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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Current law and the State Board of Education regulations require the administration of criterion-referenced tests (CRTs), and norm-referenced test (NRTs). All students are expected to participate in state assessments. The state-mandated criterion-referenced testing for Gentry High School includes End-of-Course Exams in Algebra I and Geometry, Biology and a Grade 11 Literacy Exam (Grade 11 Literacy Exam was given March 4 & 5). Norm-referenced testing, beginning this year, will be the Stanford 10 Test and will be administered to all 9th grade students. Students and teachers have been working diligently to prepare for these exams. Please encourage your child to do their very best. Some suggestions to aid them in their success would be to get a good nights rest the evening before the test and to eat a good breakfast before testing. This year, as in the past, we will be providing breakfast for every student on test day. Below is a list of scheduled test dates. Please mark your calendars and continue to encourage your child. Thank you again for your support.

Biology	April 16 & 17
Geometry	April 22 & 23
Algebra I	April 24 & 25
Stanford 10	April 8

Judy Winslett, Gentry High School Principal

Academic Competition in Education

The Gentry ACE (Academic Competition in Education) team did very well this year. They placed 7th in state with a cumulative score of 111 points over all three matches. Bentonville beat out West Fork and Shiloh for the State Championship in the final match.

This year's members included co-captians Jory Christiansen and Ayla Smartt. Other members include seniors Stephanie Gray and Issac Ribiero, juniors Jaime Christensen, Adrienne Lakey, and Ashley Oliva, and sophomores Robbie White, Sarah Barnes, and Amberly Horton. The amazing coach/sponsor is Mr. Tony Carreira. Anyone interested in being on next year's ace team should see Mr. Carreira.

FORENSICS AND DRAMA

Jessica James and Katy Nuttle both earned excellent and superior ratings at the Southside Forensic Olympiad Tournament in Ft. Smith March 7-8. Sarah Hogan, Jessica James and Katy Nuttle have qualified to compete in the ASCA Tournament of Champions April 4-5 in Fayetteville. Wish them luck! The forensic team will be presenting Fantastic Forensics May 2nd at 1:00 & 7:00 in the auditorium. Katy, Jessica and Sarah will be performing their award winning competitive events.

The drama department's spring production featuring the satire "Not SO Grim Fairy Tales," will give you a completely different perspective on some of your favorite fairy tales on May 16th at 1:30 & that night at 7:00. Make plans to attend both events now. The prices will be \$1.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults.

Thanks to everyone for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

The Pioneer Press would like to thank the Gentry United Way for their continuing support.



2008 CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTEST

Any student in grades 9-12 who are interested in entering the Congressional Art contest needs to see Mrs. Garside for rules and deadlines. Artwork must be done during the current school year, and be approved by Mrs. Garside if student is not currently in any art class. Artwork will be first judged at the district level, then if it is selected to advance, it will go to the U.S. capitol and will hang in the Cannon Corridor along with other winners from across the country.

Pioneer of the Month

January

12th- Ally Trentham & Trenton Tisdale
11th- Andrea Bryant & Chris Hale
10th- Sarah Barnes & Brian Dick
9th- Sarah Hogan & David Isbell

February

12th- Katie Bowman & Ryan Walker
11th- Pa Nhia Xiong & Josh Corter
10th- Leslie Bolinger & Chase Coonrod
9th- Kristen Long & D.J. Thao

Congratulations!

The wrestling team placed 3rd in the state and also had 9 wrestlers in the top 4. Robert Henderson won the most valuable wrestler award for the tournament. State Champions: Robert Henderson, Seth Johnson. State Runner-ups: Doug Switzer, Derek Walker. 3rd place: Jeff Philpott, Trevor Monreal. 4th place: Dennis Edwards, George Vang, and Derek McCain.

BAND

April 4 Solo and Ensemble-West Fork
April 4/5 All Star Band Clinic
April 10/11 Region Concert
Contest-Gravette
April 19 Branson Band Contest
April 26 Garage Sale/Car Wash
May 3 Rain Date for Garage Sale/
Car Wash
May 8 Spring Band Concert
May 15 Band Banquet

RED CARPET AFFAIR

April 5, 2008

7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Buy your prom tickets now! They are on sale everyday during lunch outside of the cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 each and \$35 a couple. After-Prom Breakfast at the Methodist Church immediately after prom until around 2:30 or when all prizes are distributed. Prizes are awarded only to GHS Seniors & Juniors but all prom dates are welcome to attend & enjoy a great breakfast. Sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

BASKETBALL

The 2008 Pioneer Summer Basketball Camp will be held June 2nd through June 5th. Information about the camp and a registration form can be found at www.gentrypioneers.com. The camp is open to girls and boys that will be 2008-2009 4th-7th graders.

