

# GCA's *Newsletter*

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# *Passport to Your Future!*

**Georgia Cyber Academy's Senior Prom  
at Infinite Energy Arena (Gwinnett Center)**

**June 2nd, 7pm-11pm**

Are you a GCA high school student who needs help?  
**Want to be tutored four days a week in  
 your weakest subject?**

***Come to National Honors Society Peer Tutoring!!!***

Tuesdays 3-4 p.m.

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Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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Thursdays 8:00-9:00

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Fridays 11:00-12:00

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Students are provided a tutor on a first come first serve basis

## The Weekly Juice

- Do you like contests with prizes? Do you love reading or writing? Are you searching for a way to get more involved in the GCA student community?
- Then check out the Weekly Juice Newspaper publication! We have monthly contests, tons of articles, are almost completely run by a team of GCA students, and we encourage student submissions!
- The Weekly Juice has plenty of categories for you to write or read from! Just a couple of our columns are:
  - Creative Corner
  - Editorials
  - Entertainment
  - National News
  - STEM News
  - And a bunch more!
- Even better, the Weekly Juice allows, and even encourages, for students to submit their own writing! Our editors are just waiting for your awesome writing to be submitted, so that other students can read it!
- The main guide, is that we ask all students to be school appropriate in their writings. You have complete creative freedom for what you write!
- Articles are sent to an editor and edited as we see necessary, and then head to publication after submission, for GCA to enjoy.



- You can read all of the Weekly Juice articles over at:  
<https://gcaweeklyjuice.wordpress.com/>
- To submit an article, create an account (no worries, it only takes a minute) and submit over at:  
<https://greensubmissions.com/574/the-weekly-juice/index.php>





# Inspirational Quotes



“March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to move toward perfection. March on, and fear not the thorns, or the sharp stones on life's path.”

*Khalil Gibran*

# Jokes of the Month

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Justin.

Justin who?

Justin the neighborhood and  
thought I'd come over.



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Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Boo.

Boo who?

Don't cry; it's only a  
knock-knock joke.



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*Q: Why do basketball players love donuts?*

*A: Because they dunk them!*

*Q: How is a baseball team similar to a pancake?*

*A: They both need a good batter!*

*Q: What is harder to catch the faster you run?*

*A: Your breath!*

*Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?*

*A: Because they're always a little short!*



# College 101

by Mandi D.

Choosing your school for college is probably the hardest part about the entire application process. There are so many different factors that you need to know and decide. Not to mention, you also need to know that they'll have your major and needed classes at the school, which is an entirely different problem if you still haven't decided on a major! Well, I'm not an expert, so sorry about that. However, I can help you figure out how many schools you should apply to and give you a bit of insight into the types they should be.

How many schools should I have on my list?

On average, you should probably aim for around six to eight schools. It can consist of two to three reach schools, two to three target schools, and two safety schools. Of course, if you're applying to more selective schools, you should apply to more for a statistically better chance of admission. On the flip side, if you're applying to schools with pretty high admission rates, then you'd probably be safe applying to less schools.

However, you may want to be careful with how many schools you apply to, because each applications costs time and money. Application fees can be up to \$75, without even getting into sending your SAT or ACT scores. Plus, applications cost time when it comes to essays and college-specific questions.

What is a Reach school?

Reach schools are basically schools that are a "reach" for you to get into. They're typically more selective schools. You can classify a university a reach school if you have an under 30% chance of being admitted. For example, Ivy League schools, such as Harvard, Yale, and Stanford, are all reach schools.

What is a Target school?

Target schools are schools that you have a good chance of being admitted. While you're not guaranteed to get in, there's a very good chance you will. You can classify a university as a target school if you have between a 30% to 80% of getting in.

What is a Safety school?

Safety schools are schools that you're almost guaranteed you'll be admitted to. You can classify a university as a safety school if you have an over 80% chance of being accepted.

Conclusion

Hopefully, this has helped you figure out a little more about what colleges you should apply to and how many of them. Always remember that researching any and all colleges you apply to is the biggest help in deciding if that's a college you want to attend! Good luck!



# The Honey Bee



The honey bee is often overlooked and underappreciated. Although just small little creatures, they make a big impact in our world. Whether making heavenly sweet honey for us to enjoy, pollinating our flowers and gardens, or making the beeswax that is in many beauty products (soaps, lotions, chapstick, etc.), honey bees are very important for our environment and our health.

