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Parent Involvement is a vital part of student success. Several opportunities for parents to attend meetings here at the high school are being planned for this school year. Topics will include what you need to know about your student's senior year, scholarship information and school safety. Dates and times for these events will be published in future newsletters.

Progress reports were sent home on Tuesday, September 25th. If you have not received them yet, please remind your son/daughter to pass them along to you. The first quarter report cards will be available at Parent/Teacher conference on October 29th and 30th. I am encouraging each of you to visit with your child's teacher and to hear more about what they are learning. The 2007-08 school year is off to a great start! Thank you for allowing your child to be a Gentry Pioneer.

Judy Winslett, Gentry High School Principal

*Congratulations to our Campus King and Queen!
Thomas Vang and Marybeth Benton*

HOMECOMING MAIDS AND ESCORTS

ART CLUB	FCA	FFA	SCIENCE
Sarah Miller	Ally Trentham	Subrina Smith	Adrienne Lakey
FBLA	Escort: Joseph Romig	SKILLS USA	SPANISH
Dania Herrera	YEARBOOK	Samantha Moretti	Ashley Oliva
BAND	Marybeth Benton	Escort: Aaron West	NHS
Micaela Wilkerson	MCC	FRESHMAN CLASS	Kelsey Duncan
Escort: Jeremy Watanbe	Pather Thao	Courtney Millsap	STUDENT COUNCIL
CHEERLEADING	Escort: Tony Thao	SOPHMORE CLASS	Marly Pierce
Sarah Early	FCCLA	Beronica Evans	
MATH CLUB	Tiffany Holzkamper	JUNIOR CLASS	
Kristen Hardbarger	CHOIR	Pa Nhia Xiong	
FORENSICS	Emily Burrus	SENIOR CLASS	
Ashley Turner	Escort: Mylan Byrd	Lauren Cook	
Escort: Matt Savage			

QUEEN CANDIDATES

Katie Bowman Hannah Hawkins Courtney Jones
Ayla Smartt Merissa Wiand

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



Vocational Pumpkin Decorating Contest

GHS Vocational Clubs are sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest this October. All student organizations are invited to participate in the contest. Pumpkins must be turned in by October 25th in order to be considered for judging. Pick up the rules sheet from Mrs. Chenault in room 112.



Yearbook News

It's time to order your 2007-2008 yearbook! Order forms need to be turned in to a yearbook member by October 9th. Fall order price is \$35. If you wait until spring to buy leftover books, the cost goes up to \$42.

Drama and Forensics

Forensics is off and running, adding new members each week. We saw some great presentations depicting individual events on Demo Day at UCA in Conway on Sept. 8th. Katy Nuttle volunteered for Improv and performed before the whole assembly, "knocking their socks off" with her rendition of a spoiled kid in "The Baby Sitter". We are eagerly looking forward to our tournaments in October at Bentonville 5-6, and Little Rock Central High 26-27. Our maid for homcoming is the gorgeous and talented Ashley Turner, and her escort is the witty and charming Matt Savage. If a student is interested in joining and participating in forensics, but does not have the class, they can come in and talk to me after school most days. They would need to have access to a computer/internet, work on their own selecting and perfecting material, and be able to travel to competitions.

~Darlene Roberts



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Volleyball News

The Gentry High School team has been very busy during the month of September with volleyball games on the road. The team first traveled to Prairie Grove and was defeated in a close match. In the JV match up Pa Nhia Xiong led the team in serving percentage and Kaytie Ausherman and Adrienne Lakey both had nine digs in the effort. Varsity played well with setter Justine Newlun leading the way with twenty four passes Ashley Oliva had 26 digs during the match and Coach Killgore reassured the team that games with scores like 23-25 are going to make the team better.

Next, the team traveled to Huntsville to face the league leading Lady Eagles. Danielle Wahl stepped up this time for the JV group and had eight passes that cleared the net during the match. Kendra McCain Johnson led the way for the varsity with an 87% serving success rate. The team got as close as 20-25 in this district loss.

