



PARENT NEWSLETTER



From the Principal Sheli Porter

Students in grades six, seven, and eight will participate in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests in May and June. All Virginia Standards of Learning tests will be online. All students will take tests in reading, math, and social studies. The Virginia Standards of Learning Test in science is given only to eighth-grade students and covers the science objectives in grades six, seven, and eight.

It is very important that students are present and on time each day of testing. Parents are encouraged not to schedule any appointments during the testing day. These tests are not timed and most tests take several hours to complete.

Your child’s team will be tested in the morning or afternoon on the day assigned for the grade appropriate SOL test. The Chesapeake Public Schools SOL testing dates are as follows:

May 18	Reading Literature Research – Grade 8
May 19	Reading Literature Research – Grade 7
May 20	Reading Literature Research – Grade 6
May 21	Pre-algebra, Algebra I, Geometry – Grade 8
May 25	Math 7, Pre-algebra, Algebra I – Grade 7
May 26	Math 6, Pre-algebra – Grade 6
May 27	Science – Grade 8
June 2	Social Studies – Grade 8
June 3	Social Studies – Grade 7
June 4	Social Studies – Grade 6

Our staff has been working hard to prepare your child to be successful on the SOL assessments. We believe that our students are well prepared for these tests.

There are things that you can do to ensure that your child will do his or her best:

- Have your child get a good night’s rest before the test.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast the day of testing.
- Get your child to school on time.
- Talk with your child about the importance of doing his or her best on each test.
- Be aware of the testing schedule and keep those days free of appointments for your child.

PTA News

A Message from the President

Yeah, spring is here! I hope you had a wonderful, relaxing spring break. Thanks to the generosity of GBMS families and the hard work of Dorothy Garrison, second vice-president, and Susan Broom, fundraising chairperson, Virginia Diner was so successful that we did not have to do any other major fundraiser to make the PTA 2009-2010 budget! During our March meeting we approved over \$15,000 to be spent on numerous school improvements and instructional support items including: assistance with the cost of renovating and upgrading the lighting in the auditorium, the purchase of seven more projectors for teachers, four more SmartBoards, four document cameras, and many, many more items. The staff is very excited about getting these "wish list" items and bringing more of the newest technology into their classrooms for the students!

During the final couple of months of school, GBMS PTA will be involved in a couple of big projects. Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 2. Thanks to a terrific chairperson, Kelly Jordan, the GBMS staff will have a few surprises and all will feel our love! If you are interested in helping with Teacher Appreciation events, you can contact Kelly Jordan at dkjordan@cox.net. Then, right around the corner is the end-of-the-year luncheon for GBMS staff. It is a great celebration for the entire staff and a fun way to say good-bye to those staff members who are retiring. Lisa Sullivan, hospitality chairperson, is already making plans for another fun-filled luncheon. If you are interested in helping with that, contact Lisa at onelittletarheel@aol.com.

The GBMS PTA is also preparing for the next school year. We are in need of volunteers who want to give a few hours and gain tons of satisfaction and wonderful friends. If you are interested in either becoming a PTA officer, or a committee chair or co-chair we would love to talk to you now! You can find out about committee chairperson positions and nominate yourself or someone else for an officer position by contacting any of the nominations committee members listed: Lisa Bonnett at ezfoods4@hotmail.com, Margaret Bischof at margaret.bischof@verizon.net, or Sheila Bogart at sheila.bogart@cox.net. Please consider becoming part of this awesome team!

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I want to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of terrific volunteers here at GBMS for all their help. The PTA could not exist, let alone accomplish so much, without the support of parents, grandparents, siblings, and others. A special thanks to Margaret Bischof who has served for three years as treasurer and so much more! Her leadership with concessions and so many other projects has been a lifesaver to me and the GBMS PTA. To the other PTA officers, chairpersons, and the GBMS staff, your energy and level of commitment amazes me and it has been an honor to work with you for three years.

In Wildcat Spirit,
Sheila Bogart
PTA President

Make the Commitment that Makes a Difference!

Great Bridge Middle School PTA is looking for volunteers interested in serving on the 2010-2011 board as an executive officer or committee chairperson. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what is happening in your child's school and be part of their educational experience. It is also a fun way to get to know other parents and staff at GBMS!

To nominate yourself, or someone you know to one of the executive officer positions, contact a member of the nomination committee: Lisa Bonnett at ezfoods@ or 546-0830, Margaret Bischof at margaret.bischof@verizon.net or 714-3077, or Sheila Bogart at sheila.bogart@cox.net or 436-1286.