Honey bees are generally divided into 3 categories: workers (the female bees), Drones (the males), and the queen bee. The worker bees are the bees that most people see flying about, landing on flowers, and gathering pollen and nectar. As seen in the picture above, the workers store the yellow pollen in little pouches on their back legs. They will also suck up honey through the proboscis, its tongue. After the bees (the bees?) are filled with honey and their pollen sac is full, they head back to the hive to fill the cells with the honey. After all, the whole life of the honey bee, or the workers anyway, is collecting that honey, either to feed their colony right away or to store for the winter when all the flowers disappear. In conclusion, the typical worker bee usually lives for about 3 months at the most

The Queen bee is next in line. The queen is always the biggest bee in the colony, and it is for this reason that she can usually be easily spotted crawling amongst the others. Her sole job is laying the eggs that will make up the next generation of bees. A colony of bees only has 1 queen bee at a time, and she is treated with much caution and respect. She rarely leaves the hive unless the colony doesn't think she is right for them and kick her out. (They do this to the queen by smothering her). The workers will be sure that she is efficiently fed and fanned from the heat so that she can produce as many eggs as possible. She will lay the eggs into cells that will then be capped until they hatch. Fertile eggs produce worker bees; un-fertile eggs produce Drones. If the queen dies or leave the colony, the bees raise another lucky egg to be queen by "feeding one of the female larvae an exclusive diet of a food called "royal jelly." This elixir enables the worker to develop into a fertile queen." ("Honey Bee" 1).

Lastly, there are the Drones, or the male bees. Their jobs are obviously to fertilize the female eggs and they will also help protect the hive, acting as guards, both inside--around the royal queen's throne--and outside the hive to make sure every bee that flies in and out have the same sent. They have to keep the thieves (quite literally bees from other hives that try and steal their honey) out of their hive. "Several hundred drones live in each hive during the spring and summer, but they are expelled for the winter months when the hive goes into a lean survival mode," using their stored honey for themselves and to nourish the growing eggs, that will soon be the next generation in the following Spring ("Honey Bee" 1). During the cold winter months, the male bees will cluster into a tight ball to conserve warmth. In the hot summer days, they will do the same thing, except fan each other by rapidly flapping their wings, producing the typical buzzing noise in the summer, the time of the year when they work the hardest..

There are many dangers for the honey bee. People and animals may intentionally or accidentally step on them. They could be eaten or their wings could be broken, preventing them from flying anymore. Though docile creatures, bees sting their "threat" with a small but painful amount of poison into the skin. When they finish the sting and fly away, the stinger falls out and leaves a hole in their abdomen, where their insides will begin to fall out, killing the bee. Sadly, they die trying their best to protect themselves or their family. So the next time you come into contact with a honey bee, respect them and appreciate all of their hard work, after all, they spend their whole lives making honey and trying to survive for as long as possible until the next generation can take over!

Please visit this site to find out more about the Honey Bee and the ways in which you can help save them! Go to <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/sustainable-agriculture/save-the-bees/> to find out more.



## Action Tease

*Once Upon a Time in Wonderland* by Mandi D.

Do you know of a show that's incredible amazing, but is practically unknown to most people? Well, *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland* is one of those shows. A spin-off series from the more popular *Once Upon a Time*, *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland* is a single season series with a self-contained storyline and no need to have seen *Once Upon a Time*. The series is incredible, with an imaginative plot, complex and compelling characters, wonderful mythology and backstories, and completely Wonderlandian settings. (That reference is more *Ever After High* than *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland*, yes.)

The series include the same flashbacks as its parent series, allowing viewers to see some of the characters' backstories to give answer to their motivation. This is one of the things that establishes even the villains as sympathetic. Each character is different and complex. Alice, the heroine of the story, searches for her true love and is kind, intelligent, and brave. She continually fights against the odds, never giving up hope. Her companion Will Scarlet, who is also the Knave of Hearts, aids his best friend in her journey, despite the pain that having to stay in Wonderland cause. Will is the perfect description of a jerk with a heart of gold. Though sarcastic, he is still kind and loyal, fighting to help his friends. Cyrus, Alice's true love and a genie, is intelligent and one of the sweetest characters in the show. The intelligent, cunning Red Queen doesn't have a hair out of place as she rules with an iron fist. Jafar is terrifyingly evil and is completely obsessed with his desire for power.

The plot begins simply, being driven by Alice's desire to find Cyrus and Jafar's and the Red Queen's desire to gain control of the genie and the wishes. As the series go on, the plot begins to take a much more intriguing turn as it becomes clear that there's something much deeper. The three main subplots of the show (for Will, the Red Queen, and Jafar) all contribute to the main plot and their own character development.

