



# Parent Bulletin



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## From Our Principal

Dear Great Bridge High School Families

The first quarter has already come to a close! It is such a pleasure to have the opportunity to watch the GBHS young people achieve and succeed. As we head into the second half of this semester, please be mindful of the importance of regular attendance and the impact this has on student success. As you know, we are implementing more opportunities for Time Recovery this year and it is no longer only offered at the end of the semester. Students can make up missed seat time Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to make up their time and to take advantage of these additional opportunities.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, let me take this time to wish you and your family a season full of memories and smiles. Do not hesitate to be a part of YOUR school.

All the best,

Sheli Porter  
Principal  
Great Bridge High School



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## Toys For Tots—FBLA

Help the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collect new, unwrapped toys to distribute as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.

The Great Bridge High School Future Business Leaders of America is collecting toys for the US Marine Toys for Tots charity. All toys must be

new. They can bring them to any business teacher.

Items will be collected December 12-16.





## GBHS PTSA - Be Involved!!!!

### Be Involved:

Want to be involved? The GBHS PTSA needs the following committee chairs: Communications/Social Media and Blood Drive.



### Volunteers:

Only have a few hours to volunteer? For contact information, visit our link on the GBHS website, [www.cpschools.com/gbh](http://www.cpschools.com/gbh), click on GBHS PTSA/ Volunteer.

### Membership:

As a high school student, your child may be a member of the PTSA. Your child may return the membership envelope that was sent home on the first day of school or you may stop buy the main office. **Membership** is \$5.00 per member, make checks payable to GBHS PTSA.



**Spirit wear** is on sale every Thursday during all lunches. Please visit the GBHS PTSA tab on the school website for more information and a copy of the order form.



*"Please Join Us at the Next GBHS PTSA Meeting!"*



## Important Dates—PTSA

- December 13 GBHS PTSA Meeting—7:00 PM  
Reflections Winners Announced (prior to Chorus Concert)
- January 17 GBHS PTSA Meeting—7:00 PM
- February 13 PTSA Open House—7:00 PM

Questions? Comments? Volunteer information? Contact Lisa Long, president at [llong605@cox.net](mailto:llong605@cox.net)

For more information, visit our link on the GBHS website, [www.cpschools.com/gbh](http://www.cpschools.com/gbh), click on GBHS PTSA.

## 2011-2012 PTSA Officers

President	Lisa Long
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice president	Tina Castleton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice president	Rachel Chastanet
Treasurer	Debra Wilson
Recording Secretary	Tricia Hardy
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Frey



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## Culinary Arts—Wildcat Cafe

Wildcat Gift Certificates are available in \$5, \$8, and \$10 amounts for teacher gifts from Mrs. White's catering classes. The Gift Certificates can be used for our Wildcat to go lunches and special gourmet cafés. A great end of the year gift!

CULINARY DELIGHTS

### WILDCAT CAFÉ

#### Gift Certificate



TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized by \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wildcat To Go \$5      Wildcat Soup & Salad Bar \$8      Wildcat Gourmet Lunch

Advanced reservations required. Use sign up sheet in the main office and insert this certificate into the payment envelope.



## ASVAB



For those of you who missed the ASVAB test given on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be another opportunity on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.



## Merit Scholarship Commended Students

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in the fall of their junior year. Over 1.5 million students participate in the PSAT each year with only 34,000 named Commended Students. Great Bridge High School is proud to honor the following students as Commended Students:

**KATELYN ANDERSON**

**EMILY BOHAN**

**ELENA PIPER**



# CONGRATULATIONS!



## 2012 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference

Are you a 10<sup>th</sup> grader? Are you interested in attending a Leadership Conference? We have the perfect experience for you...The 2012 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference also known as HOBY!

By participating in this conference you will:

- Get to stay in a dorm on a college campus
- Meet other teenagers from across Virginia
- Enjoy a unique learning experience designed to assist you with developing your own leadership strengths
- Be able to add this experience to your professional resume

When: May 18, 2012 – May 20, 2012

Where: James Madison University

Deadline to register: Nov. 28, 2011



There will be a selection committee to select one student to represent Great Bridge High at this conference. If you are interested see Mrs. Edmonds-Young in the Counseling Department today!

## Summer Residential Governor's Schools

If you're a Sophomore or Junior & enjoy Math, Science, Technology, Humanities or Visual and Performing Arts, the Summer Residential Governor's School may be for you! This program is a month-long study that will be held July 2012 at a college here in Virginia. If you are interested, please pick up an interest form with all the details in the Counseling Department. Completed interest forms for Visual & Performing Arts applicants must be turned in by Wednesday, **November 23, 2011**. Interest Forms for Academic Program applicants are due **December 7, 2011**. For more information on this exciting opportunity contact Mrs. Edmonds-Young in the Counseling Department or visit [www.doe.virginia.gov](http://www.doe.virginia.gov) and type "Summer Residential Governor's Schools" in the search box.

## Governor's Early College Scholars Program

The Governor's Early College Scholars Program is intended to encourage eligible high school students to complete requirements for a high school diploma and concurrently earn at least 15 hours of transferable

credits toward a college degree. During the month of November, Ms. Suter will be visiting several of the AP classes to explain the details of the program and hand out the agreement form. The agreement form is to be

signed by the student and the parent/guardian, so if your student receives one of these forms, please sign and return to Ms. Suter. If you would like more information, please visit [www.virginiamentor.org](http://www.virginiamentor.org).