Nominations for ALL executive officer positions for 2010-2011 are being taken now!

Executive Officer Positions

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

Committee chairpersons or co-chairpersons are needed in the following areas:

Committee Chairpersons Open

Concession Chairpersons (sports -fall, winter, or spring)
Cultural Arts/Reflections Chairpersons
Dance/events Chairpersons
Legislative Chairpersons
Membership Chairpersons

Please pass this information on to any parents of rising sixth graders that you think may be interested.

GBMS PTA T-shirt Sale!!!

Everything must go!! All Wildcat t-shirts are \$5.00! Our t-shirts do not say middle school or a year, so they are great for any age wildcat!

The majority of the t-shirts are large & extra large white short sleeve, but we do have some other sizes, some in the Vegas Gold color, and some long sleeve t-shirts! If you are interested, just print and fill out this form and send it into the main office marked SPIRIT WEAR SALE. If you want a large or extra large white short sleeve you can prepay \$5 each.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Number: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

What I want to buy (please print legibly):

For more information you can e-mail one of the Spirit Wear chairpersons, Patti Allen at pallen0032@cox.net or Sarah Mathews at sbmathews1@aol.com.

At this price you can sleep or play in them, or use them for gifts! Buy now!!

Counselors Corner

Promotion and Retention

Students who are being retained or need to attend summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level will be notified by letter from the principal and their team. This sometimes cannot be determined until after the last day of school.

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent home to parents on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Request to Omit Course from High School Transcript

Middle school students who enroll in and successfully complete high school courses may receive high school credit. These count toward meeting the state-prescribed graduation requirements. Typically, these courses are Algebra I, geometry, and foreign languages. The course grades become a part of the high school transcript and are included in the students' grade point averages.

The Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools manual in Virginia allows parents to request that grades in credit-bearing courses taken in middle school be omitted from the student's high school transcripts and the student does not earn high school credit for the course. If this option is chosen, the student will repeat the course or an equivalent course in high school for credit.

We encourage you to discuss this no-credit option with your child and complete the form that will be sent home with the students the first week of June. Requests for another form and/or questions may be directed to your child's guidance counselor.

Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed by Thursday, June 24, 2010. Your child may not receive a report card because he/she is indebted to the school. You will be contacted by the school regarding this matter.

Grade 8 Exam Schedule

Students in the eighth grade will be tested in their core subjects. Exams will be given in the credit-bearing classes: Geometry, Algebra I, French I, Spanish I, German I, and Latin I.

The schedule will be as follows:

June 15 Bells 1 and 7
June 16 Bells 2 and 6
June 17 Bells 5, 3, and 4

Pre-IB Academy News

Eighth-grade applicants from across Chesapeake who were accepted for Chesapeake's Pre-International Baccalaureate Academy will begin this college preparatory program at Oscar Smith High School next September. Qualified applicants on the waiting list may be offered a position in the program if vacancies arise before the 2010-11 school year or may reapply to enter as tenth graders if vacancies occur during the 2010-11 school year. For further

information about this unique option for **highly motivated** students, contact the coordinator at 548-3286.

Summer School Information

Basic Information

Summer school will begin on Monday, June 28, 2010. Most students who attend Great Bridge Middle School will attend summer school at Hugo Owens Middle School. Classes meet 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Summer school information for 2010 will be distributed to each student through homerooms to be taken home to parents.

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth-Grade Courses

Students who need courses in sixth, seventh, or eighth-grade English, mathematics, science, or social studies may take the courses at no cost, if the students are Chesapeake residents.

Each sixth, seventh, or eighth-grade class will meet for 10 days. A student may take two courses, one per session. To be eligible to take a sixth, seventh, or eighth-grade class, a student must have made an "E." A student that has made a "D" must have the permission of his or her school principal.

Regulations

The usual regulations on attendance, tardiness, and smoking will apply to summer school students. Students who have excessive absences will be dropped from classes. Specific attendance details will be discussed with students by the summer school principals. In the event a student is dropped for poor attendance, no refund of tuition will be made.

Students will not be excused to attend conferences or leave summer school early for vacation, and no early final tests will be permitted.

Since participation at summer school is not mandatory, students who present discipline problems within the classroom, in the school, or on school grounds will not be permitted to continue in attendance. No student dismissed for disciplinary reasons will be entitled to any refunds or reduction of tuition.

