

**STUDENT**

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# Student Activities Guide *(Revised 1/11/19)*

## **Classes:**

### **Freshman Class**

The Freshman Class Student Council is chosen to serve the freshman class student body and the GJHS community through a variety of fundraising efforts and service projects.

### **Sophomore Class**

The sophomore class is involved in fundraising, creating a class t-shirt design, helping with Prom and Homecoming, and serving both school and community through service projects.

### **Junior Class**

The junior class helps plan Homecoming and Prom, designs t-shirts, organizes the Prom Fashion Show, provides assistance with various activities for the staff (ex. Staff Breakfast), and presents opportunities for outside businesses to invest within the school.

### **Senior Class**

The senior class plans activities for the senior class (Senior Class Breakfasts/Lunches, Grad Bash, Baccalaureate, and Graduation), helps with Homecoming, designs a class t-shirt, sponsors Christmas families, participates in community service and school beautification projects, and increases the morale of our school.

## **Clubs & Organizations:**

### **Academic Team (A-Team)**

A-Team is a competitive team open to any student in grades 9-12. It is for students who are interested in academic competitions. The subject areas covered are English, math, science, social studies, French/Spanish, fine arts, and technology. There are five monthly competition rounds followed by the County Tournament which is in February. The school's County Tournament Team consists of the six best students who have participated during the season. Students who qualify for the All County team have an opportunity to compete at the state level and win scholarships.

### **Anime Club**

Anime is a student driven club that discovers, explores, and creates all genres of animation drawings.

### **Academy of Design & Technology**

The Academy of Design and Technology is a four-year information, technology, career, and professional academy offering industry certification and specific career pathways. Articulation, dual enrollment, and business/education partnerships are emphasized. Students work in small supportive, motivational communities with the opportunity to earn up to one year of college credit. This prepares them for careers in high-growth, high-salary positions including: Digital Assistant Designer, Assistant Web Designer and/or Film Production Assistant.

### **Academy of Legal Studies**

The Academy of Legal Studies is a law-themed career academy within George Jenkins High School. The Academy is a college and career preparatory program offering coursework emphasizing critical thinking, research and writing, argument and debate, team work, and public speaking. Students will become involved and engaged with civil and criminal law, business law, and trial procedure.

### **Band & Dream Catcher Winter Guard Band**

This organization/class is open to any student with musical experience. The first semester entails marching season work for band performances at football games and parades, as well as district marching assessment and various competitions. Second semester the band transitions to concert literature, culminating with the district concert assessment in March. There are numerous vigorous after school rehearsals and various field trips for members of the GJHS Band program. Band members are expected to set high goals for themselves and the program. The success of THE band program first requires that each member be 110 percent committed to doing his/her part in reaching goals! The rewards for reaching goals are immeasurable in the development of students as well-rounded human beings. In addition, it is our belief that *"the process is just as important as the product."* This places the emphasis on the development and growth of each individual student, not just on specific performances. Members of the GJHS Band develop musically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically during their time in the program.

**The Dream Catcher /Winter Guard is an interest club open to any student upon audition in April when tryouts are held. Students twirl flags and air blades and swing flags and sometimes sabres as part of the enhancement for the band field show. A special eurhythmics class, as part of the band program, is mandatory in order to learn and perfect all the necessary skills. The Color Guard marches with the GJHS "Dream Maker" Band during marching season and performs as the GJHS Winter Guard during the second semester. Any student wishing to join must meet with the band director and/or color guard instructor. All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Please visit [www.gjband.com](http://www.gjband.com) for more information.**

**Burned Book Club**

The Burned Book Club allows the students a safe, enriching environment in which they can interact with novels in a cooperative and structured environment. It is not the goal to push beliefs on students, but to foster conversation and help the students build their critical thinking skills while exploring controversial topics.

**Chess Club**

Chess club is an interest club that is open to all students, of any skill level. Get together weekly and learn the game of chess, improving your skill against other students. Join us in a relaxed environment suitable for strategically minded people playing the classic game of chess. A yearly club fee of \$10 provides our club with tournament style boards.

