



The Gazette

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Principal Cesare Reno Boffice and Founder, Greg Hauptner.

2007-2008 Schedule of PTSO Meetings:

September 10th – Mrs. Hullander
 (G-Star Guidance Counselor)
 October 8th – Barry Malis (Score at the TOP)
 SAT Prep
November 5th – John Convery (Educated Wealth Center) College Financial Planning
 November 6th (afternoon)
 December 3rd
 January 14th - Speaker TBA
 February 11th; February 12th (afternoon)
 March 10th
 April 21st - Speaker TBA
 May 12th - Election of Officers 2008-2009



OPENING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

The Story:

Something is very very wrong at DeathMask Studios.....

Best Scenery Award, Best Costuming Award, Best Special Effects - how are they doing it? Deathmask Studios' recent sweep of the industry's top awards has the competition talking! How can their scenery be so perfect, the costuming so accurate and the effects so real? And who - or what - is Timetech?

A few motion picture producers quietly infiltrated the studio, never to be seen again. A few less than reliable sources speculate that time travel is involved. Studio Tours are still offered at present, but rumors of strange, horrible events abound. Something is very, very wrong at Deathmask. Please - take care if you enter.

Open Fridays and Saturdays

October 12th & 13th
 October 19th & 20th
 October 26th & 27th
 October 31st

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.
Children's Tour 7:00 – 8:00
Full Scare Tour 8:00 – 11:00

G-Star Building "H"

Admission: Adults \$11.00 (10.00 with coupon)
Children \$6.00 (\$5.00 with coupon)

At 20,000 sq. ft., this annual event starring 80 G-Star students has become the biggest single haunted house attraction in all of Florida, where over 200 G-Star students have built three massive movie sets. Tune in "The Buzz" 103.1 for live feeds from its truck at our entrance and also live-remotes every night of X-Scream from 7-9 p.m.

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.

G-Star Charter Renewed for 10 Years!!

(and other stuff)

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about some items that have gone by and some great things coming up in the future. First, as you may know, we have gone through three financial audits since G-Star opened that are mandated by our contract with the School District. Our three audits were pristine showing that all funds were used for educational purposes and not one penny was unaccounted for. The Charter School Office and the Charter School Finance Department ordered a fourth audit for compliance (different from financial) of G-Star, and the School Board made their statement about the validity of the audit findings by granting us a 10-year charter renewal which is more than three times the regular charter renewal. Interestingly enough, the long-time auditor for the School District that we steadfastly challenged and who bragged that he had brought down 10 charter schools, no longer works at the School District. The new auditor has found no problems and was impressed by our financials.

Now on to the fun items! Has anyone noticed the airplane at our front entrance? It has become a landmark. The plane, a WWII Grumman F6F Hellcat fighter plane, has now branded our entrance. If that isn't enough, right next to the plane in the front and back of the school property you will be seeing a new sign that lights up at night. We will be able to put announcements on it. Of course, this will be a permanent fixture.

It looks like October 20th or there about will bring our 9-ton, 95-foot wingspan DC-3 to our G-Star Studios back lot. The moving of the WWII plane will be an event in itself. The Post, the Sun Sentinel, The Buzz, and TV stations have all requested to be there. The largest tow truck in the world, owned by Kauff's Towing, will be lifting and transporting the plane. A company out of Michigan that moves aircraft for museums has been hired and is bringing specially made parts to lift the plane without breaking it apart. The DC-3 will become a major part of our back lot tour as well as a prop for movies and X-Scream Halloween.

The performance of This LimeTree Bower, performed by our own Drama Teachers' theater production company, *Rude Mechanicals Productions*, was a sell-out success and garnered a rave review from the Palm Beach Post theater critic. We're very proud of our own Jeff Bower, Matt Stabile, and Robert Olsen. It was a fantastic night of professional theater.

The excitement continues to rise as our thespian students rehearse for the One Acts for competition with all the other high schools in our tri-county area. G-Star once again dominated these awards last year. We are looking forward to another great year of Superiors and Critic's Choice Awards.

- Greg Hauptner, Founder

G-STAR BUS DRIVER SAVES LIVES!

As a State Trooper looked on at the intersection of Northlake Blvd. and the Bee Line Highway, an 18-wheeler traveling at 75 MPH ran the red light and headed directly for the side of one of our school buses filled with our children. Our bus driver, Greta, turned the bus up on two wheels and the 18-wheeler missed the bus by inches. The driver was arrested and Miss Greta has become our hero! Everyday these wonderful G-Star bus drivers travel with our children's lives in their capable hands. We are very proud of all of them: Cassandra, Greta, Sharon, Mencias, Russell, and Scott Green, our Transportation Coordinator. Rarely are they thanked for the terrific job they do. So please take a moment when you see them to thank them and wave at them or send them your smiles. They deserve our appreciation.



Ms. Ceasar with Mr. Green, Transportation Coordinator

Media Center News

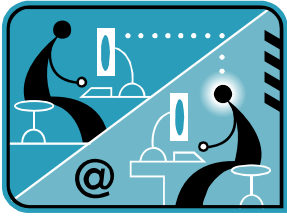
Support G-Star's Media Center at our upcoming **Book Fair** which will be held on December 9th and 10th at the **Barnes & Noble** store in the **Wellington Mall**. For printable vouchers & more info visit the media center website: www.gstarschool.org/Mediacenter.asp

Students may now purchase books required for their English class at the media center. Book prices can be obtained from your student's English teacher or Mrs. Bower in the media center at ibower@gstarschool.org



Donors who sponsor a magazine subscription for the media center will now be recognized with a nameplate on the magazine display. For a list of magazines and prices, check the website or contact Mrs. Bower.