Transportation

Limited bus transportation will be provided for summer school students to the schools hosting summer school. The bus schedules will be published in The Virginian-Pilot Chesapeake Clipper prior to summer school and distributed to all schools.

How to Register

Chesapeake Public School middle and senior high school students should contact their school counselors for help in registration beginning May 3, 2010. Sixth-grade parents may contact Sue Cole, seventh-grade parents Wendy Harris, and eighth-grade parents Ronda Melton at 482-5128. Through June 11, students must register and pay for summer school at the school he/she regularly attends. No student will be permitted to register at the summer school sites other than those students who normally attend those schools. Registration, including payment, should be completed by noon on June 11. After June 11, students must continue to register at the school they regularly attend, but pay at the

summer school site they will attend. Registration will be conducted at the summer school locations on Monday, June 28, 2010.

Chesapeake residents who are not currently enrolled in a Chesapeake school may register beginning June 21 at the summer school site. A permission letter indicating courses desired is required from the sending school's administration.

Non-Chesapeake residents may register on June 28 ONLY at the summer school site on a space-available basis. A permission letter, indicating courses desired is required from the sending school's administration.

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Health News

A Message from the Nurse

It is that time of year when viruses are more commonplace and yes, even chickenpox! Please encourage your children to wash their hands often and keep them away from their faces. And, of course, remind them to cover their mouths when coughing. In the event your child gets chickenpox, please call the school clinic and let us know.

Immunizations

Sixth-grade and newly enrolled seventh and eighth-grade students who have not had their TDaP booster dose will not be able to attend school. The Code of Virginia, 32.1-46, requires all rising sixth and seventh graders to have a booster dose of pertussis-containing vaccine prior to entering sixth or seventh grade. This requirement does not apply to children who have documentation of having received a dose of a tetanus containing vaccine {Tetanus (T), Tetanus Diphtheria (Td), Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis (TDaP)} within the last five years. **Documentation is required to be submitted before the first day of classes or the student may not attend class.** Please call your school nurse with any questions.

Immunizations Records

Parents, if your child receives any immunizations, it is important they are recorded on the school records. So please bring a copy of any immunizations so we can keep our health records updated on your child.

Medications

The following is the policy for medications from Chesapeake Public Schools Health Services. Medication may be administered to a student by school personnel provided the regulations for the administration of medication have been satisfied. It is desirable for medication to be scheduled at times other than school hours. We recognize that this is not always possible and will cooperate when necessary with the parent and physician for the student to be given prescribed medication during the school day. The regulations apply to both prescribed and over-the-counter medication.

The regulations require:

1. A student who is to be administered medication at school must have on file a physician's written order detailing the name of the drug, dosage, and time interval medication is to be taken and the parent's written consent.

2. The form is to be completed each school year and whenever there is a change in the type of medication, dosage, or duration of the order expires.
3. **Medication must be delivered to school by the parent/guardian or another adult designated by the parent in a container properly labeled by the pharmacy or physician.** Over-the-counter drugs must be received in the original unopened container.
4. Prescribed medication that has been discontinued by the physician must be picked up within two weeks. **All medication that has not been given by the end of the school year must be picked up by the parent on or before the last day of school.** After this time the medication must be disposed of in the proper manner.

All medications need to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian either June 16 or 17 at the clinic. If these dates present a problem, please feel free to contact the nurse to make other arrangements. Medications not picked up by June 17, will be destroyed.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Archbell, RN, health advisor, during school hours at 482-5128.

Energy Drinks

Please remember energy drinks have been banned from Great Bridge Middle School. For a listing of energy drinks please visit the following Web site:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_energy_drinks

There is also a list of these drinks in the clinic. Energy drinks are not a good nutritional choice for a healthy diet!

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Parent Information

The Secret Garden

Please come and enjoy the Great Bridge Middle School Players in their production of *The Secret Garden*. The performances will be held in GBMS auditorium on April 29 and April 30 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Admission prices are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, and \$2.00 for preschool children. Make sure you get there before 7:00 p.m. to get a good seat!

Relay for Life

Our Relay team is selling luminaries for the big relay event May 7-8, 2010. We will have lighted luminaries all around the track. You can purchase one in memory of or in honor of someone who has had or has cancer. They are \$10.00. Please see Teresa in the office to purchase one! Thanks!