**College & Career**

The College and Career Club seeks to provide students with a pathway to the college or career of their choosing. We are an interest club and that is open to ALL students from every academic background. Our program will be headed by our Valedictorian and a committee of top performing students in a communal effort to reach our student's specific goals. Please see Mr. Etienne for further information.

**Debate Club**

The Debate Club is forum for students to discuss and debate political ideologies and current affairs. The goal of the club is promote free thought, and facilitate civil discussion amongst students with diverse political viewpoints.

**Eagle News Network (ENN)**

Hey YOU!!! Yeah, YOU!!! Are you interested in being famous, making millions of dollars, and making a name for yourself? Then don't join ENN! However, if you are interested in learning the process of producing daily news shows, short films, commercials, reports, music videos and being an overall awesome person, come and join us.

**Eagle to Eagle Tutoring Program**

The Eagle to Eagle Tutoring Program is a program that seeks to provide peer tutors in all subject areas according to individual student needs. Tutoring is a free service to all GJHS students. Students who volunteer to tutor in a subject area earn community service hours.

**Environmental Club**

Environmental club is a club open to the entire student body. We are responsible for keeping the school looking tidy and clean. Major responsibilities include collecting recyclables. We work on community and school cleanups. We are working towards planting new plants and shrubs in the courtyard. We meet every other Tuesday after school. Annual dues are \$10.

**Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)**

FCCLA is an interest club open to any student. Interested students need to join a Child Development, Early Childhood or Culinary Arts course. The officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. Membership cost is \$20, which includes state and national dues and an FCCLA T-shirt.

**Florida B.A.S.S Federation Nation Fishing Club**

Florida B.A.S.S. Club is an Interest Only Club that informs and gathers students for B.A.S.S tournaments. Individual and team competitions will be available.

**Florida Law Honor Society (FLHS)**

The purpose of The Florida Law Honor Society shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship in law related fields, to provide law based service opportunities, to promote leadership, to provide citizenship education opportunities, and to instill a sense of respect for the justice system in law studies students. [www.flrea.org](http://www.flrea.org).

**Future Builders of America (FBA) part of TSA**

Future Builders of America is a state-wide organization that links students with the Local Building Association in an effort to promote housing-related educational activities. FBA offers guest speakers from the Polk County's Builders Association and field trips to building sites along with opportunities for summer and post-graduation employment to help introduce students to rewarding opportunities in the construction industry.

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

FBLA is an interest club opened to any student. Annual projects include: conducting the March of Dimes annual drive, holding fundraisers, sponsoring a Christmas family, and participating in FBLA competitions at the district, state, and national levels. Membership dues are \$25 and this fee includes a t-shirt and covers district, state, and national dues. FBLA is a nationally recognized organization that prepares students for leadership in the business world.

### **Future Farmers of America (FFA)**

FFA is a club for any student enrolled in an agricultural class. To join FFA on the local, state, and national level, the fee is \$25. FFA members are individuals who enjoy learning by doing, keeping active, being a part of a team and like to having fun. FFA members are hard-working, competent, trustworthy people with good character who are supported by dedicated professional teachers. Enthusiastic, spirited and upbeat; individuals that support American ideals and values are also good descriptors of FFA members. Following the FFA motto: Learning to do; Doing to learn; Earning to live and Living to serve-FFA members continually strive to do and be the best they are able to be. FFA members participate in a variety of activities from supervised agricultural experiences like raising plants and animals for show to participating in career development events, or community service projects.

### **GEICO Academy of Advanced Business Management**

GAABM is an Academy geared to preparing students to take their places in the world of management and supervision. Courses include Digital to Information Technology, Management (Honors), Entrepreneurship (Honors), and Accounting I(Honors). GEICO partners with this Academy in preparing students for the business world and offers an opportunity to interview for a job with GEICO upon graduation. Other opportunities include college credit and scholarships upon program completion. See Mrs. Canning or Ms. Huey for additional information about this exciting step on your road to success.

