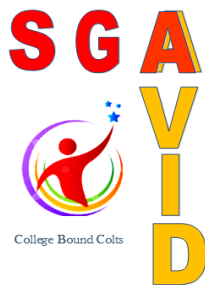




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Gaines Gazette



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to an exciting year for our students and families. This promises to be a year of much learning and gains for our students as we embrace rigorous work and standards-based instruction to better prepare them for future grade levels. Samuel Gaines Academy is fortunate to have committed parents and business partners who support our efforts to supplement and enhance our community of learners.. Join us on our journey toward reaching academic excellence and "Reach for the Stars" this 2016-2017 school year. You are invited to become a district approved volunteer in an effort to be part of our learning community on campus and take part in our field trips (call us for more details).

This newsletter serves as a means to inform families of monthly and marking period academic focuses, scheduled parent meetings, and up-coming student activities. Stay tuned for future Parent Newsletters. A copy of the complete Newsletter will also be available at our website found in the St. Lucie County School Portal and clicking under "Our Schools" or at <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/sga>

Reaching for the Stars!

Sincerely,

Roberto Bonseñor

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Principal and Treasure Hunter

Supervision of students begins at 9:00 AM. Please do not drop students off prior to 9:00 in the morning.

For those using the Parent Pick-up just a reminder to have your child's name on a window tag and to remain in your car! For the safety of everyone's children we do not allow parents to park

Kids at Hope Pledge:

*I am a Kid at Hope.
I am talented, smart,
and capable of success.
I have dreams for the future
and I will climb to reach
those goals and dreams every-
ryday!
All Children are Capable of
Success,
No Exceptions!*

EMERGENCY!

If there is an emergency with your child do we have current phone numbers and addresses??? Contact the office to be sure we have accurate information!



School hours

9:30-4:00

College Bound COLTS!

Spirit Shirts are available for sale in the front office \$10 each

Samuel S. Gaines Academy K-8

Dress Code 2016-2017

YOU ARE IN DRESS CODE	YOU ARE <u>NOT</u> IN DRESS CODE IF
<u>SHIRTS/TOPS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All collared shirts must have sleeves ➤ Collared Shirts (solid, stripes & plaids without printed words or pictures embroidered on them) ➤ Shirts must be tucked in at all times ➤ Shirts must be long enough to remain tucked in when seated ➤ Spirit Shirts can be worn any day 	<u>SHIRTS/TOPS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shirts that are collarless ➤ Shirts that are not tucked in ➤ Shirts that are tight fitting, revealing or sleeveless ➤ Sweaters with hood on inside ➤ Shirt has graphics larger than pocket size
<u>PANTS/BOTTOMS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shorts, Pants, Capris, Jumpers, Collared Dresses are permitted (tights are permitted underneath) ➤ Fitted at the waist ➤ Extend beyond the fingertips ➤ Denim jeans are allowed ➤ Belts must be worn ➤ Must be securely fastened above the hip bone 	<u>PANTS/BOTTOMS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pants that have holes or are torn ➤ Pants that have embellishments/designs ➤ Pants that have drawstrings ➤ Pants that are baggy ➤ Pants that display visible underwear ➤ Pants with camouflage ➤ Belt buckles larger than 2 inches
<u>SHOES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Must have closed toe ➤ Must have a back or back strap ➤ All straps/laces must be properly fastened 	<u>SHOES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flip Flops/Sandals ➤ Clogs/Crocs ➤ Shoes with wheels
<u>OUTERWEAR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sweatshirts, Sweaters, jackets and pullovers in any color ➤ Hoods (must be removed once inside the building) ➤ Collared shirts must be worn underneath all outerwear 	<u>OUTERWEAR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inappropriate or obscene pictures ➤ Camouflage ➤ Graphics
<u>HEAD ATTIRE/HAIR/JEWELRY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Natural hair color only ➤ Headbands of any solid color (Girls) ➤ Earrings 2 inches or smaller ➤ Piercings on ears only ➤ Hair color, hair styles, hair accessories & jewelry should be appropriate to school setting & must not distract the learning environment 	<u>HEAD ATTIRE/HAIR/JEWELRY</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Caps, hats, bandanas ➤ Hoods are not to be worn on the head ➤ Spray painting or dying of hair ➤ Images or writing or designs through the shaving of a head is not permitted ➤ Press on tattoos

NO BULLY ZONE!!!

