



**Grand Oaks High School  
Parent Newsletter September 16, 2019**

**Conroe ISD Bond Information:** On November 5, our community will be able to vote on Proposition A and Proposition B for Conroe ISD. Parents, please make sure you are registered to vote and participate in the election. While in my role I can't legally tell you how to vote, however, I can share with you some facts about the propositions. Proposition A includes plans to build Elementary School #47, Flex 22, in the Grand Oaks HS Feeder to relieve enrollment numbers at Broadway Elementary School and Snyder Elementary School. Listed are the current enrollment numbers as of 8/26 for each elementary school:

Broadway Elementary School	1,089, and
Snyder Elementary School	1,106.

In addition, there are plans to build a major addition for York JHS which is currently holding 1,667 students in a building built for 1,500 students. The addition will help accommodate the current population and future growth. Please become familiar with Proposition A and Proposition B and participate in the election process on November 5.

Conroe ISD has released the following bond referendum video: [https://youtu.be/GAX\\_afVNGKM](https://youtu.be/GAX_afVNGKM)

For more information, visit the CISD website: <http://www.conroeisd.net/bond/>.

**Counselor News:**

*The GOHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Night* will be held on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. This will be a round robin type workshop where parents will be able to choose 3 sessions to attend. Session topics include:

- College Planning for 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Mental Health Awareness
- Helping with Anxiety and Depression
- Endorsements, 4 Year Plans, and Graduation
- Research based harmful effects on brain potential
- Parenting and the 40 Assets
- A Day in the Life of a Grand Oaks Student
- Programs and Transitions for Special Education Students

PTO will host an evening meeting from 5 – 5:45 pm in room 1215.

**PTO Membership:** The GOHS PTO invites you to be a part of the PTO membership drive. Membership of the PTO shows support to the Grand Oaks High School students, teachers, staff and parents. In our inaugural year as a school and PTO, the PTO was able to reward students of their GRIZZLY qualities at the Bear Claw Breakfast, reward three teachers a classroom grant totaling \$1600.00, host Coffee with Counselors for the parents and guardians and make shout outs of our Standout Grizzlies.

Our goal is to continue to support the students, teachers, staff and parents of Grand Oaks. To help foster a strong relationship between home and school, and create a sense of belonging that spills out into our community.

It takes more than tax dollars to run a school as excellent as Grand Oaks High School. It takes a commitment from families like you to fund innovative teaching ideas and extra programs. To help make these a reality, please join the PTO and donate to the 2019-2020 membership drive.

It is easy! Use a credit card or if you prefer to pay by check or cash, just send in a donation form with form of payment.

## Membership Levels:

**Grizzly Membership \$40.00** access to PTO scholarship, GO Crest decal, choice of GO phone accessory, entry into a raffle for a free LNO ticket

**Blue Membership \$20.00** access to scholarship, and GO Crest decal

**PTO Membership Dues \$10.00** PTO Membership Only

**GOHS Teachers/Staff ONLY \$10.00** access to PTO Classroom Grant

All contributions, no matter the amount, are appreciated and respected and will be recognized on our website for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you would like information about PTO Membership click on the link  
<http://grandoakspato.com/membership>

**Yearbook and Yearbook Pictures:** Buy the GOHS 2019-2020 yearbook now before prices go up at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Please contact [nlowry@conroeisd.net](mailto:nlowry@conroeisd.net) if you have any questions. Student yearbook pictures will be taken on September 24 and September 25 during all Social Studies classes.

**Student Individual Portraits are coming up for all Grand Oaks students.**

**Tuesday Sept. 24** – Students with **ORANGE DAY** Social Studies Classes

**Wednesday Sept. 25** – Students with **BLUE DAY** Social Studies Classes

**Can I order a package of school photos?** Of course, you can. There are two options available to you to place your photo order.

**1) Order online** – Click here to [ORDER ONLINE](#) Separate orders required for each student.

If link is not clickable, you can copy and paste this into your browser. [www.AccessMyEvent.com/494ZN7](http://www.AccessMyEvent.com/494ZN7)

**2) Turn in a written order** – Your student received an order form at school. Please ask them for this form. Or, you may download another copy here if needed. [DOWNLOAD ORDER FORM](#)

If link is not clickable, you can copy and paste this into your browser. [www.gmichaelphoto.com/sy-misc/school-photo-order-form-f19.pdf](http://www.gmichaelphoto.com/sy-misc/school-photo-order-form-f19.pdf)

**What should my student wear for photos?** Students must be dressed according to school dress code for photos.

**Important Note:** All orders are due on or before photo day. Late orders may not be accepted. Students may turn in completed order forms to their Social Studies teacher or the Front Office.

