

## UPCOMING EVENTS

District In-Person Enrollment  
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10:00am - 6:00pm  
GMS gymnasium

Meet the Teacher Night at RVH  
Wednesday, Aug. 10  
PreK thru 2nd grade: 5:30 to 6:30pm  
3rd thru 5th grades: 7:00 to 8:00pm

First Day of Classes  
Friday, August 12

RVH Back to School Night  
Friday, August 19 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

No School - Labor Day  
Monday, September 5



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# USD 248 Welcomes New Staff Members

Several new staff members will be joining the USD 248 family for the 2022-2023 school year. Girard High School welcomes Meghan Eidman, who will be teaching Ag Science. New to Girard High School as well as Girard Middle School will be Jazmine Allison, who will be an At-Risk instructor for both GMS and GHS, and Laney Lawson, who will serve as Girls Physical

Education instructor for both GMS and GHS.

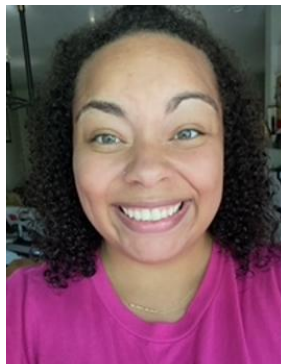
R.V. Haderlein Elementary welcomes seven new staff members. Lori Seiwert will oversee the special education program for grades 3 through 5. Andrea James will be the new music instructor. Jennifer Matson will join the kindergarten team, Leanne Prince will join the 1st grade team, Kalee

Shanholtzer will be joining the 2nd grade team, and Gwyn Dean and Brendan Schmidt will be joining the 5th grade team.

“We are always excited to welcome new staff members,” Superintendent Blaise Bauer said. “Girard schools have high expectations and we are confident that these folks will be outstanding additions to our (USD) 248 family.”



Meghan Eidman  
GHS Ag Science



Jazmine Allison  
GMS/GHS At-Risk



Laney Lawson  
GMS/GHS Girls PE



From left: Kalee Shanholtzer - 2nd Grade, Jennifer Matson - Kindergarten, Lori Seiwert - 3-5 Sp. Ed., Andrea James - Music, Gwyn Dean - 5th Grade, Leanne Prince - 1st Grade, Brendan Schmidt - 5th Grade

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# Girard Schools to Resume Classes Soon

The 2022-2023 school year is fast approaching and USD 248 staff are ready to welcome back students. A letter and/or email will be sent to parents of returning students by the end of July with instructions on how to use the PowerSchool Parent Portal for online enrollment. New students can enroll online by going to [www.girard248.org](http://www.girard248.org) and clicking New Student Enrollment under News.

Enrollment can also be completed at the district's In-Person Enrollment on Wednesday, August 3, from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the GMS gymnasium. Each building will have a table set up for collecting forms and fees. Parents can expedite the enrollment process by having forms completed in advance, and by bringing

their child(ren)'s immunization records. A mandatory enrollment fee of \$30.00 per student (\$15.00 for preschool students) can be paid online or at In-Person Enrollment. Credit cards are accepted for an additional 3.64% fee.

Students grades 6 and up will be issued an iPad at enrollment or on the first day of school. Parents will have the option of paying an additional \$50 technology fee which allows their child 24/7 access to the iPad checked out to them. This fee can also be paid online with a credit card for an additional 3.64% fee. Please note that this technology fee is an annual usage fee only, which helps offset the cost/depreciation of the iPads. It is not an insurance policy, does not purchase the iPad, and will not be applied toward

any necessary repairs to the device. Damage to the device will be charged to the parents. If the iPad/Device user policy has been signed by both the student and the parent, and all enrollment and technology fees have been paid by the first day of school, the student will be allowed 24/7 access to the device. If not, the student will check in the iPad at the end of each school day. Students who pay the 24/7 access fee will be issued an Apple Certified 20W USB Power Adapter and an Apple 1m Lightning to USB-C Charging Cable at enrollment. These items will be kept by the student for the duration of the iPad cycle or until the student leaves the district. The Apple Certified 20W USB Power Adaptor

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# FBLA Members Compete in National Competition

Girard High School's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America sent nine competitors to the national competition in Chicago, IL, June 27-July 3, 2022. These students earned the privilege to not only represent Girard High School, but the State of Kansas by receiving top placement in their competitive events at the Kansas State Competition in Topeka last spring.

Freshman Sarah Rose competed in Intro to Business Procedures, and sophomore Sarah Best in Accounting I. Juniors Zoë Rhodes and Jonah Sandford performed for Sales Presentation, while Jaxson Robinson tested in Computer Problem Solving.

Juniors Darrel McLeod and Tanner Ulbrich tested collaboratively and then problem-solved a business problem as a team in the event of Marketing. Senior Lexy Robinson tested in Accounting II and Senior Corey Humble performed in Impromptu Speaking addressing a business issue. The competition was a multi-day event held at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago.

While in Chicago, the students took advantage of learning opportunities and experiences, as they had conducted fundraising to afford them the experience of a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan to view the Chicago skyline from the water as well

as sightsee at Navy Pier, Chicago's Bean at Millennium Park, and the Morris Tower Skydeck to stand on a glass floor on the 103<sup>rd</sup> floor. Educational opportunities were also enjoyed at Shedd's Aquarium, Adler's Planetarium, Field Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry.