Gravette was next on the list of road trips for the netters, but unfortunately was not very different. The Lady Pioneers did things well and still came up short. Senior Jennifer Van Hook was 100% serving and Junior Brittany James was 94% including two aces. Megan Meigs led the team with balls returned successfully while those three mentioned and the whole team played very well at times during the match. The Lady Pioneers once more got very close in the 2nd game 19-25 and 17-25 in game three.

Finally the Lady Pioneers got to come home and this brought the edge needed to defeat Farmington for the volleyball team's first district victory since the school began play again. Many of the girls played very very well during this match. Ashley Oliva's back row play as the team's Libero (a defensive specialist) helped keep the ball off of the floor 28 times. The drama of game two 24-26 with the Lady Cardinals eeking out a win fired up the Pioneers who blasted Farmington in game three 25-15. The fourth game was another squeaker when Farmington would not go away easily. The setter Justine Newlun took over and finished up an amazing evening of 87 sets in the four games. Carol Casebeer, Kendra McCain, Terra Jones, and Taylor Holland all came alive and combined for 14 kills that put the icing on the cardinal cake.

Lincoln ventured over for games on Tuesday September 18th. Those matches also went Gentry's way. The Lady Pioneers teams won all five games handily and worked on some specific things to get ready for round two with the conference schools.

Coach Killgore's thoughts on the Farmington match were that it was whoever wanted it the most that committed the fewest mistakes was going to win. She is very proud of the Lady Pioneers because they work hard, show very good leadership and continue to improve. A record for any team does not always reflect the effort, experience, and skills that are being played against or with. Coach Killgore knows that two years into a program is not the time to judge a group by its record. "We just keep playing hard and working on things that hurt us and try to improve on skills that will enable us to win more."

ACT TEST DATES 2007-2008

TEST DATE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

LATE FEE REQUIRED

October 27

September 21

Sept. 22- Oct. 5

December 8

November 2

November 3-15

February 9

January 4

January 5-18

April 12

March 7

March 8-21

June 14

May 9

May 10-23



October



1 Chicken Rings Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Rolls Fruit	2 Lasagna Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits Bread Sticks	3 Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Salsa Apple	4 Stromboli Garden Salad Fruit Mix Graham Crackers	5 Pizza Mixed Veggies Cookie
8 Shrimp Poppers Macaroni & Cheese Coleslaw Cornbread Fruit	9 Cheesy Beef Nachos Lettuce & Tomatoes Pinto Beans Gelatin w/ Fruit	10 Beef Tamale Pie Seasoned Corn Carrot and Celery Fruit	11 Chicken Pot Pie Cheese Stick Apple	12 Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit Cobbler
15 Chicken Sandwich Potato Salad Lettuce and Pickles Cookie	16 Grilled Cheese Vegetable Soup Dill Pickle Slices Gelatin w/ Fruit	17 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Vanilla Pudding Roll	18 Baked Ham Macaroni & Cheese Applesauce Graham Crackers Greenbeans	19 Hamburger on Bun Lettuce & Pickle French Fries Frozen Fruit Bar
22 No School	23 Beef Steak Strips Mashed Potatoes Green beans Gelatin w/ Fruit	24 Burrito w/ Chili Mexican Corn Salad w/ Ranch Fruit	25 Chicken Tetraz- zine Green Beans Banana Roll	26 Pizza Green Salad Fresh Fruit Oatmeal Cookie
29 Corn dogs w/mustard/ ketchup pkg. pork-n-beans Fresh fruit Milk	30 Oven BBQ Chicken Corn Roll Gelatin w/Fruit Milk	31 Beef Shepherds Pie Green Salad Bread Slice Fruit Milk	1 Eggrolls w/sweet n sour sauce Broccoli/Cheese Casserole Applesauce Milk	2 Hamburger on Bun Lettuce and Pickle Smiling Potatoes and Ketchup pkg. Cookie Milk

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB/PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is important to our school. If you would like to help out at the high school, please complete the volunteer survey included in this newsletter and return it to the library. The next Academic Booster Club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 3:30 in the library. Don't forget to stop by and support our booth at Pioneer Days on Saturday, Oct. 20.