One of the things that I love most about the show are the relationships crafted between each character. Alice's and Cyrus's relationship is sweet and loving, both being good, noble people without any unnecessary drama. (Take note, Hollywood, over-the-top drama isn't always needed.) Will's relationship with Alice, which is purely platonic and is never devalued for not being romantic. It's just as important as the romantic relationships and they're best friends. Will's eventual romantic relationship is incredibly well done, but I can't say more for fear of spoilers.

While some criticize the CGI, the setting is still wonderful. The mythology of the show is unique, while fitting with Wonderland and even *Once Upon a Time* cannon. Familiar characters from both *Alice in Wonderland* and *Aladdin* show up, with the mythology and stories meshing together incredibly.

You can watch the series on ABC's website. The series is one season, but is an amazing show. I highly advise that you devote some time to watching it, and don't let the CGI deter you. (After all, Wonderland is supposed to look strange and weird.) *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland* is a brilliant show, and I sincerely hope that you'll check it out.



# DIY Mouse Pad

Everyone can use some creativity and color in their lives, and this easy DIY craft will surely satisfy! As an online student or anyone who works at the computer, this item is an essential! Below are the steps and list of inexpensive materials you will need to make your own unique mouse pad. ♥

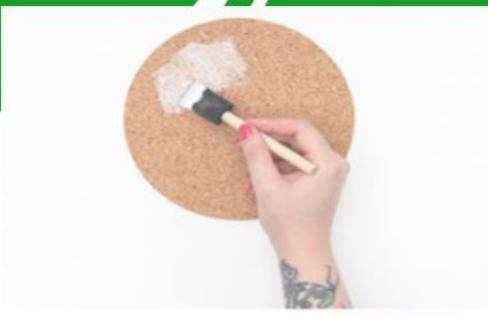
## Materials

- Fabric of choice
- Cork round
- Fabric mod podge
- Sponge brush
- Scissors
- Ribbon (optional)

All of these craft materials can be found on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or at your local arts and crafts store.

## Steps

1. Cut the fabric so that is the same size as the cork mat, leaving about 2" of overlapping so that you can fold it under.
2. With the sponge, apply the glue all over the front of the cork.
3. Smooth the fabric over the glue.
4. Smooth the extra fabric underneath for a clean edge.
5. (Optional: Glue the ribbon around the edge of the pad.)
6. Dry overnight.





## Whippin' Up Something Good: Guacamole

It's March, the month of green! I kind of got caught up in the avocado trend and decided to make some guac.

### Ingredients

- 2 plum tomatoes
- ½ cup of onions
- 3 garlic cloves
- 3 tablespoons of cilantro
- 3 avocados
- 3 tablespoons of lime juice
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- A dash of cumin

### Items

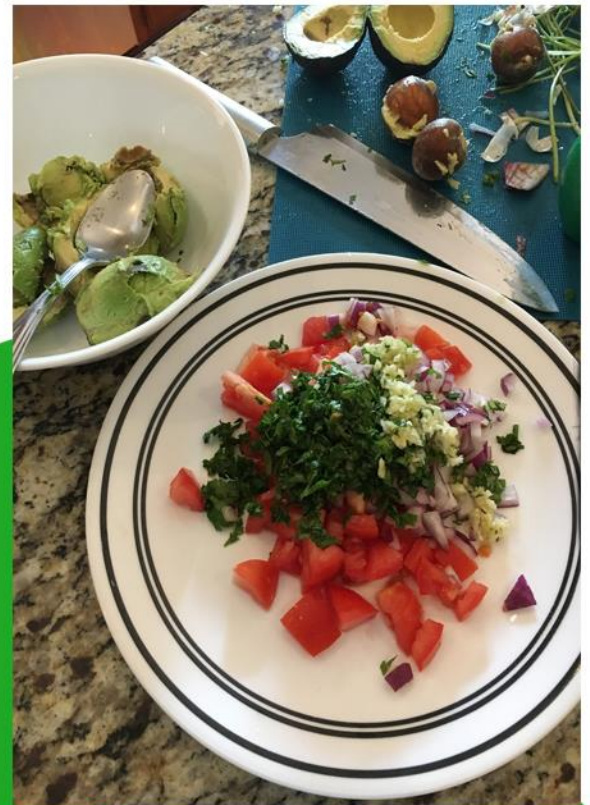
- A knife
- A cutting board
- A medium-sized bowl
- A utensil for mixing
- A utensil for smashing
- A plastic bag

### Steps

1. Dice the tomatoes and the onions.
2. Chop the cilantro.
3. Mince the garlic cloves by placing them in a plastic bag and smashing it.
4. Slice open the avocados, take out the pits, and smash it in the bowl.
5. Put the tomatoes, onions, cilantro, garlic, the lime juice, salt, and cumin in the bowl.
6. Mix well.
7. Refrigerate for at least an hour.