Our school is a NO BULLY ZONE! St. Lucie County defines bullying as, "...systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees."

Bullying is repeated, intentional and one-sided.

We have a plan in place to eliminate bullying from our school and it requires your support. Please be sure to talk to your child about school. If you hear anything that sounds like bullying please call us and let us know. We have a procedure we follow when investigating these concerns. Suggesting a child handle it themselves often prolongs the problem and can lead to other issues. We are glad to help reteach behavioral expectations to stop bullying.

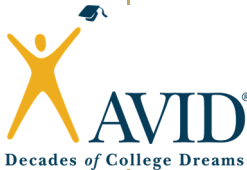


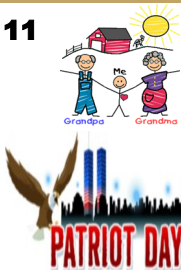



We also ask that you discuss bullying with your child so they know they can not partake in bullying behavior. Students need to be taught how to treat others fairly and how to accept difference in others. By working together we can stop bullying in our school.

Together, we CAN make a difference!



September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 LABOR DAY 	6	7	8	9 SAC Mtg. 8:00 am	10
11 	12	13 6th Graders Health Screening	14	15 VPK—1st Graders Dental Screening Grandparents Celebration/ Title I Night 5:30—6:45	16 2nd –3rd Graders Dental Screening	17
18	19 3rd Graders Health Screening	20	21	22	23 Teacher PD Day NO SCHOOL!	24 Bowl for Kids Sake @ Super Play 9:00—1:00 
25 	26 1st Graders Health Screening	27	28 Early Release Day @ 2:00 pm DADS Take Your Child To School Day 	29	30 Colt of the Month @ 2:00 pm	

Important Information

VOLUNTEERS

We have seen excellent results when students receive individual help and we would like to be able to offer this educational opportunity to more students. If you feel that you could volunteer to work with students in a classroom, or help prepare materials for instruction, we would be happy to hear from you. You can reach our volunteer coordinator by calling 462-8888. We ask that all of our volunteers dress professionally while working in our school. Volunteers are not allowed to volunteer in their own child's class or bring younger siblings that are not school aged to school while volunteering.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Just a reminder that students may not use their cell phones during school hours. Students who use their phones (for calls, texts, music or other activities) may have them confiscated. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to come to school to get the device.

We do not permit electronic devices on campus. This includes PSPs, Tablets, etc. We do not accept responsibility for these items. If a student uses one of these at school it will be confiscated. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to come to school to get the device.

Please note; administrators and deans WILL NOT investigate missing devices. We assume no responsibility in monitoring these electronics.



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Checkout During the School Day

Parents must come to the front office directly to sign a student out, and the student will be notified to come to the office. Teachers are not allowed to dismiss students from the classroom, cafeteria, or playground without prior notice from the office.

There will be no dismissal of students allowed after 3:30 p.m. unless there is a documented family emergency. Parents must send a written note to school to let the teacher and office know the student will be leaving early.

Students will only be released to adults whose names appear on the emergency card. Parents must notify the office **immediately** of any changes in legal custody. Anyone checking out a student may be asked to show identification if they are unknown to the office staff.

School Advisory Council (SAC) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We have plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in our school!! No experience is necessary for you to be part of **SAC** or **PTO**. Both groups require minimal time (about 1 hour a month). **SAC** is an advisory group for the principal. This group learns more about the decisions made at the school as well as having a voice in some decision. We meet once a month at a time determined by the Council. PTO is a new group. We are looking for a group of parents who just want to help out and be involved. This group can help fundraise for programs, sell concessions at our intramural games, and help us create a welcoming climate for new families. Please call Ms. Terry @ 462-8888 if you want more information!.

Things we collect...

Box Tops for Education!

Please send us your Box Tops! We change these directly into cash to benefit our classrooms. Just clip them and send them in with your student.

Thanks for your help!