### **George's Closet**

**George's Closet is a "department store" on campus in Room 2115 with clothes, personal items, school supplies, and food items for those in need of such help. It is operated by the GEICO Academy of Advanced Business Management for George Jenkins High School students and staff. Please see your Guidance Counselor, a teacher/administrator, staff member, or the school nurse if you have a particular need. We also welcome all donations to this worthy cause.**

### **Health Occupations Student of America (HOSA)**

HOSA is an interest club open to all students. Students do not need to be enrolled in a Medical Academy course to join HOSA. The purpose of this club is to promote friendships and enhance leadership skills among students with an interest in a career in the health sciences. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, attend monthly meetings, and participate in club events. Club fundraisers help to cover the costs of attending competitions each year. Yearly dues cover local, region, state, and national affiliation as well as a club t-shirt. The officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, and ICC representative.

### **JROTC Raiders/Drill Team/Rifle Team**

The mission of JROTC is: "To motivate young people to become better citizens." JROTC provides a unique experience for students to learn the fundamentals of leadership. The program has a diversified curriculum and a challenging physical activities program that includes the raider, rifle, and drill teams. Any student interested can sign up for the JROTC classes through his/her guidance counselor.

### **Key Club**

Key Club is a service club opened to all students who possess a weighted GPA of 2.5 or higher. New members must fill out an application and participate in either of the two annual drafts. Key Club meets bi-weekly, and members meet a service hour requirement. Annual dues are \$20, which includes t-shirts, cookouts, and many other social activities. Annual activities include Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Families, and The Pancake Festival. Officers include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and historian.

### **Kindness Club**

George Jenkins Kindness Club is a group of students working together to promote Kindness in our school, community and throughout the world. We believe one random Act of Kindness can make a difference in the world. An Act of Kindness can have a ripple effect and change the lives of everyone it touches. The Kindness club promotes Random Acts of Kindness on Campus by creating and passing out Kindness cards. When we see an Act of Kindness we acknowledge the act and encourage others to follow by example. We are involved in Activities such as World Kindness Day and participate in a Flash mob which is performed in 110 cities in 50 countries all over the world on the same day. We recognize individuals who are kind and caring by doing a random Acts of Kindness for them. George Jenkins Kindness Club is continually looking for ways to recognize kindness and promote kindness in society every day!

### **Literati**

The literature club, *Literati*, provides opportunities for students to share their writing, discuss literature and films, and read from their favorite works. Literati also sponsors enriching service opportunities and will host open mic nights to share student works with the community. Members may take field trips to see plays and visit festivals such as the Renaissance Faire and attend community events related to literature and creative writing. Literati Club aims to support literature beyond educational curriculum and academic boundaries, and to create and refresh interest in the interminable joys of creative experience.

### **Mock Trial Team**

The Mock Trial Team is an academic team affiliated with the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. It is composed of six to twelve students who simulate the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a fictional trial situation. The team has the chance to compete against other teams in its judicial circuit and the winner of that competition will compete in the state competition.

### **Mu Alpha Theta**

Mu Alpha Theta is a Math Honor Society for students currently involved in math classes. New members must have successfully passed a semester of geometry and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in their math courses as well as an overall cumulative 3.0 GPA. A yearly fee of \$15 is collected to allow first time students to become new national members, and \$10 is collected for returning members. The club meets one Thursday each month and may choose to be involved with various service activities, contests, and social events.

### **National Honor Society**

Students may join National Honor Society by invitation only. Invitations are extended to sophomores and juniors in February who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. These students are then required to fill out an application packet. Members must have attended GJHS for at least one semester and must be enrolled in at least one AP or Honors course. Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and collect 10 service points each semester.

**National Spanish Honor Society:** The mission of the Society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies. The Society will prepare its members to become responsible, world class citizens of the 21st century by actively serving the needs of their community and their school. The Society will also increase members' awareness of global issues by encouraging their participation in projects that serve and positively impact their worldwide community.

### **Orchestra**

Orchestra is an interest club open to any student who has at least two years experience playing violin, viola, cello, or bass. To join, sign up for orchestra class. There is a \$50 fair share donation to help pay for music and other supplies. Annual events include: fall concert, Music Performance Assessment, Madrigal Dinners, spring awards concert, All-County Orchestra Program, and Baccalaureate.