### Results

Ta-da! You've just made some good guac! It is a huge bowl of dip, so put it in the refrigerator when you're done. If you want some the next day, simply stir the guacamole before diving into that green goodness.



Based on this recipe:

Cody, Bob "Guacamole Recipe." Allrecipes. Allrecipes.com, 08 June 2003. Web. 21 Feb. 2017.  
<<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/14231/guacamole/>>.



# Better Ramen

"Alright, guys! I'm heading out." Only grunts sounded from the living room couch, but as the mom closed the door? "Feed Hampton before I come back."

*Slam!* Skylar and her Papa John were tasked with a difficult quest: cooking. "Ramen," wee seven-year old Skylar deadpanned, shoving her sugared corn flakes to the side. "Simple and easy for sick and wheezy Hampton."

Her papa nodded. Determination running through their veins, Skylar and Papa John snatched a metal pot, filled it to the brim with water, and slammed it onto the gas stove top.

Dissatisfied with *something*, Skylar glared at the pot as her papa turned the knob to 6. "Doesn't ramen need flavor or something?" Her dad nodded once more. As the fire warmed the pot, the two went on to their personal missions. While Papa John robbed the spice rack and dumped some in the pot, Skylar returned to gobbling more sugary cereal. "Should ramen be that color?" Young Skylar inquired as her father threw in more bright red sauce into the once clear water.

"Of course! Ramen should have flavor, so I'm adding some," her father reasoned. After staring skeptically at the steaming red substance, a lightbulb went off in her tiny head, and she knew the perfect ingredient that would balance out the flavor. After all, the saying does go, "**Sugar**, Spice, and everything nice." Skylar then proceeded to pour the contents of her sugared corn flakes into the boiling liquid.

"Skylar!" her Papa John exclaimed, "You can't put cornflakes in ramen!"

Skylar furrowed her brow. "But...it's supposed to be 'Sugar, Spice, and everything nice,' isn't it?"

"That's what makes little girls, not ramen!"

"Actually! You need chemical X, too!" cried Hampton from his cozy location in the living room.

"Nah-ah!" Skylar protested, "That's only for girls with superpowers! Boys really are made with snails, 'cause you're super slow!"

"You're the one who's slow! How long have you been cooking?!"

Skylar got burnt; Hampton was right. She glanced up to her dad. "Can't we go any faster?" Almost immediately, Papa John began to moan how that was dangerous, but Skylar paused him with a "PUH-WEASE!"

Papa John looked at her and sighed before finally giving in. He snatched the nearest oil from the cabinets and drowned their concoction with as much as he saw fit.

Suddenly, the pot became a cauldron of fire. Papa John and Skylar stared for a moment. "I got it!" Skylar began to frantically wave her cereal box before it caught on fire. "NOPE!" Skylar yelped and dropped the box into the fire pit. "Should I get water?!"

"No!" Papa John frolicked to the fire extinguisher and pulled the pin. "Stand back!" Skylar dashed away as he corrected his aim. With one squeeze, foam spewed out and covered the stove. Instead of a huge fire flaring, a mass of bubbly foam covered the pot of burnt soup.

The two took huge sighs of relief as the fire alarm slowly began to stop, silence soon embedding the foamed room. Skylar hesitantly stepped towards the infected pot, gasping as she noticed an essential item missing from the frothy substance. "WE FORGOT THE NOODLES!" Without a second thought, she threw some wavy noodles, and the uncooked substance sunk to the bottom of the pot with a heavy *thunk*. Silence. Noodles. Good.

*Ding!* At that moment, as Skylar and Papa John began to freak out by the mere sound, Hampton walked in and nonchalantly opened the microwave door, pulled out a steaming cup of edible ramen. He shrugged at the shocked expressions of his father and sister. "What? Can't let you guys kill me with your horrible cooking," Hampton casually responded. "By the way, Mom's home."



# Editor's Note

Hi y'all!

I hope you're having a good weekend! Spring break is almost upon us; just two more weeks to go before we can all sleep in and catch up on whatever shows in the queue or pick up some books collecting dusts. We have the Interim Assessments, too, but I know we can all do well! Whether you're preparing your vacation or studying for the tests, we'd like to thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this new edition. We hope this provided a mini break for you.

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Have a good day!

Lea V.



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