Internet Safety

Monitoring Your Child's Online Behavior

- Require your child to share his or her passwords with you.
- View any accounts your child may have with "friend" sites such as MySpace and other sites and let him or her know you are doing so.
- Monitor e-mail accounts and the history feature on your browser. An erased history may be an indication that your child is at risk.

What to Tell Your Child about Internet Safety

- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you meet online.
- Never upload pictures of yourself to the Internet or an online service to people you do not personally know.
- Never give out identifying information such as your name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- Never download pictures from an unknown source; there is a good chance they could be of a sexually explicit nature. Picture files usually end in .jpg, .gif, .jpeg, or .png.
- Never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or harassing.
- Anything you see or read online may not be true.

Parent Tip Before Reading Informational Texts

Good readers:

- Set goals for their reading.
- Consider what they already know about the topic.
- Look over the text before they start to read.
- Make predictions.

Preview Your Text

Previewing is a way to grab the reader's attention. It gives you an idea of what the chapter or selection is all about and what you will be learning. To improve comprehension and understand how the writing is organized follow these simple steps:

1. Read the *title*.
2. Ask yourself: "What do I already know about this topic?"
3. Read the chapter introduction.
4. Read the boldfaced headings of each section.
5. Ask yourself again: "What do I already know about this?"
6. Read all the boldface words and any information in the side margins of the page.
7. Read the captions under each picture.
8. Examine any graphs and charts.
9. Read the questions found in the chapter and at the end of the chapter.
10. Now you are ready to read!

Staff Tribute Program

The Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation is pleased to formally introduce a new Staff Tribute Program. This program is designed to allow parents, students, and PTAs to donate a gift in honor of a teacher or staff member for a birthday, holiday, teacher appreciation week, or any occasion, directly to the Educational Foundation. These gifts would then be turned around and put back into the schools to be used for supplies and other needs.

General Information

Cafeteria

Parents, please make sure your child has money for lunch each day. There are no charges. Charges left on your child's account must be paid by May 28, 2010. Students have two

accounts, one for meals only and only one meal a day can be purchased off that account. The other account is a general account and they can purchase anything from a meal to any amount of snacks they choose. When you write a check for your child's account you can specify which account that money goes to or it can be split; otherwise it will be put on the general account.

Thank you, Faye Wolfenbarger, Cafeteria Manager

Chorus

March has been a very busy month for the GBMS chorus students. In honor of Music in Our Schools Month all of the chorus groups performed in a Festival Concert. We are very pleased to announce the following results. The sixth and eighth-grade groups received a "1" superior rating at the District IV Chorus Festival at Wilson High School. The seventh-grade students received a "2" excellent rating and the eighth-grade chorus received a "1" superior rating at the Chesapeake Choral Festival at Oscar Smith High School. We are very proud of their hard work. We have only two major events left in the year. All-City Chorus will be on May 8 and our spring concert will be at GBMS on May 12. Please mark your calendars for these two events.

Target

Target donated \$212.90 to GBMS this year. This was through Target's Take Charge of Education Program. Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using the REDcard to eligible schools designated by their customers. Schools are issued Take Charge of Education donations each March and September. It does not cost cardholders anything to sign up for the program, and they can designate GBMS in one of three ways: visit Target.com/tcoe, stop by the kiosk in your favorite Target store, or call 1-800-316-6142.

SCA News

Congratulations SCA! The GBMS SCA has won the Virginia Student Council Association Achievement Award for the third year in a row. The SCA officers went to Richmond to receive their award on March 2.

What amazing talent we have here at GBMS! Congratulations to all our Talent Show participants and our Rock Band bands!

The end of the year is near and the SCA has a few more things planned! We will be scheduling our Great American Clean-Up for April to celebrate Earth Day and clean up around our school. Students should listen to the morning announcements for the date. Students can receive volunteer hours for this project. If not you..... who?

Our year is almost over, and we are looking for some great officers to lead us next year. Are there any hard-working and creative sixth and seventh graders interested in running for an office next year? If you are interested, applications will be available the last week of April and campaigning begins May 3 through May 7. The elections will take place in homerooms on May 12 and our induction ceremony for new officers will be May 14 at 7:45 a.m. in the auditorium. Becoming an officer is a great way to plan fun events for our school and get involved.

A special thank you goes out to the officers this year. We have worked so hard all year long and had so much fun! Thank you so much for your dedication. To our eighth grade officers: Cassie Rich, Taylor San Nicolas, Macon Frey, Paige

Rabidoux, Chas Hinkle, Ashley Lee, and Caroline Jordan — good luck in high school. We will miss you!

