



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOR MOTION PICTURES AND BROADCASTING

The Gazette

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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

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On April 15th, under the guidance of Ms. Tieche, Mr. Plumb and Mr. Stabile, G-Star proudly welcomed its first inductees into the National Honor Society. These honorees exhibit excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Congratulations to the following students on achieving this honor:



Sophomores

Tracy Abel
 Eitan Abramowitz
 Marina Alexandre
 Corey Becerra
 Alexandria Casperson
 Alexander Chimienti
 Shanice Dehaney
 Christine Dellamorte
 Matthew Derojas
 Roger Gerard
 Rebecca Hartwig
 Samuel Hauser
 Thomas Holmberg
 Alexis Kane
 Cassie Kris
 David Kris
 Claire Lawson
 Zachary Lewis
 Lorry Light
 Marggy Pereira
 Lori Perry
 Chewan Robinson
 Alejandra Rodriguez
 Lilah Souza
 Esterline Vielot
 David Weistbrot
 Shriyantha Wimalasekera
 Kearsten Wolin
 Daniela Zuniga

Juniors

Walter Delgado
 Miles Henderson
 Samantha Kountz
 Annabelle Leach
 Erica LeBrun
 Jessica London
 Jessica McLeod
 Orion Meades
 Angela Minucci
 Leanne Perry
 Taylor Pico
 Anastasia Placido
 Becca Ross
 Hanna Stallard
 Roneisha Wilson

Seniors

Ashley Cohen
 Melissa Landy
 Alaina Mathers
 Harlo Powers
 Kaliah Ricketts
 Whitney Sigall

BECCA ROSS WINS THREE GOLD MEDALS!



G-Star student Becca Ross is a 15-time World Martial Arts Champion. This year she was asked to represent the United States at the Olympics of Martial Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia. Forty-one countries competed with the best martial arts athletes in the world. At this writing, information from Russia was not detailed, however, we were informed that Becca won THREE GOLD MEDALS in forms and weapons, her specialties. She has just returned to G-Star with her medals, and we all cannot wait to hear details of her amazing accomplishment! She is truly a world-class athlete. We are very proud of her. Her years of dedication and hard work have paid off. CONGRATULATIONS BECCA!

The G-Star Mission

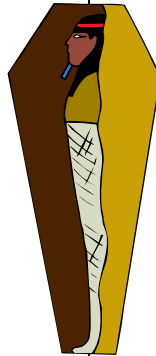
To prepare and educate students to demonstrate mastery in the arts and academics ("artademics"), to achieve physical, social, emotional, and intellectual wellness, and to implement career goals and strategies.

**Notes from G-Star Founder,
Greg Hauptner**

I have just returned home from an evening at the Florida Stage featuring our own G-Star students in a play they co-wrote and developed with students in Kosovo, Albania, and Rwanda. It was entitled "Children of Conflict". To call this production amazing is to understate its significance as a theater experience like no other. The stories, the lines, the acting were from the minds and hearts of the children of all of the countries involved. They communicated by internet and some had to sign off at various times because the air raid sirens were going off. It was an evening of instruction for all who were there and it was an evening of pride to see just how much our students had grown in the process. I can tell you that our world is safer and more sane as these talented and wise students march on into future.

Back at home in our more frivolous world, we have been dealing with some bad news ourselves by way of cuts in funding for education. The cuts have been deep for all schools. G-Star has been chided for its financial success and strength among other schools and even in the press. However, our financial strength has been built just for times like these. Yes, we have worked hard to be financially secure. We will weather the financial cuts far better than most other schools. Of that we can all be proud.