### **Performing Arts (Chorus, Golden Harmony, Encore & Musical Theatre)**

Chorus is a class and organizational club available to any student. Those wishing to perform with the chorus must complete an audition which is used to evaluate each student's musical ability for appropriate placement in the ensemble that best suits their vocal quality. The chorus meets in class and after school for additional rehearsals and performances. The chorus performs in numerous concerts, Madrigal Dinner Theatre, Epcot's Candlelight Processional, District and State Music Performance Assessment, community outreach programs, and Spring Cabaret. Students who participate in the chorus are eligible to audition and perform with a number of special ensembles: Encore (contemporary a cappella); Golden Harmony (Show Choir); Voice Male (contemporary a cappella/barbershop).

### **Pretty Elegant Achievers Reaching higher Levels of Success (PEARLS)**

PEARLS is a dynamic program providing guidance to young ladies as they journey to womanhood. Through PEARLS, young ladies have an opportunity to discuss issues that impact them including self-image, interpersonal skills, self-discipline, academic success, and forward thinking during activities, guest speakers and hands-on experiences. PEARLS also offers a scholarship to eligible senior members. PEARLS welcome all interested young ladies.

### **Rockestra Description**

Rockestra: traditional orchestral instruments joining traditional rock instruments to perform a variety of popular/rock music. Students with at least one year of experience on electric guitar, acoustic guitar, electric bass, keyboard, or drum set are eligible to join. Students do not have to be enrolled in a music class to participate. Rockestra students will perform a variety of music throughout the year and perform at various concerts and events throughout the year. Students meet weekly to rehearse.

### **Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Club - (SAGA)**

SAGA is a group for gay, transgender and straight students who meet to discuss, explore and support each other and the issues that surround them. Members work together to make sure GJHS is a safe, supportive environment for ALL students.

### **Special Olympics**

Special Olympics provide a chance for students with disabilities to participate in Olympic competition. Special rules make it possible for almost anyone to play regardless of his/her disability. Sports include bowling, basketball, track and field, and bocce played throughout the school year. Teams travel around the state to meets which include entertainment, free meals, and dancing. Those who qualify for the state competition go to Disney World for a weekend.

### **Step Team**

Step Team is a type of dancing that involves clapping, stomping, and noisemaking on the body to make a beat with a whole group. Step team is an interest club. Tryouts are at the end of August each school year. Meeting dates are every Tuesday and Thursday of every week. There is a \$5 membership fee. The AAA group is organized to help our young girls and boys take responsibility for their actions. The meaning of AAA is attitude, ambition, and achievement. We will teach our students the way to respect their self first and the rest shall follow.

### **Student Council**

Student Council functions as the club that leads all student-based activities on campus including Homecoming, Spirit Days, elections, and various charitable campaigns. Members must pay a one-time fee of \$10, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and participate in major school wide events. New members may join in either the fall or spring. The Executive Board runs Student Council; Board members are elected by members of the club. The Executive Board is made up of the president, vice president, treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and historian.

### **Students Working Against Tobacco – (SWAT)**

Students working against tobacco is a group who are working to educate and equip George Jenkins students with the ability to resist and de-glamorize the use of tobacco. This group is working to make a tobacco free future for themselves and their peers.

### **Table Top**

When people think “fun” they don’t usually think of games like Candyland, and Monopoly...and they shouldn’t. Tabletop Club is all about introducing students to fun new board games that people have likely never heard of before, but will have a blast with. We also play some of the classics like *Catan* and *Ticket to Ride*, and other lesser known ones like *Werewolf* and *Shadows Over Camelot*, and of course fan favorites like *Dungeons and Dragons* and *Magic the Gathering*. The more support we get, the more tournaments we can do, with much bigger prizes. Tabletop club meets on Tuesdays 2:15 after school. So be there, or be a D6.