Yearbook Sales

There are a limited number of yearbooks left. Reserve a copy for your child by going to the GBMS Web site and clicking on the link labeled "Order your yearbook now." The cost of the yearbook is \$40 and can be paid using a credit card. The deadline has passed to add engraving, dust jackets, or autograph pages. In June, students will be able to buy any remaining yearbooks for \$40 cash.

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edia Center

Book Fair

The media center staff would like to thank all the parents and student volunteers who helped with the spring book fair. The book fair was a success and will help us in the purchase of needed supplies and equipment.

End-of-School Information

The media center charges fines for overdue books. A fine of five cents per day for each book returned after the five-day grace past the due date is charged. Lost or damaged books and overdue book fines must be paid. The maximum fine for overdue books is \$2.00 per book. If a lost book is paid for and later found, a refund will be issued. Students who have overdue books or outstanding fines will not receive their new schedule for the next school year until these obligations have been met.

All library books will be due June 11, 2010. Beginning May 21, 2010, students will only be able to have one book checked out at a time. No books will be checked out if you have a lost book or overdue fine. Students will be able to access resources in the media center until June 14, 2010. Final report cards for 2009-10 and school schedules for 2010-11 will not be released until students have cleared all obligations such as returning books, paying for lost or damaged books, and paying fines.

GBTV Newscast

We are looking for 12 dedicated and talented students to be a part of the GBTV news team. There will be an interest meeting on the morning of April 15 in the media center at 8:25 a.m. Students will receive information and an application at the meeting. All applications are due by Wednesday, May 12. GBTV auditions will take place after school on Wednesday, May 19. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Thomas at 482-5128.

Fundraiser Projects

The three on-going projects for fundraisers, (the Farm Fresh ABCs Program, Box Top for Education, and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education) are coming to a close for this school year. The deadline for the Farm Fresh receipts is June 4, 2010. The receipts should be dated from September 7, 2009 to June 4, 2010. September and January were double bonus points months for all cash register receipts; so, please find all your eligible receipts and send them to the school. The receipts are date sensitive and they will not carry over into the

new school year. We will continue to collect the Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels throughout the year. Please cut the **UPC label only** from the Campbell's Soup and not the face cover of the can. If it is a bonus point label, please cut the bonus number too. The soup labels are deposited only once a year. The Box Tops for Education labels are found on many cereals and frozen food products. Please have all labels in by the end of the school year. Our media center depends on these projects to help supplement the media center budget. Your child may bring them to school or you may drop them off whenever you visit the school. Deposit containers are located in the commons area. We appreciate your support with these projects. Other information may be received by contacting Ms. C. M. Williams, GBMS coordinator, or by going to the Web sites.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

<http://www.farmfreshmarkets.com/>

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

You can check out the Web sites for additional savings and help which is offered to your child's school – like shopping coupons. You can earn cash back for your school when you shop through the Box Tops Marketplace SM which is filled with over 70 popular online stores. There are exciting opportunities to earn thousands of Bonus Box Tops for your school. Please visit the Farm Fresh 1234 Web page for details.

Volunteers

The media staff and the students would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered many hours to the media center administration, fundraising projects, and manning the book fair. We do appreciate your support and help. If there are any parents who have not joined our group of media center helpers and would like to become involved, please contact Ms. C. M. Williams or Ms. T. Thomas, media specialists, or the school office at 482-5128.

Read Across America

On March 3, Ms. C. M. Williams, along with volunteer Suzanne Miles, took sixth and seventh-grade students across the street to the Great Bridge Methodist Church preschool learning center. The students read Dr. Seuss' books to children, ages two to five, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Both GBMS students and the preschoolers enjoyed the reading experience.