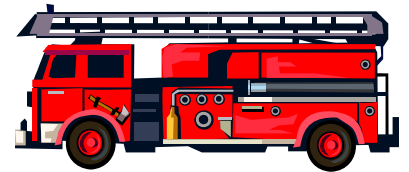
I received a call just before I left for the play tonight from Brownie McClain, a Palm Beach socialite. I've known Brownie for several years. She raises many dollars for charities in Palm Beach, New York, and Paris. Her grand ball is the Crystal Ball Gala in New York City. It is attended by over 300 of New York's wealthiest personage. After fifteen years of raising money for one particular charity, she has parted company with them. She asked if G-Star would be interested in being the recipient of the Crystal Ball Gala's proceeds. I explained that we are a non-profit and can accept the donations, however, as a public school we cannot spend money on the ball. She said, "Of course you won't. I pay for everything. It will bring a ton of notoriety to your school with some of the biggest people in New York and a lot of money." That's all I needed to hear. We're in. I meet with her this week to finalize the preparations. I put her in touch with our new fundraiser, Pamela Stark Thomas, who is starting the G-Star Foundation. Pamela brought me to a private Palm Beach party to meet Governor Crist and many influential and wealthy Palm Beachers. She worked the room like no one I've seen before. Many of them are coming to G-Star for a tour to see if they want to donate to our school. It all looks very positive. Funny how things begin to fall into place. I'll keep you posted on the Foundation's progress.



We had over 600 filmmakers, cast and crew attend the new sound stage announcement party. It was the most successful party we have ever thrown. Attendees included the LA Producer of the Prince and the Pauper (the Dylan & Cole Sprouse movie), the former head of MGM's distribution, and the PBC Film Commissioner. Several filmmakers have declared their intention to shoot their next movie at the G-Star Studios. It was a super kick-off party for what will be the largest motion picture sound stage in south Florida.

FCAT tests are over and we believe we've done quite well. The results are not revealed until July or August this year. I'm very proud of our Administration and entire staff for their hard work on this critical focus for our school. Our academics are stronger than ever.

On the wacky, fun side of G-Star (we've always been a little weird), we acquired a 17-ton



1978 American LaFrance Fire Engine that is 35 feet long, plus an Egyptian mummy sarcophagus. It is painted with gold leaf and is a reproduction of King Tut's burial case - very beautiful. Both will make great props for feature films.

- Greg Hauptner

PTSO ELECTIONS

Note that PTSO elections will take place at the upcoming May 12th meeting. This year, we are losing a large number of dedicated senior parents, and it is critical that some new leaders step up to the plate and take on leadership roles. The school is only as good as the community it serves. Being involved in PTSO is the best way to meet other parents, learn from their experiences, and make great friends. Please plan to join us and consider joining us. Many hands make light work!!

AUCTION RESULTS

Your PTSO was enormously successful in staging yet another spectacular auction gala. If you missed it, you really missed out! The students' talents were showcased in film, live performances, and music, and through the hard of work of so many wonderful volunteers, we cleared over **\$13,300.00**. This money will go a long way next year as we continue to provide financial support for school programs and activities.

Departing Notes from our *Most Special* PTSO Co-Chairperson

Dear G-Star Family,

I don't need to tell you how special this school is or the profound impact it can have on our children. You can see it for yourself in the enthusiasm they show and the hard work they put into their art and academic projects. You see it in the dedication and extra time given by the teachers and staff to help our students reach their individual goals. You see it in their award winning performances and film work. You see it all around you every time you come on campus.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as PTSO Co-President and Chairperson for the Night of the Stars Auction Fundraiser this year and to be a part of the PTSO for the four years my children have been at G-Star. The parents, teachers and staff that I have met, worked side-by-side with and become friends with over the past four years are a truly special group of dedicated parents and professionals. They are unsung heroes working tirelessly behind the scenes, and they deserve not only our praise but also our heartfelt gratitude. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your loyalty and dedication to G-Star and your support of the many projects and fundraisers the PTSO membership and volunteers have been a part of during my time here. Because of the tireless efforts and dedication of these people, in the past four years over \$50,000 has been raised toward the betterment of the school and the expansion of its programs and extra-curricular activities.

I especially want to take this opportunity to extend a special thanks to Greg Hauptner for his vision of what G-star could be, and to Reno Boffice, Kim Collins, the Board of Directors and the teachers and staff who have been with the school since the first day, for their early and never-ending support of that vision. In the beginning, when everyone was still crunched into one little building and the students sat on the floor in the hallways for lunch, it was sometimes hard to see the vision coming together. But that didn't stop them. They looked beyond the cramped quarters and limited facilities and saw the dream as it could be. They never wavered in their belief that they could create a new concept for a school and a different approach to both art and education - and they did it! They took that dream and pushed beyond the many challenges they faced. They shared it with the creative individuals who would join them each year. They created what is quickly becoming recognized as the premier arts educational institution of its kind in the country.