Parent * 2 * Parent



This column is designed to include little pieces of information, resources, website addresses, etc. about educational programs and tools, student travel opportunities, summer programs, scholarship websites, etc. from our parents. We are always sharing these things among ourselves at meetings, and we wanted to include the entire group of parents and ask you to share your discoveries. So here are a few to get you started:

Thinking of scholarship aid for your student (who isn't?) Here's a source for Bright Futures and Florida Medallion Scholars:

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/

Would you like to learn more about the SATs, and even sign up to have a sample question of the day forwarded to you? Then visit: www.collegeboard.com

The ACT is another widely accepted college entrance exam. You can learn all about it, and even take sample exams by visiting www.act.org

Parents, please forward any pieces of information you think would be beneficial as well!

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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MAPP

(Movement, Art, Passion, Purpose)

MAPP is a new after school dance program offering Lyrical, Salsa, Merengue, B-Boy, Pop & Lock, Beginners and Advanced Hip Hop, and Beginners and Advanced Step! Classes will begin October 22, 2007 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. For more information, see Taneisha Sweetenburg, Yasi Cuesta, or Lady English Edwards.

PTSO News

PTSO'S mantra is get involved, stay connected, and make a difference! Do you sometimes feel you just don't quite have a handle on what's going on at the school? PTSO is working hard to get the word out!

On the get involved side, PTSO welcomes our new officers:

Renatta Espinoza and Odette Robinson as Co-Vice Presidents, and Scott Ringersen as Co-Treasurer. Thank you for your willingness to get involved - we welcome your fresh ideas and enthusiasm!

On the subject of staying connected, ***did you know*** that G-Star's guidance counselor, Michelle Hullender has a "Guidance Gazette" that is absolutely FULL of information for ALL grades concerning the SATs and ACTs, Scholarship Information and what is required to qualify, important dates for testing and applying to colleges, in depth information on 11 Florida universities, and many, many helpful links for parents and students alike. **If you had attended PTSO's September 10th meeting, you would know!**

Did you know that G-Star's Open House took place on September 25th where we were able to meet with our student's teachers and understand what will be expected during the school year? Sometimes information doesn't find it's way home via our students, but **PTSO members received an email reminding them of the date and time.**

Did you know that recently Mr. Hauptner and three of our students were featured on the NPR radio station on WXEL Florida Forum Radio Show? Lori Perry, Aimee Vitaglian, and Camry Schusler were articulate and insightful as they discussed the process of screenwriting and the many lessons they learned along the way such as perseverance and to keep writing. You might not even know about it, but **PTSO members received an email advising them of the broadcast.**

Did you know the difference between the ACTs and SATs? And when is the best time for your students to take the tests, or how many times they should take them? Or how to best prepare your students for optimum results? Or most importantly, how colleges view the results? **If you had attended PTSO's October 8th meeting, you would know!**

So don't miss our November 5th meeting featuring John Convery from the Educated Wealth Center, who will be addressing College Financial Planning!!

**G-STAR PTSO
GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED,
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**

School Calendar



(Note Updates Listed!)

New Student Orientation	August 20
First Day of School	August 22
Labor Day (No School)	September 3
Late Start Day	September 6
Open House (6-8 pm)	September 25
Holiday (No School)	September 13
Late Start Day	September 20
Holiday (No School)	September 28
Late Start Day	October 4
X-Scream Nights	Oct 12/13, 19/20, 26/27 & 31
One Act Plays	October 22 - 25
Late Start Day	October 18
End of 1 st Nine Weeks	October 26
Teacher Work Day (No School)	October 29
Late Start Day	November 15
Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	Nov. 21-23
Individual Events Auditions	November 27-28
Late Start Day	December 6
One Acts Festival	December 7-8
Holiday Party	December 7
Winter Holiday (No School)	Dec. 24-Jan. 4
Late Start Day	January 10
End of 2 nd Nine Weeks	January 17
Teacher Work Day (No School)	January 18
Individual Events Festival	January 19
MLK Day (No School)	January 21
Late Start Day	January 24
Late Start Day	February 7
FCAT Writing+	February 12-15
Holiday (No School)	February 18
Late Start Day	February 28
FCAT (Reading, Math, Science)	3/12-3/25
Holiday (No School)	March 21
End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	March 27
Teacher Work Day (No School)	March 28
Silent Auction	March 29
Spring Break	April 5-13
Film Premier	April TBA
State Thespian Festival	April 30-May 4
Late Start Day	April 24
Prom Night	May TBA
Graduation	May TBA
Grad Night	May TBA
Project Graduation	May TBA
Holiday (No School)	May 26
Last Day of School	June 6

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TO THE PARENTS OF G-STAR STUDENT:



Our next PTSO meeting on **November 5th** will feature John Convery from the Educated Wealth Center, who will be addressing **College Financial Planning**.

Please plan to attend!

One Act Plays

This year's One Act Plays will take place beginning Monday, October 22nd, through Thursday, October 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre (Building "H"), and will feature the following productions:

Bakkhai by Euripides
(adapted/directed by Mr. Bower)

Words, Words, Words by David Ives
(directed by Ms. Mason)

Oedipus The King by Sophocles
(adapted/directed by Mr. Olson)

The Lottery by Shirley Jackson
(adapted/directed by Mr. Stabile)



Tickets are \$10.00, and will be available to purchase from the Theatre Department Office on the following dates:

Cast and crew - October 15th,
General Public - October 17th

Proceeds are used to offset costs of attending the State Finals in the Spring, so come out and support our students!!