



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOR MOTION PICTURES AND BROADCASTING

# The Gazette

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**Principal Cesare Reno Boffice and Founder, Greg Hauptner.**

**The G-Star Mission**

To prepare and educate students to demonstrate mastery in the arts and academics ("*artademics*"), to achieve physical, social, emotional, and intellectual wellness, and to implement career goals and strategies.

**Welcome Back for the 2007-2008 School Year!**

Welcome back for another great year at G-Star! To you new students let me say you are in for an adventure of fun, learning and amazing experiences this year! In four short years our school has grown from 156 students to over 700; from zero dollars in the bank to over \$11,000,000 in assets; graduated our first class into major universities; became nationally accredited; became the largest Film, TV Production and Acting high school in the nation; and the only high school in the world with a motion picture studio on its campus where multimillion dollar movies are made. Those are just a few of the highlights.

Each year brings new and exciting events, people and acquisitions to our school. X-Scream Halloween enters its second year; the second installment of the only student movie ever to have World-Wide distribution will be completed; and we have two new nifty acquisitions: a WWII Hellcat dive bomber and a WWII Douglas DC-3. Oh, yes, I think I left out our new photography studio, our new recording/radio studio, our radio show broadcast into one million homes, and our TV show broadcast into thirteen million homes. Let's see, there's something else. Did I mention the Sprouse Twins will be back to shoot their second movie at our G-Star Studios? They will be back before the end of 2007!

So prepare yourselves for another great year at G-Star!

- Greg Hauptner, Founder

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at G-Star School of the Arts. I hope that each one of you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As we begin the new year, I look forward to meeting each of you and working with you this year.

This year will be our best yet. We are now starting our fifth year and have many exciting things ahead of us. Now that we have graduated our first senior class, we are looking ahead to a year of academic excellence. We will be focusing on student achievement and want everyone to be on the same page with the goals for our school year.

As parents and guardians, I hope that you will become actively involved in all the school has to offer. Our PTSO will be having many opportunities for involvement during the year, and I encourage each of you to participate. Also, I hope that you will become actively involved in your child's educational experience. Please help your student with homework and give much encouragement so that there will be as much success as possible for the school year.

Students, this year will be another great year of academic growth. I encourage you to work hard and stay motivated. Our teaching staff is prepared to help you along the way, and I trust that you will work with them to achieve your goals for not only this school year but for your future.

Please take the opportunity to involve yourselves in all the activities that G-Star has to offer. We will be continuing to do X-Scream Halloween and many other productions throughout the year. I want to encourage you to enjoy this year and let's make this year the best year ever at G-Star.

Sincerely,

Cesare Reno Boffice, Principal

## G-Star PTSO Welcomes New and Returning Faculty and Staff

The G-Star PTSO is happy to welcome back our returning teachers and faculty. We also would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new teachers and staff. We are looking forward to our best year yet!

Film ..... Susan Tieche  
 Language Arts ..... Charlotte Bahm  
 Language Arts ..... Barbara Flores  
 Language Arts ..... Thomas Meringolo  
 Science ..... Santiago Blandon  
 Science ..... Renee Rasha  
 Social Studies ..... Gretchen Brehm-Ferreira  
 Social Studies ..... Edward Walters

## Get Involved in PTSO!

We enthusiastically request your participation, both parents **and** students, in our great (and fun!) organization. There are many ways in which you can become involved, whether making a few phone calls or simply contributing an hour of your time here and there. ***It's all for the kids!*** Get in touch with any PTSO officer by email, or call the school and ask for a PTSO member to call you. The PTSO makes a huge difference in G-Star's many undertakings, and needs participation from all grade levels, ***especially incoming new and freshman families*** so that you may carry on the many great traditions that make our school so unique!

**Note:** Officer elections for the remaining PTSO positions will take place at our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 2007-2008 Schedule of PTSO Meetings:

(NOTE: All meetings are held in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on the following Mondays. This year, we will also meet intermittently at 2:30 p.m. to accommodate those parents and students who are unable to attend in the evenings. If attendance warrants, additional future afternoon meetings may be added.)