## Great Bridge High School: Time Recovery Program

The Time Recovery Program has been established to provide assistance students who may potentially fail their respective courses due to absences (more than 9 days per semester). ***A student may redeem one class for one extended day period***; and a ***student may redeem a maximum of four (4) days per course during a term***. Students may “bank” days in the extended day program; they do not need to wait until their attendance is a problem before attending the sessions. Students who have excessive absences and have not attended any extended day programs may not be considered for extenuating circumstances by the principal.

### Guidelines for Attending Time Recovery

- 1) Each Time Recovery session is held from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No student will be admitted after 3:45 p.m., nor will a student be permitted to leave prior to 5:15 p.m. without losing credit for the session.
- 2) **A student who wishes to attend an extended day session MUST pick up a pass from his/ her teacher in order to make up a day for a particular class. A student will not be allowed to enter Time Recovery without a pass. The teacher will indicate on the pass as to whether or not an assignment was given, and it will be the responsibility of that student to return the assignment to their teacher in order to receive the appropriate grade.**
- 3) Students who do not bring schoolwork with them to the session will be asked to leave the session and will not receive credit for the session.
- 4) Students who do not work for the entire session on schoolwork will be asked to leave the session and will not receive credit for the session.
- 5) No misbehavior of any type will be tolerated within the session.
- 6) Students will not be permitted to sleep, socialize, listen to music, or use cell phones during the session.
- 7) The extended day program is a voluntary program; therefore it is the students’ and parents’ responsibility to provide transportation at the conclusion of each session.

### DATES FOR EXTENDED DAY (2011 – 2012)

#### FIRST TERM

NOVEMBER – 1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 29

DECEMBER – 1, 6, 8, 13, 15

JANUARY – 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24



#### SECOND TERM

FEBRUARY – 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

MARCH – 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

APRIL – 3, 5, 17, 19, 24, 26

MAY – 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31



## Time Recovery Schedule Fall 2011



Teacher	Date	Room Assignment
Thomas	11/1/2011	82
Morris	11/3/2011	713
Hansen	11/8/2011	201
Lessick	11/15/2011	P25
Hobbs	11/17/2011	708
Staley	11/22/2011	306
Ireland	11/29/2011	411
Carroll	12/1/2011	76
Jones	12/6/2011	308
Liles	12/8/2011	507
Stephens	12/13/2011	803
Husser	12/15/2011	72
MacDonald	1/3/2012	P19
Easterday	1/5/2012	304
Marshall	1/10/2012	803
Sanders/R. Johnson	1/12/2012	75/81
Gore/ L. Jones	1/17/2012	801/810
Carroll/Morris	1/19/2012	76/TBA
Thomas/Hansen	1/24/2012	82/201

\*\*Room location is subject to change. Please refer to the morning announcements and the Electronic Bulletin Board for up-to-date information each week.

# ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL.....

## MEETING THE CHALLENGE!





## Give Honor Where Honor is Due

You can honor a Great Bridge High School Alumnus who has served his or her country through service by inducting him or her into the Wildcat Walkway of Honor.

You can purchase a brick with the alumnus' name inscribed on it, and it will be placed in the Walk Way of Honor located at the front of the school. In addition, you will be contacted when ceremonies are conducted honoring new inductees into the Walk Way of Honor. The Walkway will host special ceremonies and will be maintained by the GBHS Air Force JROTC Cadet Corp.

Any person can honor a GBHS Alumnus if the alumnus meets one of the following criteria:

Served honorably or is currently serving in an U.S. Armed Forces to include Coast Guard, U.S. Reserve Forces, or National Guard;

Retired form or is currently serving as a member of a Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Agency, Fire Department, or Rescue Service.

A 4" X 8" brick is \$55.00, and the inscription engraved on the brick is limited to 2 lines with no more than 14 characters per line, including spaces.

GEORGE M SMITH  
ARMY CLASS 80

EXAMPLE

JEAN SMITH 02  
US COAST GUARD

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_


Please make checks payable to Great Bridge High School.

Mail to the following address:

Great Bridge High School / JROTC  
301 Hanbury Road West  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Thank you for your support and honoring those who serve.

Any questions can be directed to MSGT Graham, USAF (ret) at Great Bridge High School JROTC Office

757-546-3651 (Phone or Fax) e-mail [grahacal@cps.k12.va.us](mailto:grahacal@cps.k12.va.us)

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**Wildcat  
Tradition and  
Pride**

*The mission of Great Bridge High School is to raise the achievement of all students by meeting their diverse needs through a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum in a supportive social environment, working together with their parents and the community to prepare them for life's challenges as productive citizens and lifelong learners.*



**Home  
of the  
Wildcats**

We're on the Web!

[cpschools.com/Schools/GBH/index.html](http://cpschools.com/Schools/GBH/index.html)

## Dates to Remember

December	8	Winter Band Concert, 7:30 PM
	10	Gymnastics Invitational, 9:00 AM
	12	School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
	13	Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM
	15	End 3rd Grading Period Orchestra Concert, 7:30 PM
	22	Winter Break Begins
	28-29	Colin Baker Wrestling Tournament, 9:00 AM
January	1	New Year's Day
	3	School Reopens
	5	Miss Great Bridge Tryouts, 6:00 PM
	9	School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
	16	Martin Luther King Holiday
	19	GBI & GBHS Pops Orchestra, 7:30 PM
	20	Friday Night with the GUYS / Chorus, 4:00-9:00 PM
	21	5th Annual GB Band Parents Chili Cook-Off, 4:00 PM
	24-26	Exams
	26	End 4th Grading Period
	27	Teacher Workday
	30	Teacher In-Service School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM