

GOLDEN WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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- PTA will meet in the Library on Monday, February 24th from 5-6pm.
- Wednesday, February 26th all Blazers will attend a guest speaker assembly after third period. We are excited to welcome Tony Haufmann to campus to share some experiences with all of our Trailblazer students.
- Got talent? Share it with your school! Do you; sing, act, play an instrument, dance, do magic, or have any other hidden talent? We are looking for the most talented Blazers to perform in the annual VAPA showcase. If you're interested or have questions please see Ms. Cullum in the dance room to sign up for an audition time now. Auditions will be held Friday 2/28 after school.
- Are you interested in singing at Golden West next year in one of our award winning choirs? GW students not currently in choir who wish enroll in choir next year can sign up for Beg Soprano/Alto Choir or Bass Clef Chorus which are un-auditioned choirs and open to everyone on campus. Students wishing to sing next year in an auditioned ensemble such as Advanced Treble Choir or Blazer Choir may audition for Mr. Raheb at anytime at lunch before March 30. Students who make Blazer Choir for next year and who wish to audition for Chamber Singers, may do so on May 12 & 13 after school. See Mr. Raheb in M1 for more information.
- Attention Junior Males: If you are interested in history and politics, you might be interested in attending Boys State. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. If Boys State seems interesting to you, please see Mrs. Costa in the counseling office for further information.
- **California Armenian Legislative Caucus**
- The California Armenian Legislative Caucus is holding two scholarship contests for the 2020 commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. California high school students in 9th through 12th grade are invited to participate in an essay contest and/or a visual arts contest to increase greater awareness of the Armenian Genocide on its anniversary.
- All winners will be awarded scholarships and a trip to the State Capitol in Sacramento to be acknowledged at the California Armenian Legislative Caucus' annual Armenian Advocacy Day during a press conference on April 27, 2020 and receive special recognition from the members of the Armenian Caucus. Original artwork will be requested from visual arts applicants if they are selected as a finalist, for display in the California State Capitol. For more information and to apply please see "Scholarship Opportunities" on the Counseling department website.

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- **ATTN SENIORS:** The Tulare County School Board Association is offering a \$350 scholarship to a deserving high school senior. Applicants must meet the following criteria: cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, good citizenship, participation in extracurricular activities, community involvement, and enroll in an accredited institution in Fall 2020. Please visit the Counseling Department Website and click “Scholarship Opportunities” for additional information on this scholarship and to apply. **All application forms must be submitted to Mrs. Waters or Mrs. McIntosh in the counseling dept. by Today, February 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**

- **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 22 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 6, 2020.

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- The ASVAB test will be given Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. in the GW Library. 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.

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- Golden West Band and Orchestra is proud to announce our sixth annual “Visalia River Run” 5k and 10k to be held on Saturday, May 9th. Registration can be found online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Visalia/VisaliaRiverRun>. Alternatively, you can fill out the attached paper registration and turn it in to the front office of Golden West High School. Early registration ends April 1st.
- New this year is the ability to sign up in teams through <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Visalia/VisaliaRiverRun>. Put together a team with your friends, family, staff or any other various groups you may be a part of.
- If interested in sponsoring the “Visalia River Run” please complete the attached sponsorship form and return to Golden West no later than April 24th. If you have any questions regarding a sponsorship or this event, please email jsosa@vusd.org
- Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/VisaliaRiverRun/> to see previous year’s events.
- **Teens for Jeans** donation drive is happening now until February 28th. Bring your gently used jeans to your 2nd period class. Join the effort to help those experiencing homelessness and you’ll get a 20% off coupon for Aeropostale. The 2nd period class donating the most will earn free donuts!

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- **FCA will meet every Wednesday in A-1 at lunch! Come enjoy free food and lots of fun!**
- **Anime Club– meet in S-1 every Tuesday during lunch.**
- **Diversity club** is looking for new members! We are a club that welcomes and supports Diversity of all individuals on our campus. We look for ways to support the civil rights of all students regardless of race, religious belief or lack thereof, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Meet in A-9 during lunch on Wednesdays.
- **INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING CAREER IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR HEALTH CAREERS??** The XL class starts Wednesday, March 4th in room P-17, 3:30pm. This is the 12th year XL has offered this class, taught by our very own EMT Mr. Rodgers. Stop by P-17 for more information!
- XL February calendar and tutor schedules are in the XL office and in the front office.
- **Seniors - Updated Grad Nite ticket sales info!** Tickets are still available on the webstore (credit card) <https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/golden-west-high-sch/> and at the finance office (cash or check). The tickets will continue to be for sale during lunch and before/after school until March 3rd. You must have a completed permission slip and student ID to purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$240 for Park Hopper, private party at Disney's California Adventure, and transportation. Permission slips are available in the attendance office and on the wall of the finance office.

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In order to purchase a Grad Nite ticket you must be clear of any fees or fines from the library or the finance department.

In order to attend Grad Nite you must:

1. **Have a GPA of 2.0 at the P5 grading period (P5 ends April 17, 2020)**
2. **Have no disciplinary issues**
3. **Must meet 94% attendance on the date of Grad Nite**

If the above guidelines are not met, this could result in being ineligible to participate in Grad Nite with no refund.