The GHS chapter traveled with other Kansas chapters on charter busses and was accompanied by GHS business teacher, Beth Wilson. Great support from USD 248 made this trip possible and numerous supporters in the community including large donations from Girard's E-Community and GN Bank helped them to enjoy the many things that Chicago has to offer.



Representing the state of Kansas, Girard High School FBLA members attended a National Competition in Chicago.

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and Apple 1m Lightning to USB-C Charging Cable must be replaced if lost or damaged. Students will be expected to purchase a replacement from USD 248 or Apple if either item becomes inoperable for any reason. Students grades Preschool through 5th grade will not have the 24/7 access option.

Please note that federal school meal waivers and school meals will no longer be available to ALL students free of charge effective at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Households may complete an application for free or reduced price school meals online at [www.girard248.org](http://www.girard248.org) or in person during the enrollment process. Food service director Korey Kimrey will be available

with information and forms. Parents wishing to apply in person for free/reduced school meals for the child(ren) should come prepared with their income information in order to avoid late charges when school begins. If you have already received notification that your family is eligible for free or reduced price meals for the 2022-2023 school year, please follow the instructions provided. Only students with approved applications will receive free or reduced price meals this year. Families who do not qualify for free meals will be responsible for paying for their child(ren)'s meals at reduced or regular rates. Mr. Kimrey will also be accepting payments toward student

meal accounts during the In-Person Enrollment process.

Transportation department director Rick Neil, will be on hand to answer busing questions.

Tara Bowin, school district nurse, will address immunization, food allergies, and medical issues. Parents are asked to see her if their student will be taking any prescription medication at school. Patty Boore, GMS/GHS nurse and district COVID nurse will also be available. The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will be on hand offering free physicals and immunizations. We hope that you will join us in telling them "Thank You!" for these free services.

## RVH News

### RVH SUMMER SCHOOL

Each summer, RVH offers additional learning opportunities for students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The program was held Monday through Thursday from 8:00-11:00 throughout the month of June. Academic time was offered, along with a snack and enrichment opportunities. Sixty-eight students were enrolled in the program this summer. The Girard Public Library partnered with RVH and invited students to visit each week. Our local K-State Extension Office also offered learning opportunities for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students during the summer program. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, The Community Health Center of SEK provided an opportunity for families to visit their health van at RVH. Along with activities on campus, students also had the opportunity to participate in a field trip with their class. Students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades visited Deanna Rose Farm in Overland Park. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed cheering on our Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This program, funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant, offers great opportunities for students to continue learning beyond the school year, spend additional time with their peers, and enjoy a variety of activities to continue building academic and social skills. We appreciate the support of our community partners and our families as we work together to ensure the program is successful.



Students show off creations they made during RVH Summer School

## GMS News

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The new school year is upon us, and at GMS we're excited to see our students! As students enter the building on the first day, they should place all belongings in their locker. Teachers will be available to assist with locker combinations and navigating the school. If eating breakfast at school, students should go to the cafeteria, pick up their breakfast and report to the commons area to eat. After breakfast, students may report to the gym. Sixth graders sit on the west wall, seventh on the east, and eighth along the north wall. Students may print their schedules at home via Powerschool. Students who do not have a schedule may pick one up in the GMS office.

### MORNING DROP OFF

Parents who are dropping off students in the mornings are asked to pull in on the south side of the Middle School to drop off. We ask that vehicles pull up past the doors to allow cars from the street to pull in. A bottle neck can occur and back up traffic if vehicles stop in front of the doors. Thank you for your help with this.

### PLANNERS

All students will be given a planner on the first day of school. This is a great tool for students to stay organized. Students can use the planner to write down assignments, important dates, and keep track of schedules. Parents are encouraged to look over the planner each night to see what their students are doing in class, and to encourage students to complete any homework that is assigned.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Fall sports include football and volleyball. All participants must have a physical on file before being allowed to practice with the team.

## GHS News

### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CLASSASE

The following concurrent enrollment college classes will be offered to GHS juniors and seniors this year during the fall semester through Pittsburg State University and Fort Scott Community College, as noted: English 101 (PSU), American Government (FSCC), General Literature (PSU), and Performance Appreciation (PSU). All classes are offered for three college credits, and the cost for each semester class will be \$324 (\$108/credit). Students must apply for admission and pay an application fee.

Students taking classes through PSU must apply for admission online (some seniors will have already done this if they previously took a PSU class). A PSU representative will come to GHS about a week after school begins to enroll students in their classes (students must have applied for admission prior to this). After the representative enrolls the students, tuition will be billed to the student through his/her PSU online account. Students may pay online with a debit/credit card, bring a check or cash to the PSU representative on enrollment day, or set up a payment plan with PSU. Setting up a payment plan with PSU costs an additional \$25 and is done online through the student's GUS account.

Students taking classes through FSCC (which will be seniors only) must apply for admission through FSCC's website and enroll in the classes through FSCC's website. Students may not be able to enroll at this time, but enrollment will open soon. The cost for each semester class will be \$324 (\$108 per credit). Tuition will be billed to the student through his/her FSCC online account. Students may pay online with a credit/debit card, mail or take a check to FSCC, or set up a payment plan with FSCC.

Students or parents with additional questions should see Mrs. Hey at enrollment in August.