**To insure proper processing . . .** With both ordering options above, separate orders and payments are required for each of your students. Do NOT combine orders.

**Be Smart:** The Grand Oaks feeder zone will be putting together a series of different events and informative sessions for parents throughout this year. For the month of September, Clark Intermediate will be hosting a special event called "Be SMART" which helps parents understand the appropriate ways to keep guns safe from their children, while in the home. Please save the date for this great and informative event. See attached flyer.

[Be SMART Flyer - Clark Intermediate Sept 26 \(1\).pdf](#)

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Clark Intermediate School

**SMART** adults take these five easy steps to keep kids safe:

Secure all guns in your homes and vehicles

Model responsible behavior around guns

Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes

Recognize the role of guns in suicide

Tell your peers to be SMART

**GOHS Bear Claw Squadron:** Last year was the inaugural year for the Grand Oaks High School Bear Claw Squadron. The BCS is a Drone Club here at the school in which kids learn how to build, fly, and compete in the exciting world of Drone Racing and Competition. We are open to all the students at the school and there are no barriers to entry. We welcome everyone. This is a great way for kids to get involved in an exciting new industry that is really just taking off. For more information, please email Mr. Tanner at the school with questions at [atanner@conroeisd.net](mailto:atanner@conroeisd.net) or stay tuned for an open house information event that will happen as the kids start to participate. We've had GREAT support for the program in the past year and ended with a huge, "Flights at the (B)Aerodrome" event in May. It displayed indoor racers, outdoor racing, fixed wing and Drone displays. Please urge any student with interest to show up to Monday After-School Drone club or to reach out for more information.

**Destination Imagination:** There will be a Destination Imagination Informational Meeting at Grand Oaks High School for Grades K-12 on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the LGI (large room beside the cafeteria). What is Destination Imagination? Destination Imagination (DI) is a global educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers. Students develop teams of 2-7 members and work to solve a challenge in the most creative way possible. Teams showcase their solutions at DI tournaments and can advance from the regional and state level to attend a global competition in Kansas City, MO.

Want to know more about the most creative competition in the world? For more information visit:

<https://www.destinationimagination.org/> or check out this year's challenges at <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/2019-20-challenge-previews/>

**Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Registration:** Attention all AP Students! Your AP Exams are now available for purchase on SchoolCash Online! All students that will be taking Advanced Placement Exams in May 2020 must complete the new registration process implemented by College Board.

The exam ordering process is TWO parts. Both have to be completed by the November 4, 2019, deadline to guarantee an exam on test day and avoid late fees. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that both required steps listed are completed.

They are:

- 1) Register for the exam on the MY AP website using the Join Code provided by your AP instructor in class.
- 2) Pay for the exam(s) through the GOHS School Cash Online Webstore.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the appropriate exams are ordered and keep a copy of the receipt from the School Cash Online Web Store purchase. A confirmation letter will be sent out after the November 4 deadline for students to check their registration for accuracy.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Stadick in the counseling suite or your AP teacher for assistance.

**PSAT:** Grand Oaks High School will be offering the PSAT test on campus on the morning of Wednesday, October 16. CISD pays for the PSAT test for all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders to take the test. The test is optional for ninth graders and CISD does not pay for the exam for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Ninth grade students who are currently enrolled in Geometry or Algebra 2 are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost for 9<sup>th</sup> graders is \$18. Any 9<sup>th</sup> grader can take the PSAT if interested. Ninth graders, should register and pay on the GOHS School Webstore by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**GOHS Choir:** Support us on our Spirit Day at JAX Burgers and Fries on Wednesday, September 18 - all day. Mention Grand Oaks Choir at the register.

Remember to join us for our Fall Concert on Thursday, September 26, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the GOHS Auditorium.

Thursday, October 3 is the Fall Festival of Choirs Concert. This GOHS hosted event features choirs from York Jr. High, Cox Intermediate, and Clark Intermediate. Before the concert, we will have a Vendor Fair in front of the auditorium from 6pm. This will be a great place for small businesses and arts and crafts to purchase a table to display their wares. For more information, please contact [vpfundraising@gohschoirbc.com](mailto:vpfundraising@gohschoirbc.com).

**Art News:** The following GOHS Students had their artwork displayed at the annual Conroe ISD Art Show. Their artwork will be on display for the remainder of the school year at the Central Office Building in Conroe.

