



POLK STATE
Lakeland Gateway to College
Collegiate High School



Welcome to our new students and parents and Welcome back to our students and parents who began the school year with us! We are excited about this semester and the great things that await our students. Parents please know that our doors are open, emails and phones are available to you whenever you have questions or concerns.

As we've been into the semester for almost four weeks, we are noticing healthy and unhealthy trends. Students, please be sure that you are attending class daily and ensure that you are checking your my.polk.edu emails.

(This is not the same thing as Canvas)

High School Faculty & Staff

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Important Dates

Early Release

January 15, 2020
February 5, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 22, 2020

testing

FSA Testing Writing/Reading

February 28, 2020
March 6, 2020
March 13, 2020

ALL DATES MANDATORY

**ACT and SAT
School Day with
Dr. Downing-Townsend**
Only for students who need to pass
the FSA.

ACT School Day
February 25 – 26,
2020

SAT School Day
April 14, 2020

SENIORS FOCUS 2020 VISION

Senior Quotes due by **2/7/2020**

Cap & Gown Deadline **2/11/2020**

A.A. Graduation application due by
3/20/2020

Prom – **FREE 4/18/2020**

LTB1100

More details soon

Grad Bash

4/24/2020

More details soon

College/Career Celebration

4/28/2020 @ 6:30PM

LTB1100

Senior Last Day

5/6/2020

AA Degree Graduation

5/7/2020 @ 6:30PM

RP Funding Center

Mandatory Senior Meeting

5/8/2020 @ 9:00AM

Senior Awards

5/11/2020

Closed Mandatory Graduation Practice

5/13/2020 @ 9AM

Graduation

5/13/2020 @ 6:30PM

Winter Haven Campus Health Center



AD Sales until

February 28, 2020

Purchased in Higher Reach or
see Ms. Battle.

\$50 – Half Page Ad

\$100 – Full Page Ad

Senior Ads, Team Ads, Club Ads,
Business Ads, etc... Please
contact Mrs. Clayton for more
information.

tbass@polk.edu

**Yeabooks are also on sale for
\$50.00 until February 28, 2020.**

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see Ms. Battle.

Don't Miss Out!!!!

**YES, WE HAVE
COLLEGE AND
HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSES ON
PRESIDENT'S DAY**
February 17, 2020.





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We are required to ensure that we present Mental health lessons to our students. We will begin these lessons next week and our location will be in LLC2188. Parents you will receive a letter outlining these presentations.

- Tuesday, February 11** – Stress and Anxiety
- Tuesday, March 3** – Depression
- Tuesday, March 10** – Suicide Prevention
- Tuesday, March 17** – Stigma of mental illness and self-care strategies
- Tuesday, April 7** – Vaping prevention
- Tuesday, April 21** – Opioid/prescription medication awareness



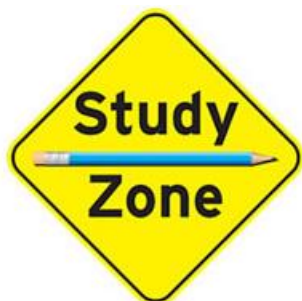


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Do you need a QUIET place to study, use the computer or complete homework?

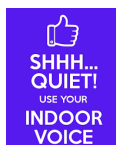
We have the PERFECT place for you!

LAC1170A also known as Lab A



Come in. Get it done.

Lab A now has an adult ready and available to assist you!



Students we will be scheduling Summer and Fall college courses SOON!

If you're eligible for college courses, please be sure to check your my.polk.edu email for more information regarding college course scheduling.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to select the courses that you could potentially take.

(please note that schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the GHS administration)



Interim Reports **February 14, 2020**

Report Cards **March 20, 2020**

SPRING BREAK March **23 - 27, 2020**

Gateway Recruit Night **March 31, 2020 & April 14, 2020**

Gateway Application Open **April 1 - 30, 2020**

No School April 10, 2020

Prom (FREE) **April 18, 2020**

Interim Reports **April 24, 2020**

College Summer Classes Begin **May 6, 2020**

Student Meeting **May 8, 2020**

Last Day for High School Classes for Juniors - **May 20, 2020**





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Parents and students, earlier in the year we had to change our Remind rules based on the app. Many of you successfully switched over to your section with ease, however, some parents and students have not switched over. Please follow the instructions below if you have not received a remind message from us in a while. You may have missed a lot of important information.

Text to: 81010

Seniors Only - @20vision

Senior Parents Only – PSR2020

Juniors only - @ghsjuniors

Junior Parents Only – PJRGHS

If you have the app on your phone simply join the appropriate class above. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office at 863-669-2923.