

GOLDEN WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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- “Students, if you are going to the new store at the corner, for everyone’s safety, please use the crosswalk. We love you and want to keep you safe! Thank you, GW Admin.”
- PTA meeting is on October 28th from 5-6pm in the Library.
- **Musical Auditions are rapidly approaching!** If you are interested in auditioning or crewing the show, you must attend a MANDATORY musical meeting on Wednesday Oct. 23rd at lunch in room M-1. Please bring your own food as the meeting will most likely take the whole lunch. Remember, anyone can be a part of the musical! For any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Anders by email or in his office M-1. randers@vusd.org
- **FCA** is meeting Wednesdays at lunch! Experience good food and powerful speakers in room A-1.
- **Diversity Club** is meeting Wednesday in A-9 during lunch. This coming week we have a guest speaker, so be early. Food will be provided. We will also meet this Thursday for a “Check-in”. Meeting is also during lunch in A-9.
- **Golden West Apparel is now available online at the Golden West Apparel Shop!** Go to the Golden West home page and click on the **GWHS Apparel Online Store** link on the right side of the page to get your gear today! <https://goldenwest.spirittees.com/>
- **The GWHS Visual Art Department is hosting a Family Art Night on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 pm in the Art Building, Rooms A-3, A-9 & A-11.** Painting, mask decorating, clay, bead jewelry, & photography with an image transfer craft are the offerings. The cost to come and create is FREE if the created art is donated for later sale. The cost to keep the art is \$5/item with a \$20/max for a family of 4+. However, with an RSVP response by 10/31, families can receive a \$5 discount, making the max price only \$15/family of 4+. See any visual art teacher to RSVP: Anaya, Hurtado, Kleinsteuber, Thompson, or Vieira.
- **New Information:** Family Art Night is open to all. There will be 5 art making stations available. The ceramics activity will be an exciting opportunity to create cactus pottery sculpture. The sculptures will be succulents in pots in various shapes and sizes to decorate your yard or home. Demonstrations of each will be provided along with large-scale visuals & personal directions for those who like to work independently or have more experience. How to sculpt and design will be shown.
- Softball conditioning is taking place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3:45 on the softball field. This is a great opportunity to get out there and get ready for season!
- **The XL Office has moved** from Room E-10 over to the Business building on the south side. Our door says “Staff” on the outside, but is usually open! If you have any questions, please stop by our office or give us a call at 559-731-5621”

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- Student store is starting to get more items and we need your help getting the word out! Fresh fruit cups are here for \$4 and can come with with chamoy and Tajin. Come by and purchase our breast cancer awareness shirt and wear throughout the month of October! The shirts are \$12 and we are asking for a small donation to our jar that will be given to the breast cancer foundation.

COUNSELOR INFORMATION

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Need help paying for college? Apply for scholarships! Seniors, the local scholarship application is one scholarship application that makes you eligible for MANY scholarships and THOUSANDS of dollars! Log on to Google Classroom and fill out the scholarship application (**Due Oct 18th**). Be sure to check the scholarship listing for many more scholarship opportunities on our GW webpage often as it is updated frequently: <https://ca02205931.schoolwires.net/Page/12375>. Sophomores and juniors can also start working towards scholarships through the College Board Opportunity Scholarship. More info found on our website: <https://ca02205931.schoolwires.net/Page/16905>.
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIP: ATTN SENIORS:** In honor of the bravery exhibited by members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the **American Legion Sierra Post 785 Scholarship** Fund awards up to \$1,000 to young Americans who are the dependent children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren or niece/ nephew of an active duty service member who honorably served or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors or high school graduates who are currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment in any accredited U.S. institution of higher Learning. For more information please visit the Counseling Dept. Scholarship website!
- **College of the Sequoias 2020-2021 Scholarship Application is now open.** The deadline is **November 25, 2019**. Students can complete one, online application for hundreds of scholarship opportunities. COS gave over **\$400,000** last year! See GWHS Scholarship webpage for more information on how to apply. Access the webpage via: VUSD.org/goldenwest > Counseling Department > Scholarships > Scholarship Opportunities or directly at <https://ca02205931.schoolwires.net/Page/12375>. Please view the video link below:

<https://vimeo.com/293451169/5e24770e40>
- **ATTN 9th -12 GRADE GIRLS** – The Soroptimist International of Visalia invites you to participate in the DREAM IT, BE IT Career support program. The Dream it, Be It program can help you plan your future. By participating in this conference you will learn about career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and moving forward after setbacks. This one day conference is set for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church of Visalia, Geneva Hall, Visalia from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be activities for each participant, mentors will be available, and prizes will be given out. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend but pre-registration is required. Register online at <http://www.sivisalia.org/dream-it-be-it> for more information pick up a flyer in the Counseling Dept.

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- ***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 2019/2020 AP exams. <https://www.vusd.org/Page/12318> Tests can be purchased at the GW Finance Office and we also accept payments via credit card online at the GW webstore! <https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/golden-west-high-sch/>

November 5, 2019 is the absolute last day to pay for AP Exams!

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** YOU MUST REGISTER FOR EACH AP EXAM THROUGH YOUR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT. You may only purchase AP exams between September 18, 2019 and November 5, 2019. STUDENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$40 UNUSED/CANCEL EXAM FEE if they do not show up on test day! **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
- **ATTENTION SENIORS, JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN:** If you receive four or more tardies in a week you will receive one lunch detention (per 4 tardies) and a loss of off campus privileges for a week. **If you accumulate 10 unexcused tardies and or 10 Unverified/Unexcused Absences then your off campus lunch privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the grading period.** If you have absences for being sick, court, or family emergencies please have your parents call the attendance office. Freshman if you accumulate 10 unexcused tardies you will serve detention to make up missed time during lunch. Please get to class and be on time.

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