Emma Brown, Chloe Casuga, Sydney Dwyer, Amber Edwards, Analiese Leo, Miles Skonberg

**College Night 2019:** Conroe ISD, Montgomery ISD, and Willis ISD will sponsor College Night 2019 on October 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Lone Star Convention Center (9055 Airport Road, Conroe, 77303). A large number of college and university recruiters and admission officers will be available for students and parents to visit with. This event is free to the public. More information will be shared as it is released.

**FFA News:** Grand Oaks FFA first meeting will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Room #6013 at 6:30 P.M. Join us for exciting news about upcoming events and fun activities! We look forward to seeing all of our returning and new members there!

**Homecoming Dance:** Student Council is sponsoring the GOHS Homecoming 2019 Dance on Saturday, October 12 from 8-11 pm. Student Council will be selecting the theme for the Dance and the dress themes for each day of school. All students in grades 9-11 are invited to attend the dance. Each student may invite one guest who is enrolled in high school, grades 9-12. Guests must be enrolled in a high school in order to attend the dance. A Grand Oaks High School 2019 Homecoming Guest Permission Slip must be completed and turned in to the Assistant Principals by October 4 for all guests. Student Council will be sharing with all the price of the dance tickets and when they can be purchased. Special Occasion Dress Attire rules for the dance will be enforced.

**Grand Oaks High School Special Occasion Dress Attire:** Throughout the school year, we have several special events and ask that you always remember that appropriateness counts. While planning for your upcoming event, please keep the following attire standards in mind. If you have a question about what to wear for these occasions, please check with an administrator. Many of these are once-in-a-lifetime events and we want them to be special for you. This is a special occasion and we don't want you to miss it. Appropriate attire for special events include:

- Spaghetti straps and strapless dresses will be permitted.
- Two-piece dresses must overlap. No midriff may show when arms are raised.
- Mesh, see-through, and revealing cut-outs will not be allowed.
- Front and back of dress must not be too low-cut or revealing. Back of dress may not go below natural waist.
- Short dresses must not be higher than (4 inches above the knee/mid-thigh). This includes any slits on long dresses, dresses with sheer/mesh bottoms, and the front of bi-level dresses.
- Standard formal wear also includes dark business suits, khakis and appropriate footwear.
- Flip-flops and slides are not allowed.
- Non-formal headwear (caps, etc.) is not allowed.
- Costumes, party accessories, and sunglasses are not allowed.
- If you are not dressed appropriately, you will not be allowed to enter the event so if in doubt, check with an administrator prior to the event or don't wear it.
- Jackets and ties are encouraged but not required.

**InfoSnap:** InfoSnap is the online Back to School digital system for parents to update home and emergency contact information of their students. Please make sure to complete the InfoSnap on your student so the campus has accurate contact information. For more assistance, feel free to email [infosnap-reply@conroeisd.net](mailto:infosnap-reply@conroeisd.net) or for technical support/assistance visit the online PowerSchool Community help center at <http://help.powerschool.com> .

**CISD Emergency Notifications:** Conroe ISD is in the process of switching emergency notification platforms used to communicate with parents and staff. This change requires an opt-in to the new system to continue receiving text messages. If you would like to receive SMS (text message) notifications on your mobile device, please text "Y" to 67587.

For more information, please visit <https://www.conroeisd.net/department/communications/schoolmessenger/>.

**Bus Transportation Registration:** If your student is riding a bus home, please make sure they are currently registered to ride the bus. If your student was registered to ride the bus last school year, they are supposed to be registered for this school year. However, we are noticing many students are not registered for bus transportation even though they have registered in previous school years. Please take time to register your student again at the site listed below to avoid any future complications.

<http://www.conroeisd.net/transportation/>

**Car Riders and Student Walkers:** Due to safety concerns, students are not to walk/run across highway 99 in front of the school. This has been announced to the students. Furthermore, we are asking that parents do not pick up their students on the frontage road. This is dangerous for the students and drivers of other vehicles. Students that are car riders should be picked up at the front of the building.

**Address Changes:** Parents, if you recently moved and/or indicated this on the Returning Student Verification email you received over the summer, you must bring a new proof of residency document to the school registrar in order to complete the change of address. Acceptable documents are: an electric, water or gas bill, or a lease or closing document. Questions? Email the registrar at [gbolen@conroeisd.net](mailto:gbolen@conroeisd.net).

**GRWL News a GO T.V. Production:** Click on the following link to see the latest GOHS news produced by our very own GO T.V. Production under the direction of Ms. Jones!

