



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOR MOTION PICTURES AND BROADCASTING

The Gazette

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SAVE THE DATE

PTSO'S FIRST MEETING OF
 THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

6:00 p.m. (Social)
 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Meeting)
School Cafeteria

Proposed Schedule of PTSO Meetings:

September 8th - Election of Remaining Officers
 October 6th – *Speaker TBA*
 November 3rd – *Speaker TBA*
 December 1st
 January 12th - *Speaker TBA*
 February 2nd
 March 2nd
 April 13th - *Speaker TBA*
 May 11th - *Election of Officers 2009-2010*

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A Letter from G-Star's Founder, Greg Hauptner

Each year G-Star evolves into a bigger and stronger entity than the year before. Changes continue to come with each new school year. This year will be no exception to that rule.

First, we are a "B" rated school. *We missed an "A" rating by four points out of 525 points.* We are not excited about our rating. It is not good enough. However, we feel we finally have identified all of the areas we need to improve upon to attain our "A" rating. We are excited about reaching that goal this coming year.

We are trading in our major student feature film we do each year, such as "ONE" and "TWO", for our new endeavor, and that is to finance and produce our university-graduated G-Star students' own feature-length films. ***G-Star will finance \$100,000 for a film to be made by them, with our high school students working as interns.*** We hope to eventually produce up to four films a year in this manner. The first post-collegiate G-Star film will be produced in two years. Our present high school students will continue to work on multi-million dollar professional films as interns; and will continue to make short films that will be premiered at the Cuillo Theater or a like venue.

We are in negotiations with two motion picture companies who are interested in taking up permanent residence on our G-Star Studios back lot. If one (or both) of the companies move here we will have a regular slate of multi-million dollar films being produced on our campus, thus giving our students a steady stream of real world, hands-on experience in the film industry.

Our new sound stage is in the architectural stage as you read this. The schematic drawings are in my office. If anyone would like to see what it is going to look like, please come by. It will be largest sound stage in the State of Florida. Movies that have been produced on Los Angeles sound stages of the same size have been films such as Jurassic Park III, The Hulk, and Bruce Almighty; and TV shows such as Two and a Half Men and Desperate Housewives.

Lastly, we have absorbed the financial cuts handed to us by the State and will continue to do well because our financial plan is very strong.

Welcome back! It is going to be another great year for G-Star!

School Calendar



New Student Orientation	August 14
First Day of School	August 18
Labor Day (No School)	September 1
Late Start Day	September 11
Open House (6-8 pm)	TBA
Late Start Day	September 25
Holiday (No School)	September 30
Holiday (No School)	October 9
Late Start Day	October 16
X-Scream Nights	Oct 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, 10/31, 11/1
End of 1 st Nine Weeks	October 24
Teacher Work Day (No School)	October 27
One Act Plays	TBA
Late Start Day	November 13
Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	Nov. 26-28
Individual Events Auditions	TBA
Late Start Day	December 4
One Acts Festival	TBA
Holiday Party	TBA
End of 2 nd Nine Weeks	December 16
Winter Holiday (No School)	Dec. 22-Jan. 2
Teacher Work Day (No School)	January 5
Late Start Day	January 8
Individual Events Festival	TBA
MLK Day (No School)	January 19
Late Start Day	January 22
Late Start Day	February 5
FCAT Writing+	February 10-13
Holiday (No School)	February 16
Late Start Day	February 26
Silent Auction	March 7
FCAT (Reading, Math, Science)	March 10-23
End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	March 26
Teacher Work Day (No School)	March 27
Spring Break	March 30 - April 3
Film Premier	TBA
State Thespan Festival	TBA
Holiday (No School)	April 10
Late Start Day	April 23
Prom Night	TBA
Graduation	May TBA
Grad Night	May TBA
Project Graduation	May TBA
Holiday (No School)	May 25
Last Day of School	June 3

PTSO News

High school is an exciting and anxious time for both students and their parents alike. The anticipation that comes with new teachers, a demanding course load and a multitude of deadlines and responsibilities can sometimes seem overwhelming. However, there is probably no better way for a parent of a G Star student to stay in touch and in tune with their son or daughter's high school experience than to join a parent/teacher organization such as the PTSO.

The PTSO is a group of G Star parents who are committed to making the transition into high school a fulfilling and memorable experience. We provide a meaningful opportunity for each parent and their family to get involved by forming close relationships with school staff and administration through fund raising activities, special events and teacher support. On behalf of the G Star PTSO, we would like to invite every parent to participate in this worthwhile effort by signing up today!

Richard T. Tripp
PTSO President

Please join us on Monday, September 8th, in the Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. for a meet-and-greet, followed by a one-hour meeting. Note that we currently have a couple of officer positions open, and we welcome new parents to join us. Several officers are parents of seniors who graduate this year, so it's important to have continuity by bringing on new families. EVERYONE is busy, EVERYONE is working; it only takes a couple of hours each month, and your contributions are so greatly appreciated!

Over the past 4 years, our PTSO is proud to have raised over \$50,000 for the benefit of the school. There will be **MANY** opportunities for volunteers throughout the school year. Join in the fun as we plan the many events that PTSO sponsors every year. **YOU** are important in PTSO's ongoing success at the school.

GET INVOLVED....STAY CONNECTED....MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



OPENING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Beginning with an idea over 3 years ago, X-Scream Halloween has grown into an eagerly anticipated yearly Haunted Event, and 2008 will be no exception! Larger than ever before! 4 haunted attractions, 2 outdoor fright zones and much, much more for a full night of purely mischievous terror! www.xscreamevening.com