

GCA High School Newsletter 2015-2016



Georgia Cyber Academy

October 2015

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Highlight: Cool GCA Clubs

Here at GCA we want our students to be involved in all activities. Beta and AMPC are two of the many organizations high school students are encouraged to join.

Interested in joining Beta Club?

We are a student-centered organization that continually develops and nurtures individuals by providing opportunities and experiences enabling them to demonstrate the ideal of character, achievement, service and leadership in a global community.

If you are interested please watch the link below or kmail Russell Long or Kelley Ertle.

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Clubs Article: AMPC Club! (Aspiring Medical Professionals Club.)

Interested in pursuing a career in the medical field? AMPC is a club for those that aspire to entire a healthcare or medical profession ranging from becoming a world renowned surgeon to becoming the best x-ray technician. AMPC offers high school knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology which is a common required subject that is taken in post-secondary schools for those entering into a healthcare profession. AMPC also offers guidance through ensuring student success in current enrolled content classes with a variety of tips and healthy habits that promote a continued motivation for learning. Finally AMPC is not just a high school club, members remain members through college and into their professional careers as we form a community of those committed to reaching and serving the world in a healthy and humane related capacity.

Join us every 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 3:00pm - 3:30pm. Time duration may vary depending on the project/competition that we are engaged in. To Join or find us go to: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=gva> Also, we have made a Quizlet class for you to join, so you can study and read up on certain materials you might need in your medical career. We might also suggest some medical schools/colleges. A for 8th grad ALP and High school students interested in entering the medical profession. To join our class, here is the link: <https://quizlet.com/join/pjCyq9hty>

If you want to join the club, or have any questions please kmail Mrs. Kimela Bryant (Head of the club). Make sure to write the subject line as : Join-AMPC club.

Here is a link to her class room for the club: <http://tinyurl.com/kbryant9ga>

Teacher Appreciation

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*

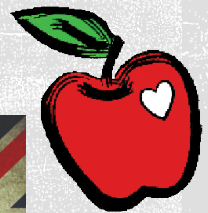
A good teacher can
inspire hope
ignite the
imagination
and instill a love of
learning
-Brad Henry

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I have enjoyed every live class, and every recording. Each time I enter your class I am overjoyed with the thought of learning from such an awesome teacher. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am I click run session, and I know I will fall in love with the English language all over again by the time class is over. I have enjoyed being your student moderator. Thank you for trusting in me to help facilitate your class. If I am fortunate enough to choose a career path, one I would be fulfilled each day, it would be English. I love this subject, but the teacher makes the classroom great. You are a wonderful teacher. I am so honored to have you Mrs. Smith as my Honors British Lit and World Lit teacher this year. I look forward to more in person events where we can joke and laugh like friends. Thank you for such an amazing start to each week!

Olivia V.

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APPRECIATION:
MRS. SMITH 10TH
GRADE HONORS
BRITISH WORLD
LITERATURE**



Inspirational Quotes



**YOU CAN'T
DO BIG
THINGS IF
YOU'RE
DISTRACTED
BY SMALL
THINGS**

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Life isn't meant to be easy, it's meant to be **LIVED**. Sometimes good, other times rough. But with every up and down, you learn lessons that make you **STRONG**.



SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.
It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, **love** of what you are doing.
-Pele

**“DON'T WAIT FOR THE
PERFECT MOMENT,
TAKE THE MOMENT
AND MAKE IT
PERFECT.”**

ZOEY SAYWARD

**YOU
CAN'T START
THE NEXT
CHAPTER
OF YOUR LIFE
IF YOU KEEP
RE-READING
THE LAST ONE.**

*Don't let your dreams
Be just dreams*

**SPENDING TODAY
COMPLAINING
ABOUT YESTERDAY
WON'T MAKE
TOMORROW
ANY BETTER**

BE KIND
WORK HARD
stay humble
= smile often =
KEEP HONEST
stay loyal
travel when possible
NEVER STOP LEARNING
be thankful always

AND LOVE

←←←
When it rains
look for
RAINBOWS.
When it's dark
look for **STARS.**

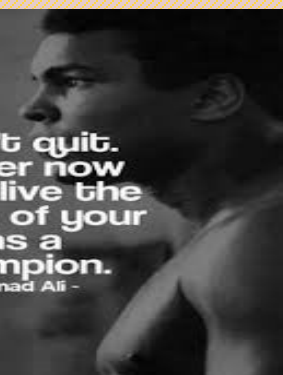
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"Sometimes Me Think,
'What is Friend?' and
then me say,
'Friend is someone to
share the last cookie
with.'"
-Cookie Monster



**Don't quit.
Suffer now
and live the
rest of your
life as a
champion.**
Muhammad Ali -



**DON'T LET
ANYONE
EVER
DULL YOUR
Sparkle**

College 101

Georgia State University!!

It's time to view a college you might be interested in. *Below the information from the website, there will be a link for more information on the college (GSU)*

We will be looking at a summary of GSU (Georgia State University)

-About Georgia State University

-An Enterprising Urban Research University

Georgia State University, an enterprising urban public research university, is a national leader in graduating students from widely diverse backgrounds.

Centered in the historic financial hub of downtown Atlanta, the university provides more than 32,000 students with unsurpassed connections to the city's business, government, nonprofit and cultural organizations.