<https://youtu.be/ThO3PJusQgo>

<https://youtu.be/kRX9auY5vk8>

**Progress Report /Report Card Dates:** Every three weeks updated progress reports or report cards will be available through Parent Access. Parents may access their student's grades on line via Parent Access through ViewIt from the CISD Webpage. The only report card that will be mailed will be the last report card in June. Listed below by grading period is the schedule for progress reports and report cards.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period**

Friday	September 6, 2019	Thursday	September 26, 2019
Friday	October 18, 2019 (Report Card)		

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period**

Thursday	November 7, 2019	Thursday	December 5, 2019
Friday	January 10, 2020 (Report Card)		

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period**

Thursday	January 30, 2020	Thursday	February 20, 2020
Friday	March 20, 2020 (Report Card)		

**4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period**

Thursday	April 9, 2020	Thursday	May 7, 2020
Friday	June 5, 2020 (Report Card)		

**Orange/Blue Day Schedule:** Grand Oaks High School will be on the Orange/Blue day alternating block schedule. A school calendar listing orange and blue calendar days will be posted on the GOHS website. Students will have eight classes with odd number periods 1, 3, 5, 7 on Orange days and even number periods 2, 4, 6, 8 on Blue days. Listed below is the bell schedule for Grand Oaks High School. The bell schedule will be posted on our webpage.

Regular Orange/Blue Day Schedule		
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:20-8:55	1 hr 35 mins
	8:55-9:02	Passing Time 7 mins
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	9:02-10:40	1 hr 38 mins
Announcements	10:40-10:47	Passing Time 7 mins
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	10:47-12:53	
A Lunch	10:47-11:12	Tardy @ 11:17
B Lunch	11:20-11:46	Tardy @ 11:51
C Lunch	11:53-12:19	Tardy @ 12:24
D Lunch	12:27-12:53	
	12:53-1:00	Passing Time 7 mins
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-2:35	1 hr 35 mins

#### 2019-2020 Counselor/Administrator

##### Counselors

Ana Amos: A-Ce  
 Secarra Walton: Cf-Ga  
 Emily Hosier: Gb-Ko  
 Valeria Fuller: Kp-N  
 Delorean Hogan: O-Sk  
 Danielle Stadick: Sl-Z  
 Joan Stevenson-Jones: College & Career Counselor  
 Karen Peery: Lead Counselor

##### Administrators

Ken Shields: A-C  
 Sabrina Pomales: D-J  
 Sarah Dorsey: K-Q  
 Crizelda Marroquin: R-Z  
 Josh Algaze: Associate Principal for Operations  
 Bethany Rees: Associate Principal for Curriculum

#### Upcoming Events

Sept 16: Girls Basketball League in Gym 1 at 4:30 pm  
 Sept 16: York JHS Football at 5 pm  
 Sept 17: Tennis at Kingwood Park HS  
 Sept 17: Volleyball vs. Tomball HS at 5 pm and 6 pm  
 Sept 18: Football Orange vs. Hitchcock HS at 3:30 pm  
 Sept 18: Football White at Conroe HS at 4:30 pm  
 Sept 18: Football Black at Caney Creek HS at 4:30 pm  
 Sept 18: Football Grey at Porter HS at 5 pm

Sept 18 Football Blue vs. Caney Creek HS at 5 pm  
 Sept 18 Theatre Booster Club Meeting in Room 7004 at 6 pm  
 Sept 19 Cross Country at Willis Wildkat Invitational at 9 am  
 Sept 19 Football vs. KIPP Northeast HS at Woodforest Bank Stadium at 7 pm  
 Sept 20 Volleyball at Montgomery HS at 5 pm and 6 pm  
 Sept 23 Girls Basketball League in Gym 1 at 4:30 pm  
 Sept 23 PTO Meeting in Room 1215 at 5 pm  
 Sept 23 GOHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Night in the Auditorium at 6 pm  
 Sept 24 Yearbook Pictures for Orange Day Social Studies classes  
 Sept 24 Tennis vs. Caney Creek HS  
 Sept 24 Volleyball vs. New Caney HS at 5 pm and 6 pm  
 Sept 25 Yearbook Picture for Blue Day Social Studies classes  
 Sept 26 Choir Fall Concert in the Auditorium  
 Sept 26 Football Grey vs. Houston Christian HS at 4:30 pm  
 Sept 26 Football Blue at Lamar HS at 6 pm  
 Sept 26 Football Black vs. KIPP Sunnyside HS at 7 pm  
 Sept 27 Volleyball at Caney Creek HS at 5 pm and 6 pm  
 Sept 27 Football at Comfort HS at 7 pm  
 Sept 28 Cross Country at McNeil Invitational at 10:45 am  
 Sept 30 York JHS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football at 5 pm  
 Oct 1 Tennis District Tournament  
 Oct 1 Volleyball at Porter HS at 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm, and 6:30 pm

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