### **Technology Student Association (TSA)**

Do you love technology? Do you love designing and building things? TSA is for you! This group meets weekly on Thursdays. There is a one-time membership fee of \$20. TSA officers include president, vice president, treasurer, reporter, and sergeant-at-arms. TSA students participate in regional, state, and national competitive events which include topics from film to fashion to engineering. All are welcome to join!

### **Wind Dancers**

The Wind Dancers is a unified group of trained dancers who display a high level of self-discipline and respectable character at school and in the community, promote school spirit, and train diligently in the areas of dance in order to perform and compete at the local, regional, and national levels. This group’s primary focus is to support the athletic teams at home football games, men's basketball games, and competitions. In addition, the team members act as ambassadors for their school in numerous community outreach appearances each year. The program is also committed to developing the personal skills of leadership, academic excellence and self-discipline in its student-athletes. The development of these skills will build a foundation of integrity making the Wind Dancer Program a source of pride for students, alumni, and the George Jenkins community. Audition process required.

### **Yearbook**

Yearbook or **Aquila** is a service organization opened to any student interested in creating the school yearbook. Students must submit an annual application before being accepted into this group. Members of the staff must be prepared to meet deadlines consisting of 100 or more pages, work well with others, and sign a contract indicating they understand all of the responsibilities. The leadership positions includes: editor-in-chief, co-editor and business managers, these positions are assigned by the advisor. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible upon acceptance of their application.

### **Younglife**

From weekly club meetings, camp and other exciting activities, you will have a blast at Younglife! This club is packed full of laughing, trying new things, playing games and being with your friends and Young Life leaders while you learn about the love of Jesus Christ and how it relates to you! Younglife is an organization found nationwide which gives students the opportunity to meet and make lots of new friendships. Lakeland Club meets every Monday night at 7:30 pm. All high school students from schools all over Lakeland are welcome in this “come as you are” atmosphere. Feel free to join us for club at the following address:  
821 W. Beacon Rd., Lakeland, FL 33813

### **Youth Alive**

Youth Alive is a club where students lead students in a Bible study that allows them to dig deeper in the Word.

### **Youth-in-Government**

Youth-in-Government is a YMCA-based mock government club that teaches the steps to the democratic process: how to write, present, and debate legislation. Any student is welcome to join. All weekly meetings are run by the club officers and help students prepare for the annual State Assembly in Tallahassee. At this three day event, high school students from across the state convene in Tallahassee to take over the House of Representatives and Senate, presenting and debating student-written legislation.

## ***Sports:***

Our challenge each year is to pursue excellence and continue the winning tradition that already sets George Jenkins High School apart. Our athletic programs have maintained high levels of academic and athletic excellence, and continue to foster the total growth and development of our student-athletes. Our goals include developing sportsmanship, self-discipline, teamwork, dedication, confidence, ethics, and leadership skills that will transcend athletics into every aspect of a student-athlete's life. We also strive to provide our student/athletes with the opportunity and experiences necessary to play at the collegiate level.

George Jenkins has a full and comprehensive athletic program that is divided into three seasons and includes 20 varsity and 11 junior varsity programs. Most "varsity only" programs carry higher numbers to help develop younger athletes. Please refer to the ***GJHS Sport Tryout Dates Form*** for contact information for each head coach and the tryout dates for each sport. Contact the head coach for specific information regarding requirements, practice schedules, off season conditioning, summer workout programs, and camps.

### **George Jenkins Athletic Program**

<b><i>Fall</i></b>	<b><i>JV Program</i></b>	<b><i>Varsity Program</i></b>
Boys Cross Country	X	X
Girls Cross Country	X	X
Football	X	X
Boys Golf		X
Girls Golf		X
Boys Swimming/Diving		X
Girls Swimming/Diving		X
Volleyball Girls	X	X
<b><i>Winter</i></b>		
Boys Basketball	X	X
Girls Basketball	X	X
Girls Soccer	X	X
Boys Soccer	X	X
Wrestling	X	X
<b><i>Spring</i></b>		
Baseball	X	X
Softball	X	X
Boys Tennis		X
Girls Tennis		X
Boys Track and Field		X
Girls Track and Field		X
Weightlifting		X