



Principal's Message

Greetings Colt Families!

The 2016-2017 school year is coming to an end. Our students have been working very hard to prepare for their next grade. We will be completing testing for all grade levels by the end of May.

The month of May will be one full of excitement and celebrations for all. Our 8th grade students will be moving on to high school to embrace new challenges and accomplishments. We ask all 8th grade parents to save the date for the graduation which is fast approaching, May 31st from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in the school's gymnasium. Please see attachment for more important information and expectations.

Also, please remember to sign-up your child for 21st Century Program this summer that will be offered at Samuel S. Gaines Academy. The program begins June 12th and runs through July 10th. The sessions will run Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please see attachment.

Students are looking forward to their summer break to relax and recharge. We encourage all families to support their children in continuing their reading routines at home every day and to also have meaningful discussions to continue that momentum of learning and discovering new ideas.

We wish everyone a restful and safe summer break!

Sincerely,

Roberto Bonseñor

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Principal and Treasure Hunter



School hours
9:30-4:00



8th Grade Graduation & Dance Dress Code

Parents: 8th Grade Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 31st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Gynmasium, followed by the 8th Grade Dance from 2:00—4:00 pm in the Audeteria. **Our 8th Grade Gradventure to Universal Studios** is on Friday, May 12th. Additional information will be send home. Below you will find the appropriate dress code for both activities.

GRADUATION

OK GIRLS

- Sunday best dresses, skirts, pants suits
- Heels (that can be walked in/no stiletto), flats, dress sandals with straps on heels.
- Blouses, shawls, cardigan sweaters.

GUYS

- Dress pants or khakis secured at waist with a belt
- Shirts with sleeves, golf/polo, dress shirts with or without tie, need to be tucked in at all times.
- Dress shoes or boat shoes

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE*/NOT OK*

- Accessories that may be used as weapons (chains, spiked collars or belts, wallets, sharp objects, jewelry, pendants, or charms larger than 2 inches)
- Clothing with holes, tearing, or shredding
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops, undershirts or sweatpants
- No bare shoulders or spaghetti strap dresses
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- Sagging pants, showing midriiffs, sunglasses indoors, earbuds.

*All students are expected to present and conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner.

*Students not meeting expectations will not be permitted to participate.

* School administration has the right to exclude any student who is not in compliance with the above dress code expectation.

GRADVENTURE

OK GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris or Bermuda shorts no shorter than mid-thigh
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops with sleeves at least 3 inches wide
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 5.5" are acceptable

GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans), secured at waist
- Shirts with sleeves (golf/polo, dress shirts and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress shoes, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Drawstring backpacks
- Chaperones may bring large backpacks

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- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
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- Area codes displayed on clothing or accessories IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.



21st Century is being offered at Samuel S. Gaines Academy this summer. This program is offered to your child to help maintain his/her math, reading, writing, and science skills. The summer program will consist of academics, enrichment and extra-curricular activities. Academics will be comprised of the basic core curriculum studies. Each student will participate in both academics and extracurricular activities.

Summer Camp will begin **June 12th and run through July 10th.** The summer sessions will run **Monday through Friday 7:30 AM till 12:30 PM.**

Each student will be provided with breakfast upon arrival and lunch prior to dismissal. Meals will be served at no cost to the parent/student(s). Seats in our program are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. If our numbers are more than we are able to accommodate, your child will be placed on a waiting list.

You may pick up an application at the school front office. No transportation provided.



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!

Last Day for Students Monday, June 5th.



Important Information

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. As a member of the SAC Committee, you will have a voice in decisions made that will affect our school. We are looking for a group of parents who will like to be involved and assist with schoolwide activities. This group can help fundraise for programs, sell concessions at our intramural games, and help us create a welcoming climate for new families. Our last meeting of the school year will be on 5/12/17 @ 8:00 am. Please call 462-8888 if you want more information!.

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.

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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Mission Statement:

The mission of Samuel S. Gaines Academy is to create a Community of Learning, Teaching and Succeeding.