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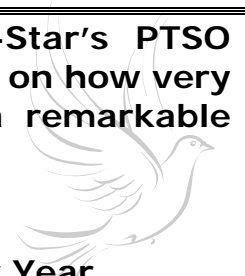
Principal Cesare Reno Boffice and Founder, Greg Hauptner.

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 2nd – Holiday Social
 January 14th - Speaker TBA
 February 11th
 March 10th
 April 21st - Speaker TBA
 May 12th - Election of Officers 2008-2009

At this special time of year, G-Star's PTSO wishes to take a moment to reflect on how very fortunate we are to have such a remarkable school for our children to attend.

Wishing all of you Peace and Joy during the Holidays and in the New Year.



Student Holiday Dance

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7-10 p.m.



The yearbook is sponsoring a holiday dance in the cafeteria on the G-Star campus. There will be a DJ, refreshments, and a Guitar Hero/ Rock Band game set-up with prizes for the winners. There will also be pictures with Santa and of course, yearbook photographers taking pictures for the book. Parent volunteers are needed and gladly welcomed.

(For additional information, contact Mr. Weiss.)

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 29th
 7:00 p.m.

Night of the Stars

Silent Auction
 Marriott CityPlace

Night of the Stars is G-Star's major fundraiser. It's also an opportunity to showcase the students' talents in a public setting, and it's great FUN!!

Some of the items available this year will include:

- 2-night stay at the Ritz-Carlton!
- Designer Handbags!
- Principle for a Day!
- Tickets to area Arts shows!
- Rounds of Golf!
- Student Reserved Parking Space!
- Sunday Brunch at the Breakers!
- Ride on the Goodyear Blimp!
- Wonderful Wines!



More donations are arriving daily, so mark the date, and keep checking upcoming newsletters for more details!

From Mr. Hauptner....

It may surprise some of you to know that G-Star operates within a philosophy developed in the 1940s by a man named W. Edwards Deming. Deming was the man whose systems were used by America to build war ships, tanks, and planes to out-produce the world, thus winning WWII with our industrial might. Discouraged by the discontinuation of his systems after the war and the return to the old American industrial management models by U.S. corporations, he was invited to Japan in 1950 to help revitalize their bombed out industries. Japan used Deming's systems to gain the world prominence they now have. Today Ford, Chevrolet, and Harley Davidson, just to name a very few, use Deming's systems. They are most notably used by Disney - and by G-Star.

Deming says the job of management is prediction, and so G-Star's success was planned before a single paper was signed for the charter. The original business plan called for G-Star to have \$1 million in operating funds in the bank by the end of its fourth year. We did it in three years and eleven months. It also called for G-Star to own the property the school is located on in five years. We did it in two and one-half years. We started as a school with zero money in the bank and a \$65,000 per month operating income that we spent down to almost the very last penny each month while hoping the next check would come in a day or two early to pay the bills. Four years later G-Star owns a motion picture studio, a TV show, a radio show, 93,000 sq. ft. of space in ten buildings, has over \$11 million in assets, and is about to go well over 100,000 sq. ft with the building of a new sound stage (we just bought the property). Who do we have to thank for all this? W. Edwards Deming. He was quite a guy.

In the early 1990's I studied his methods with a highly successful big-industry Deming advocate. Together we taught Deming's theories and methods to over 100 businesses through various Chambers of Commerce. I was invited to speak at the University of Miami School of Business graduate level on Deming's systems and, through an FSU international business program given at FAU; I taught Deming's systems to 30 Russian businessmen and businesswomen.

G-Star has been complimented many times for its financial success. It has also been the source of much jealousy from other entities in the charter school system that struggle financially and who believe we only do well because we must be cheating the system somehow. Deming was no cheater and neither is G-Star. One of my favorite sayings from my years of Deming advocacy is, "A leader's vision has power only to the extent it is shared by those who are asked to carry it out." G-Star is successful because its staff, its students, its parents, and its Board of Directors share its vision. Thanks to all of you!

- Greg Hauptner, Founder

G-STAR students on set with WILLIAM H. MACY & JENNIFER TILLY in a major feature film!

The major feature film, Bart Got A Room, shot a pivotal plot scene involving a high school prom on Monday, October 29th, with 150 G-Star students as actors working with the entire cast. The film stars William H. Macy (Wild Hogs, Jurassic Park III), Jennifer Tilly (Liar, Liar, Monsters, Inc.), and Cheryl Hines (Curb Your Enthusiasm, Herbie Fully Loaded). One of our G-Star students, Joey Siciliano, has been cast in the featured role of the character "Kurt".

Bart Got A Room is a family-rated film in the tradition of Ferris Bueller's Day Off. It is about a teenager who has troubles with getting a date for the prom and who seeks out the mysterious student "Bart", whose exploits are legendary among the teenagers at his school. This comedy is being produced in Weston, Florida, by Plum Pictures, a New York based film company.