To those of you who have just started to get involved with the G-Star PTSO, or have not yet taken the opportunity to share in a G-Star or PTSO event, I want to extend the invitation to take part in the lives of your children by taking part in the events and activities at their school. This stuff is important — YOU are important to making it happen. At our May 12th meeting, the officers will be elected for next year's PTSO. Step up and take a leadership role — it isn't so hard and the rewards are amazing. You will never meet a group of more wonderful and dedicated people. The members of the PTSO and the teachers and staff at G-Star have worked together to refine communications and support for the many worthy projects at the school. If you think what we are doing is valuable and worthwhile, help us out. Show up. Give your time. Set an example for your child of what giving back to one's community really means. After all, our kids are only going to be a part of this experience for four years at the most (we hope!) and how long is that, really, in the greater scheme of our lives?

This is my last year as a G-Star parent and part of the PTSO and though I will miss my time as a parent and volunteer at this school, it is the students I know I will miss the most. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the amazingly wonderful students whose lives and achievements I have had the privilege to share in over the past four years. You have eaten my food, slept on my floor, filmed in my kitchen, rehearsed in my living room, messed up my house and beaten on my furniture in drumming circles that lasted late into the night. You have made me laugh and you have made me cry — sometimes at the same time! You have continued to surprise and impress me with your professionalism, thoughtfulness, maturity and talents. You are the best, you are the reason we keep showing up and you are always welcome at our house. I have loved every minute of the time we have shared and can't wait to hear all about your future adventures! Thank you for making it all worthwhile; I will truly miss the wonderful G-Star students!

Thank you again, one and all, for the most rewarding four years of my life as a parent. In the words of one much more eloquent than I, "parting is such sweet sorrow".

Sincerely,

Lauren Mathers
PTSO Co-President
Auction Co-Chairperson
Proud G-Star Parent



Editor's Note: Lauren and AI, you will BOTH be sorely missed, and YOU are welcome any time at "G-Star's house"!

School Calendar



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
Project Graduation Rummage Sale.....	April 19
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
First Day of School (2008-2009).....	Aug 18

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TO THE PARENTS OF G-STAR STUDENT:

Children of Conflict

G-Star recently completed a collaboration with Florida Stage, culminating in the April 21st performance of "Anything Earth-Shaking?". Since September, our participating students have been talking with their peers in Kosovo and Rwanda, learning what it's like to grow up in a country touched by violence. Our students interviewed adults and children from the Mashirika Creative and Performing Arts Group in Kigali, Rwanda, as well as students in war torn, yet newly independent, Kosovo. Through the Florida Stage website, students posted messages for their foreign counterparts, who responded in kind. Out of the stories the students gathered from letters, email, film clips, and other methods, they created a live theatrical performance with contributions from their international partners. This one of a kind cultural exchange was very well attended, not only by G-Star families, but also by patrons of Florida Stage, who were genuinely impressed with the caliber of the students' work. We are enormously proud of this collaboration, and look forward to continuing with Florida Stage in the coming years. Students interested in participating next year must be in Film IV, and should contact Mr. Bower for additional information.

The yearbook is coming! The yearbook is coming!



The 2008 yearbook is completed and scheduled for a May 8th (or earlier) delivery.

The book consists of 112 full-color pages, up from 108 original pages last year. This is also the first year that Yearbook/Journalism has been an actual class instead of a

club. As a result, the content and quality of work is far superior than it has been in the past. We have ordered 250 books, approximately 50 of which have been sold already, so purchase your copy now. Remember that last year all 200 yearbooks sold out completely and there were some unhappy seniors who waited too long.

The yearbook costs \$50. Bring a check or cash to Mr. Weiss in Building J, room 219, and he will issue you a receipt. Yearbooks can be purchase before and after school, between classes or during lunch. No purchases may be made during scheduled class-time. Get your copy while supplies last to preserve the memory of your high school experience for many years to come!

2008-2009 School Year

The School District of Palm Beach County has approved its Annual Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year, which will begin Monday, August 18th. Parents, mark your calendars!