NHS

President- Jory Christensen

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Ayla Smartt

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Amanda Miller

Sarah Miller

Derek Monreal

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Justine Newlun

Kathryn Nuttle

Ashley Oliva

Trent Partain

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Ayla Smartt

Annie Thao

Tony Thao

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Jennifer VanHook

Brandi Ward

Jed White

Merissa Wiand

Connor Willett

Pa Nhia Xiong

Thanks to all the 10th grade parents who provided money or cookies for the NHS reception. Everything was delicious and we appreciate your support.

The Parent Center has these DVD's available to check out from the library:

Against All Odds
Broken Homes
New SAT Prep

Behind the Wheel
Caught in the Web
Passing the Written DMV

The Biggest Generation
Just Once
Shattered

OCTOBER BAND

4th- Jr. High Football Game

5th- Greenland Football Game Away

9th- Elkins Marching Contest

11th- Jr. High Football Game

12th- Union Christian Football Game Away

19th- Homecoming

20th- Pioneer Day

23rd- Springdale Region ONE Marching Contest

26th- Prairie Grove Parent Night

Tuesday- SECTIONALS

Wednesdays-Percussion 3:30-5:15/Flags 3:30-5:15

Thursdays-Full Band 3:30-5:30

Friday-Football Games

CHOIR INFORMATION

The H.S. Choirs have All-Region Choir Tryouts on Saturday, Oct. 6th at Fayetteville High School. Students trying out are to meet behind the GHS at 6:15 a.m. to load the bus. The bus will return after the last student auditions. Students need to bring money to buy their lunch and snacks.

Good luck to all trying out!

The Fall Follies Talent show tryouts will be Thursday, October 25th after school and Monday, October 29th (after early release) for the High School students. High School students will sign- up for a tryout day and time on a sign-up board on the H.S. Choir room door. The sign-up board will go up on Friday, October 12th. (Note: M.S. tryouts are on Oct. 23 and 24 after school and their sign-up board will be on Mrs. Burrus' door at the M.S. and it also will go up on Friday, October 12th.)

Math Club

The Math Club is looking for homecoming float ideas and people to help with the float. At our last meeting we elected Adrienne Lakey as president and Kristen Hardbarger as homecoming maid. There was discussion on competing in a math contest at the University of Arkansas and we agreed to do tutoring in math for any one needing help. Refreshments were provided and will be provided at our meeting and you do not have to be good at math to become a member. All ideas and people are welcome. Our next meeting is Wednesday the 26th in Mr. Varvil's room.

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND GRANDPARENTS
VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Name _____

Address _____

Place of Employment _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Name(s) of child(ren) and grade level in high school

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Days and time you are available to volunteer: _____

I would like to volunteer in the following way(s):

_____ Tutoring

_____ Assisting teacher in grading papers or in some other capacity

_____ Helping at Parent Teacher's Conferences

_____ Serving on Parental Involvement Committee (will meet monthly)

_____ Voluntary substitute teaching when teachers need to meet within their department during school hours.

_____ Assisting with supervising assemblies

_____ Other (please explain)

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Date

****Please return to the high school library**

October

- 2 Golf State Boys---Volleyball v. Huntsville 4:30
- 4 Jr. Football v. Greenland 7 pm Here---Volleyball v. Gravette 4:30
- 5 Sr. Football @ Greenland 7 pm
- 6 All Region Choir Tryouts @ Fayetteville HS
- 8 Cafeteria Reserved for Farm Credit Services 6:30-9:30
- 9 Volleyball @ Farmington 4:30---Academic Booster Club @3:30
- 10 Elkins Marching Contest
- 11 Jr. Football v. Union Christian 7 pm---Volleyball v. Clarksville 4:30
- 12 Sr. Football @ Union Christian 7 pm
- 18 Jr. Football @ Berryville 7 pm
- 19 Sr. Football v. Berryville 7 pm Homecoming---Kix 104 Kicks For Cash
- 20 Pioneer Days @ City Park---Octoberfest Pageant
- 22 **No School**
- 23 **Springdale Region Marching Contest**
- 25 Jr. Football @ Prairie Grove 7 pm---Volleyball @ Shiloh
- 26 Sr. Football v. Prairie Grove 7 pm Parents Night

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