Dates to Remember

APRIL 2010

- 11-17 National Library Week
- 13-16 Eighth-grade Field Trip – Learning Barge
- 14 Track – GBM v. CWM – 5:00 p.m.
- 15 GBTV Interest Meeting – Media Center – 8:25 a.m.
- 15 Volleyball – GBM @ GRM – 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Field Hockey – GBM @ GRM – 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Spring Pictures – Auxiliary Gym
- 19-23 Administrative Professionals (Secretaries) Week
- 19-23 Public School Volunteer Week
- 19 Issue Report Cards
- 19 All-City Band Auditions – Select Seventh Graders – OSM – 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Volleyball – HOM @ GBM – 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Field Hockey – HOM @ GBM – 5:00 p.m.
- 20 PTA Board Meeting – GBMS – 6:00 p.m.
- 20-23 Sixth-grade Field Trip – Learning Barge
- 21 Administrative Professionals (Secretaries) Day
- 21 Track – DCM v. GBM – 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Citywide Volleyball Tournament
- 22 Citywide Field Hockey Tournament
- 23 Special Olympics – OSHS
- 23 Relay for Life Dodge Ball Tournament – Gym – 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 23 All-City Orchestra (Select Sixth & Seventh Graders) – DCHS – 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Annual Global Youth Service Day
- 26 Parent Volunteer Luncheon – Room 200 – 12:00 p.m.
- 27 SCA Election Packets Available
- 27 Volleyball Finals – GBMS – 5:00 P.M.
- 28 Track – GBM v. HM – 5:00 p.m.
- 29 Field Hockey Finals – 5:00 p.m.
- 29-30 GBMS Play – *The Secret Garden* – GBMS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- 30 SCA Office Applications Due – Miss McInerney
- 30 All-City Band – Select Sixth & Seventh Graders – GFHS

MAY

- 3 Summer School Registration Begins
- 3 Citywide Track – Boys @ DCM & Girls @ GBM – 5:00 p.m.
- 3-7 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3-7 Custodial Appreciation Week
- 3-7 SCA Campaigning
- 4 National Teacher Day
- 5 Intramurals
- 5 Citywide Track – GFHS – 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Spring Physicals \$12 (cash only) for All 2010-11 Sports – Gym – 5:30 p.m.
- 6-7 Eighth-grade Field Trip to Richmond – 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
- 7-8 Relay for Life Luminaries
- 7 All-City Chorus – Selected Students – HMS
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10-11 SCA GBTV Speeches
- 10-14 Cheering Tryouts

- 11 Orchestra Spring Concert – Sixth Grade – GBHS – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Intramurals
- 12 National School Nurse Day
- 12 GBTV Applications Due
- 12 SCA Elections During Homeroom
- 13 Midpoint of the Fourth Nine Weeks
- 13 Retirement Party – IRHS – 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Orchestra Spring Concert – Seventh & Eighth Grades – GBHS – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 SCA Induction Ceremony – Auditorium – 7:45 a.m.
- 17-21 National Educational Bosses' Week
- 18-28 SOL Testing
- 18 PTA Board Meeting – 5:15 p.m.
- 18 PTA Meeting – GBMS – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Chorus Spring Concert – Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grades – GBMS – 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Chesapeake Council PTA Dinner – OSM
- 19 Intramurals
- 19 GBTV Auditions – Media Center Room 200 – 3:40 p.m.
- 19 Band Spring Concert – Sixth & Seventh Grades – GBHS – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Issue Interims
- 26 Intramurals
- 26 Flute Choir Concert – GBMS – 7:00 p.m.
- 28 All Cafeteria Charges Due
- 31 Memorial Day – Holiday – Schools Closed

JUNE

- 1 Planetarium Visit – Keen Kats – 9:30 a.m.
- 1 Planetarium Visit – Cool Cats – 10:30 a.m.
- 1-7 SOL Testing
- 2 Planetarium Visit – Alley Cats – 9:30 a.m.
- 2 Planetarium Visit – Courageous Cats – 10:30 a.m.
- 3 Retirement Party for Dr. Nichols– Chesapeake Conference Center – 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Science Field Day – Grade 8
- 8 PTA Board Meeting – GBM – 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Athletic Awards Ceremony – GBMS – 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Barry Dean Picnic – Seventh Grade
- 9 Band Spring Concert – Eighth Grade & Stage Band – GBHS – 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Academic Awards Ceremony – GBMS – 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Barry Dean Picnic – Eighth Grade
- 11 All Library Books Due
- 11 Summer School Registration Deadline
- 11 Yearbook Distribution
- 14 Locker Clean Out
- 14 Flag Day
- 15-17 Exams/Tests (Grade 8)
- 16-17 All Medications Must Be Picked Up
- 17 Early Release Day
- 17 End of Fourth Grading Period
- 18 Teacher Workday
- 24 Mail Final Report Cards
- 28 Summer School Begins

The Chesapeake Public School System is an equal opportunity school system. The School Board of the City of Chesapeake also adheres to the principles of equal opportunity in employment and, therefore, prohibits discrimination in terms and conditions of employment on the basis of race, sex, national origin, color, religion, or disability.

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