After principal photography is wrapped, Writer/Director Brian Hecker and Producer Peter Pastorelli will visit the G-Star School of the Arts to tour the G-Star Studios movie production facilities for possible future film productions to be done at the G-Star Studios, and to give a seminar to the students about the arts and sciences of film production.

Yearbook News

G-Star's 2007-08 yearbook is currently taking advanced orders. The price is \$50.00, (same price as last year), and will include an additional 12 pages of content!

Yearbook ads are also available:

- \$200 for a full page ad
- \$100 for a half page ad
- \$75 for a 1/4 page ad,
- \$50 for a 1/8 page, (business card-sized) ad,



Purchasing a yearbook ad is a great way for parents to congratulate their graduating senior on a job well done. (For additional information, contact Mr. Weiss.)

RUMMAGE SALES

When you're doing your post-holiday cleaning, please don't throw out any items we can use in our upcoming rummage sales. PTSO will be holding a rummage sale in the spring to fund Project Graduation. In addition, some of our clubs will also be holding rummage sales to support their activities. This is a great way to support the school and clean out your closets! Set them aside and watch for upcoming dates!

Media Center News

Support G-Star's Media Center at our upcoming **Book Fair** which will be held on January 31st at the **Barnes & Noble** store in the **Wellington Mall**. For printable vouchers & more info visit the media center website: www.gstarschool.org/Mediacenters.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.

Club News

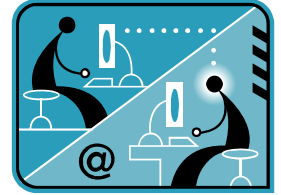
The G-Star "Dirt Foundation" Environmental Club has created a new, improved recycling program for the school. Co-Presidents Rebecca Landerman and Cecelia O'Brien, Treasurer Michelle Echeverri, Secretary Jaime Tiedt, and club members Gian Goetz, Lara Spotts, Ashley Bryan, and Claudia Gaudino did their research, presented a plan to Mr. Hauptner, and now have the Solid Waste Authority's blue bins on site to recycling new plastic and aluminum recycling. The Dirt Foundation will be contributing to "Everglades Day: Walk on the Wild Side" at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge. The club has also recruited a team to represent G-Star at this year's Envirothon competition. The club plans to have a fund-raising rummage sale to support a trip to Washington, D.C. The club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and is always open to new members! See Ms. Rasha or any of the above students for additional details.

Faculty News

Ms. Weitz' students are currently working on making short videos on math concepts that were found to be weaknesses on the FCAT diagnostic tests that were recently administered. These videos, which will be 5 to 10 minutes in length, will be shown in the math classes of teachers who have FCAT students. What a great way to keep learning fun – learning from your peers! The videos will be provided to the teachers in the near future, and we will provide feedback in an upcoming edition!

Parent*2*Parent

College acceptance letters are starting to be sent out. If your son or daughter has been accepted into a college, please let us know so we can congratulate them in an upcoming edition. This milestone should be recognized and honored!



An FYI — those community service hours DO make a difference. One of our senior students received an email from the university she will be attending that because of her high number of community service hours during high school (she has over 200 hours) she is eligible for a **\$2,400 per year** grant from the Service Scholar Program through the Center for Leadership and Civic Education! So...Community Service can pay off. It's not just about Bright Futures and the minimum required to graduate! Since the transcript only shows the total amount of hours and not when they were done, it's not too late to catch up!

www.fastweb.com is a **scholarship search service** where you can enter profile information for your student and they email you information about scholarships that fit the profile provided.

Important websites to keep handy:

- Bright Futures and Florida Medallion Scholars: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/
- SAT information: www.collegeboard.com
- ACT information: www.act.org

Parents, please forward any information you think would be beneficial as well! Also 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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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.

School Calendar



(Note Updates Listed!)

New Student Orientation	August 20
First Day of School	August 22
Labor Day (No School)	September 3
Open House (6-8 pm)	September 25
Holiday (No School)	September 13
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
Grad Night	April 19
Film Premier	April TBA
Late Start Day	April 24
Pathfinders Ceremony	April 28
State Thespian Festival	April 30-May 4
Prom Night	May 9
Baccalaureate	May 27
Graduation	May 28
Holiday (No School)	May 26
Project Graduation	May 28
Last Day of School	June 6

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TO THE PARENTS OF G-STAR STUDENT:

X SCREAM HALLOWEEN

X-Scream Halloween 2007 was a huge success. In only its second year, attendance more than tripled, with a total "body count" over 3,000!! This year's event attracted corporate sponsors including Pepsi and The Buzz Radio Station 103.1, who broadcast nightly directly from X-Scream. We're thrilled to report that X-Scream took in \$30,000 at the door, and is already operating in the black!! Kudos to all of the students who worked so tirelessly and gave so many hours to make this such a smashing success, under the supervision of George Colavecchio. Thanks also goes out to Mrs. Annabelle Leach, who tirelessly coordinated the entire volunteer effort at the gate and concessions, and the cast party.