September 10<sup>th</sup> -Mrs. Hullander (G-Star Guidance Counselor)  
 October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> - Speaker TBA; November 6<sup>th</sup> (afternoon)  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> - Speaker TBA  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>; February 12<sup>th</sup> (afternoon)  
 March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> - Speaker TBA  
 May 12<sup>th</sup>

## G-Star Students Making a Difference

*Children of Conflict* seeks to develop students' awareness of circumstances affecting people in other nations and cultures. To accomplish this goal, Florida Stage has partnered with G-Star to create a new elective course, open to juniors and seniors. The course will be team-taught by Florida Stage teaching artist Robert Goodrich, a playwright and filmmaker, and Jeff Bower, a drama and playwriting teacher at G-Star. Students will interview adults and children from the Mashirika Creative and Performing Arts Group in Kigali, Rwanda. Currently, Florida Stage is developing contacts in Pakistan, Kosovo, and Bosnia in hopes of including them as well. Part of Florida Stage's website will be dedicated to the project; there, students will track their progress and post messages for their foreign counterparts, who will be able to respond in kind. Out of the stories the students gather from letters, email, film clips, and other methods, they will create a play that includes multimedia elements. The piece will then be performed at Florida Stage. Florida Stage's Director of Education, Susan Hyatt, created the project and is facilitating the international contacts. Funding for the project has been provided in part by the Community Foundation for Martin and Palm Beach Counties and the State of Florida's Dept. of Cultural Affairs Arts and Education Program.

## X-Scream Halloween

Save the Dates!!

G-Star proudly presents our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual X-Scream Halloween on:

October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
 October 31<sup>st</sup>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Contact Annabelle Leach to participate!  
 (561) 575-0711 or [annabelleleach@adelphia.net](mailto:annabelleleach@adelphia.net)

**WARNING:** You may never be the same!!

## Welcome from our Seniors

The class of 2008 couldn't be more excited to be embarking into their senior year - understandable for a class of students that has received numerous awards for their theatrical performances along with short films and original monologues and plays.

The senior class is also excited to announce that their thespian troupe will be participating in an adopt-a-freshman program, so that this year's incoming class can get as excited about being involved in the arts as the senior class was when they were freshmen.

Upcoming events in the arts this year are the One Acts, Individual Events, and Incubator. Anyone and everyone should try out for a position in one of these events. It's a great way to get involved, and the seniors would love for underclassmen to be as thrilled that they go to a school like G-Star as they are. The One Acts are plays directed by the theatre teachers, and anyone can audition! The class of 2008 has participated in some way in all of the One Acts since their freshman year, and they are excited to do so once again this year. After the performances at school, one of the One Acts goes to the district competition and if they receive a superior at districts (which the One Act, Pericles, that G-star took last year did), then they get a chance to participate at the State Thespian festival. Individual Events is similar to the One Acts, but instead of a play a student can audition something like a small group scene or a monologue, among countless other categories. The class of 2008 is once again proud to announce that in both the One Act and the Individual Events categories, students from our class have received a rating of Superior.

The Entertainment Incubator Film Festival is a film festival quite familiar to G-Star seniors and students. The past two years G-star has swiped first, second, and third places in their category of student films, and the senior class along with the underclassmen look forward to doing it again for the third year in a row.

Not only are the seniors looking forward to participating in the arts, but they are looking forward to the letters they will be receiving from their colleges of choice. Some of the popular schools that students are looking at are New York University, Harvard University, and Florida State University. Although colleges are cutting down on the number of kids they accept, the senior class fully believes that with the amount of college preparation they have received from G-Star they will have no problem getting into the school of their choice.

The seniors couldn't be more excited to be going back to school this year and they are excited to say it will be their best year yet.

## PTSO News

Plan to attend our PTSO meetings, where you can not only find out what's happening at the school (in case your student doesn't keep you informed) but also hear guest speakers covering topics such as dual enrollment for college credits (did you know you can start at 15?), SAT preparation, and upcoming summer 2008 programs.

