

# GHS EAGLE'S CORNER

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## Dr. DT's Tidbits

We are in the month of February Already! WOW!!!! Students as you embrace the final semester (last two quarters) of this 2021-2022, I'd like to empower you to **FINISH STRONG!**

To our seniors, make the BEST of this last semester of high school. Some of you may be missing a few things that you are currently working on to meet graduation requirements, please know that **YOU GOT THIS!** Some of you may still be lacking that score for FSA Reading or Algebra I EOC, please know that **YOU GOT THIS!** While we know that your last two years haven't been what you would have liked, you're almost at the finish line, so **FINISH STRONG!**

Juniors and Sophomores, you too have not had an ideal last two years, hopefully, you'll be able to get back to some normalcy in the coming weeks and months.

Parents, we'd like to THANK YOU for your continued support of your student(s) and of Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School.

We are thrilled to have parents who have shown the support that we've seen. Please note that we will be sending information to our parents for our parent group. (Will be sent Friday, February 4, 2022). We are looking forward to a strong year-end finish for ALL of our PS LKLD GHS students!



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### Upcoming Events



## COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES

Parents we encourage you to keep students' home who are ill, and/or experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if they have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID. You all have been TERRRIFIC thus far notifying us with information regarding quarantines and exposure to the virus. Students, please following procedures should you encounter someone who is positive or if you test positive yourself.

**Step 1: Notify Dr. Downing-Townsend or**

**a GHS instructor via email.**

**Step 2: Expect an email from Dr. Downing-Townsend with the link to self-report.**

**Step 3: Expect a call from the college regarding your self-report.**

**Step 4: Notify your instructors so that you can keep up with your assignments**

**HS attendance will be marked SB-medical.**



Trade, Workforce, College, Military, we can  
**PREPARE YOU!**

## GATEWAY RECRUITMENT



### Make Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School your choice!

Eligible students must have at least 10 high school credits in the upcoming school year. Enrollment for Spring 2022 is open now. Applications for Summer/Fall 2022 will be accepted January 3 – February 18.

More information and the application are available at [www.polk.edu/gateway](http://www.polk.edu/gateway) | 863.669.2923



## TESTING

**February 22-24** – FSA Writing and Reading. (For students who have not met their FSA Reading requirement. ALL three days are MANDATORY) **Location** - TBD

**March 8-9** - FSA Algebra 1 EOC. For students who have not met their FSA Algebra 1 requirement. Both days are MANDATORY) **Location** – TBD

**March 29-31** – ACT-NCR School Day (For **SENIORS ONLY** who **HAVE NOT** passed their FSA Reading Requirement and/or FSA Algebra 1 EOC requirement) **Location** - TBD

**April 13** – SAT School Day (**ONLY 56 spots**, the first 15 spots will go to those seniors who **HAVE NOT** passed their FSA Reading Requirement and/or FSA Algebra 1 EOC requirement. **The remaining 41 spots are first come first served.** **Location** - TBD

**April 19** - ACT School Day (For **JUNIORS ONLY**. Any Junior who wants to test can test) **Location** - TBD

**April 26** – SAT School Day (**ONLY 56 spots**, **First Come, First Served**) **If you sign up for testing on April 13, you CANNOT sign up for April 26 testing.** **Location** - TBD

**May 2** – Civics Test (For ANY student who had Mrs. McIntosh for US Government this year). **Location** – TBD

**May 3** – US History EOC (For any student currently enrolled in the US History Course.)

**May 9-10** – Geometry EOC (For those who are currently enrolled in the Geometry Course).

**ACT/SAT Testing signs up will be sent 2/4/2022**

Do you know someone who may be interested in our school for the 2022-2023 school year? Please have to them to apply! BOTH application links are below, and both are required.

**High School Application Link:** <https://www.polk.edu/lakeland-gateway-to-college-high-school/>

**College Application Link:** **(Please Apply as a dual enrolled student)** <https://passport.polk.edu/Genesis/student/applogon.jsp>

## Student Meetings



Student meetings by class (2022, 2023, 2024) will be held once a month. The purpose of this meeting is to keep you informed of school events, school news, etc.... All meetings will be held via zoom and the link will be posted in the individual class bands. The meetings will be recorded for those who may miss it. Students, it will be your responsibility to review the information.

## Parents Meetings

Virtual parent meetings will be held quarterly. The meetings will be held via zoom. The dates for the meetings are listed below:

April 19, 2022 @ 6:30PM



## IMPORTANT DATES

NHS (National Honor Society Induction)  
 February 22, 2022 @ 6:30PM  
 This is by invitation only and will be sent by Mrs. Chandler.

### RECRUIT NIGHTS

February 17, 2022 @ 6:30PM – Hybrid (More Information Coming)

March 8, 2022 @ 6:30PM – Virtual Only (More Information Coming)

TENTATIVE PROM – April 16, 2022 @ Harmony Haven

GRAD BASH – April 1, 2022 (SENIORS ONLY – **NO GUESTS**) Cost is \$115 per student. You **CANNOT** drive., You **MUST** ride the bus.



## TUTORING

We want to ensure that our students are getting the help that they need. For college classes, students have access to the TLCC in person and online via Canvas.

For college and high school, students should ALWAYS communicate with the instructor when they don't understand something. Fridays are used for remediation as students need it, but they must communicate and arrange

that with the teacher. Our teachers are here to assist. Parents for high school classes that students may be struggling in, please be sure remain in constant communication with the teacher.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors,

There are scholarship opportunities listed in Canvas under the scholarship module in the Gateway shell. PEF has also opened their scholarship portal which can be reached by clicking this link:

<https://polkschoolsfl.com/pef/scholarships/>

Please don't miss your opportunity to apply for the many scholarships that may be available to you. Mrs. Chandler has also posted some scholarships in the Senior student Band app page. If you have questions regarding this, please email Mrs. Chandler at tchandler@polk.edu.



The online application for **scholarships administered by the Polk Education Foundation** is open Tuesday, January 25, thru Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

It must be printed, signed and your SAR attached to turn into \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

The application can be found at [polkeducationfoundation.org](http://polkeducationfoundation.org)



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Scheduling** - Dr. Downing - Townsend & Ms. Jones

**Enrollment/Textbooks/Attendance** - Mrs. Murray

**FOCUS (student and parent portal)** - Mrs. Murray

**College & Career** - Mrs. Chandler

**IEPS, 504's, Gifted** - Ms. Jones

**ESOL** - Dr. Downing-Townsend

**Lunch forms** - Ms. Battle

**Canvas** - [camato@polk.edu](mailto:camato@polk.edu)

**Passport**- [registrar@polk.edu](mailto:registrar@polk.edu)

**Email** - 863-292-3652 or [jthompson@polk.edu](mailto:jthompson@polk.edu)

**Testing Coordinator** - Dr. Downing-Townsend

**Student Conferences** - Dr. Downing-Townsend & Ms. Jones

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