS/Health Careers XL Class!  Start date is March 6th, so plan ahead, as this class fills quickly…9 field trips and many professional guest speakers!!!    Questions???   Come to P-17 and check out the tentative schedule at:  <http://bit.ly/emss2019>

XL is offering Credit Recovery on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm in E-10. However, attending Wednesday classes is not a substitute for Monday classes.

***Hip-Hop Dance*** is happening on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the dance room from 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Boxing** on Mondays and Tuesdays in P-29 near the stadium from 3:30-5:30 pm.

Mr. Peterson will be tutoring **History**. Meet in P2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm**.**

**Math Tutorials** every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Mr. Lopez’s room P-14.

Mr. Elsharkawy in room S-5 will tutor **Chemistry and Physics** every Tues. & Wed.

**Sports Medicine** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Trainer’s room from 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Weightlifting** will be meeting on Monday & Thursday after school 3:30-4:30 pm in the weight room.

Here is the Link for Blazer Central: <https://youtu.be/t4wgGS_S7kA>