The major events that PTSO sponsors each year include X-Scream Halloween, The *Night of the Stars* Silent Auction, and Project Graduation.

Last year was the first year for X-Scream, and it was extraordinarily well received by the community at large. Our students create a Hollywood-quality haunt along an accompanying story line, and then build the sets, assemble the costumes, apply their stage makeup, and perform in this hair-raising scare! X-Scream will no doubt be highly anticipated year after year.

Our Silent Auction is the major fundraiser for the school, and this year will also showcase the many talents of our students. Family and friends gather for a relaxing evening of cocktails and dinner as they browse through our remarkable array of donated products and services. This year's Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at the CityPlace Marriott.

Project Graduation is an all-night event that provides a safe environment for our graduating seniors to spend one last evening with their classmates before heading off to their various college destinations. The graduates take over the campus for a fun filled night of music, dancing, and reminiscing, all in a safe and secure environment.

Please feel free to contact any of the following PTSO officers for information on membership, volunteer opportunities, or for ideas and suggestions for upcoming editions of the Gazette Newsletter.

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### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION MONDAY, AUG. 20<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 A.M. (LAST NAMES A-L)  
 1:00 P.M. (LAST NAMES M-Z)

AT THE SCHOOL  
 FOLLOW THE SIGNS!

# School Calendar



New Student Orientation.....	August 20
First Day of School.....	August 22
Labor Day ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	September 3
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	September 6
Open House (6-8 pm) .....	September <i>TBA</i>
Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	September 13
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	September 20
Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	September 28
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	October 4
X-Scream Nights .....	Oct 12/13, 19/20, .....26/27 & 31
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	October 18
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks .....	October 26
Teacher Work Day ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	October 29
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	November 15
Thanksgiving Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) ...	Nov. 21-23
One Acts Festival.....	November <i>TBA</i>
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	December 6
Holiday Party .....	December 7
Winter Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	Dec. 24-Jan. 4
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	January 10
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks .....	January 17
Teacher Work Day ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	January 18
MLK Day ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	January 21
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	January 24
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	February 7
Individual Events.....	February <i>TBA</i>
FCAT Writing+ .....	February 12-15
Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	February 18
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	February 28
FCAT (Reading, Math, Science) .....	3/12-3/25
Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	March 21
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks .....	March 27
Teacher Work Day ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	March 28
Silent Auction.....	March 29
Spring Break.....	April 5-13
Film Premier .....	April <i>TBA</i>
State Thespian Festival.....	April <i>TBA</i>
<b>Late</b> Start Day.....	April 24
Prom Night .....	May <i>TBA</i>
Graduation .....	May <i>TBA</i>
Grad Night.....	May <i>TBA</i>
Project Graduation.....	May <i>TBA</i>
Holiday ( <i>No School</i> ) .....	May 26
Last Day of School.....	June 6

# PTSO Welcomes You!

Dear G-Star Parents and Students,

I wanted to take a moment to welcome everyone back to G-Star. As a parent at G-Star for the past three years, I have seen the school grow and develop in so many ways. Although we have achieved a great deal since we opened four years ago, there is still much more we can do. This is where your involvement in the PTSO can make a difference for our parents, students and teachers.

One of the most important goals the PTSO has on its agenda this year is to help improve communication between parents, students, teachers and administration. To this end we have revived the G-Star Gazette newsletter you hold in your hand and have established a Communication Liaison to help coordinate information. We will do our best to keep the Gazette up-to-date and timely so our parents can be aware of all the exciting happenings at school. Keep an eye out for your bimonthly copy!

We will also be sponsoring informative sessions for parents and students at several of our monthly meetings. These sessions will be about dual enrollment, SAT & ACT prep, college financial planning and summer programs and internships. We hope to bring in speakers from PBCC, Score At the Top, Educated Wealth Center (college financial planners) and others. As we have more information we will include it in the Gazette.

Your PTSO can only be effective with your support. Get involved, stay connected and make a difference! We look forward to sharing a great adventure with you this year!

Lauren Mathers  
PTSO Co-President

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**TO THE PARENTS OF G-STAR STUDENT:**