April

31 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Cheesy Broccoli Gelatin w/fruit Garlic Toast Milk	1 Fajita Wrap Great Northern Beans Assorted Fresh Fruit Oatmeal Cookie Milk	2 Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodles Green Beans Peaches Milk	3 Baked Ham Seasoned Corn Potatoes and Gravy Biscuits & Applesauce Milk	4 Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Lettuce and Pickles French Fries Milk
7 Turkey Hot Dog Baked Beans Potato Tots Milk	8 Oven Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Peas and Carrots Roll Milk	9 Chili w/cheese Mexicali corn Cornbread Gelatin w/fruit Milk	10 Stromboli Garden Salad Applesauce Milk	11 Pizza Fruit Cobbler Carrot and celery w/dip Milk
14 Taco Burger w/cheese Spanish Rice Apple Slices Corn Milk	15 Turkey and Noodles Grilled Cheese Peas Orange Slice Milk	16 Pork Roast Baked Okra Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Roll Milk	17 Sausage Patty Scrambled eggs Applesauce Biscuit Milk	18 Hamburger on Bun Curly Fries w/Ktchp. Peaches Oatmeal Cookie Milk
21 Chicken Nuggetts Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Cheezy Broccoli Rolls Milk	22 Chili w/ Cheese Corn Cinnamon Roll Diced Pears Milk	23 Fajita w/ Shells Rice Pinto Beans Apple Milk	24 Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Orange Slice Milk	25 Pizza Carrot and Celery Fruit Bar Oatmeal Cookie Milk
28 Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Milk	29 Spaghetti Broccoli Cheese Rice Gelatin w/ Fruit Roll Milk	30 Ham and Cheese Sandwich Veggie Beans Fruit Bar Milk		

Parent Night was held on March 24th. We appreciate the parents who attended. Information about Pre-AP, AP, and college classes for the 2008-2009 school year was presented. Thank you to Joni Wilson, Marian Killgore, Kristen Barrick, and Jennifer Pierce for sharing about their classes.

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BAND

Mar. 1- Cleaning Bud Walton Arena
Mar. 4- Booster Club Meeting
Mar. 28- No School
Apr. 4-5- All Star Clinic
Apr. 4- Solo and Ensemble in West Fork
Apr. 11- Region Concert Contest - Gravette
Apr. 19- Branson Contest for Jr High
and High School Bands

Congratulations to Andrew Rotramel for making the All-State Symphonic Band. Congratulations to Andrew Rotramel and Ashley Newman for making the Arkansas All-Star Band. Congratulations to Micaela Wilkerson for earning a band scholarship from the U of A and for making the Razorback Marching Band!!!

The Band Boosters offer a scholarship to any senior who will participate in a college music program or plans to major in instrumental music education. Please see Ms. Slayton for details. Don't miss out on this opportunity.



Buses

Police are cracking down on individuals passing stopped school buses. Fines are going to increase. Remember, do not pass a bus while the lights are flashing!

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

April 7 Berryville Away 5:00pm V/JV
April 10 Prairie Grove Away 5:00pm Away V/JV
April 11 Springdale Home 5:00pm V/JV
April 14 Huntsville Home 5:00pm V/JV
April 17 Elkins Away 4:30pm V/JV
April 18 Springdale Away 5:00pm V/JV
April 19 Fayetteville Home 11:00am V/JV
April 22 Farmington Home 5:00pm V/JV
April 24 Lincoln Home 4:00pm V/JV
April 25-26 Conference Tournament Gentry Gentry TBA

SOCCER SCHEDULE

April 7 Decatur Home 5:00pm G/B
April 11 Huntsville Away 5:00pm G/B
April 14 Siloam Springs JV Home 5:00pm G/B
April 18 Shiloh Christian Home 5:00pm G
April 18 Bergman Home 7:00pm B

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 7 Berryville Away 4:00pm V/JV
April 10 Prairie Grove Away 4:00pm V/JV
April 12 Shiloh Tournament Away TBA V
April 14 Huntsville Home 4:00pm V/JV
April 17-18 Shiloh Tournament Away 4:30pm V/JV
April 26 District Tournament @ Home TBA V
April 26 Regional Tournament Away TBA V

TRACK SCHEDULE

April 1 Eureka Springs Senior High*
April 3 Eureka Springs Junior High*
April 7 Gentry 7th Grade*
April 8 Gentry Senior High*
April 10 Gentry Junior High*
April 15 Gentry Senior High*

April 17 Eureka Springs Junior High*
April 21 Greenwood Senior High*
April 24 Eureka Springs Junior High*
April 28 Gravette Junior High*

*Meets start @ 3:30

April

- 2 **Cheerleading Tryouts**
- 4 **Solo and Ensemble @ West Fork**
- 5 **PROM**
- 7 **Academic Booster Club Meeting @ 3:30 in library**
- 8 **Stanford 10-All 9th Graders**
- 10 **High School State Festival @ UCA - Conway**
- 16-17 **EOC Biology Testing**
- 18-19 **Branson Concert**
- 22-23 **EOC Geometry Testing**
- 24-25 **EOC Algebra I Testing**
- May 7 **EOC Algebra II Testing**

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