The university offers 250 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 fields of study in its eight colleges and schools: the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Law, the Honors College, the Institute of Public Health and the J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

(Copy and Paste into Browser) For more information go to: <http://www.gsu.edu/about/>

On the GCA event calendar, there are different colleges that k12 is hosting on a virtual tour.

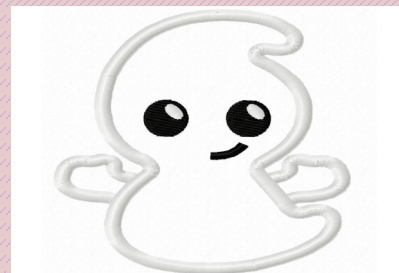
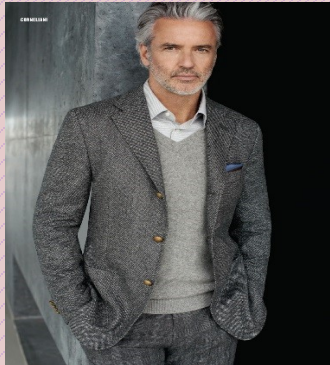
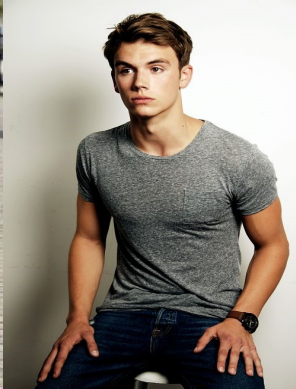
Here's the link to the Event calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=gva&&jsenabled=1&winh=647&winw=1220&inifr=false>

Alexis P.



The time for fall fashion is here!

Fashion: Men and Women



Music is every where we go. Even if it is background, someone had taken the time to create



Taylor Swift

Taylor Alison Swift is a 26 year old pop and country singer. Taylor's career in singing started when she was 14 years old and her family moved to Tennessee.

There, she got an artist development deal with RCA Records and started to work with some upcoming artists. One of the artists, Liz Rose, was quoted that the sessions with Taylor were, "some of the easiest I've ever done. Basically, I was just her editor. She'd write about what happened in school that day. She had such a clear vision of what she was trying to say. And, she'd come in with the most incredible hooks."

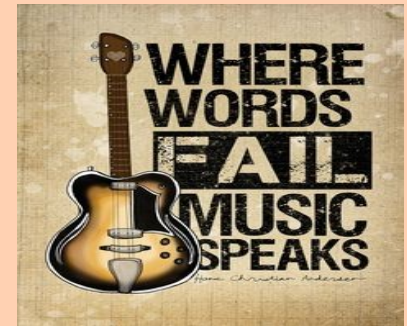
Taylor has many songs that she wrote with Liz in her teenage years that are still very popular today, such as: Tim McGraw, Love Story, Teardrops on my Guitar, White Horse, and You Belong with Me.

Later on, in the years, Taylor wrote more and more songs and those led to her multiple albums. Some of her most popular are: Taylor Swift, Fearless, Speak Now, Red, and her latest album, 1989.

The most popular album, by far, is Red. Red has Taylor's most heart-warming, energetic, and heart-breaking songs yet. Even though certain songs may not be as relatable to all Taylor Swift fans, or Swifties, it has a lot of emotion, making people still love it.

Taylor is still writing wonderful music that all her fans love to listen to and we can hopefully expect more amazing songs and albums from her in the future.

Music in Our Lives



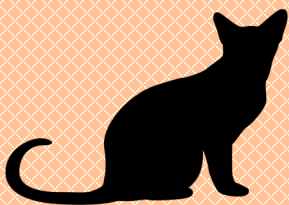
Poetry and Arts Corner

Wishful Sounds by Alexis p

Do you like how sounds move? Do you hear sounds and the music that can easily make trees dance and flowers bloom into a delightful dream? Things such as laughing is the kind of sound your heart would smile to so joyfully. Go ahead and make a wishful noise that can make the heavens sing like the cries of happiness that strikes your heart.

Don't you want to hear a sound that will make everything in your soul that plays such symphony that sounds so beautiful? Things such as peaceful, loving, wishful sounds only makes me smile. But why? Is the question you should understand. Why do I want to hear the thumping beats of my heart?

Why do I want to dance to the sound of inspiration? Hearing it makes my mind glow. The glow makes things calmer and turns my heart warm. Things such as peace is a wishful sound everyone can listen to. No one can know and feel how much love a wishful sound has created in life, and so I hope it will create its own symphony of joy. That is why I listen to the graceful...wishful... sounds.



Little House Lea v.

Little house, little house,

What do you hold?

A family, a mouse,

And stolen gold.

Little door, little door,

What do you hide?

A lot of crime, a war,

A girl inside.

Little nook, little nook

What do you see?

There are killers in crooks

Good Girl's deceased.

Little wall, little wall,

What do you add?

Honest girl knew it all.

Her death's quite sad.

Little bay, little bay

What do you show?

As the moon shines this way, The girl's face glows.

Action Tease

Asylum– book review

In *Asylum*, sixteen-year-old Daniel Crawford achieves the dream that every student has: attending his dream school's program. Filled with excitement, he attends the New Hampshire College Prep, along with his newly acquired friends, Jordan and Abby. However, the normal building has been closed down, so all the new students reside in Brookline Dorm, which was once a psychiatric hospital.

It can't be that bad. Could it?

As startling events arise, the three learn that Brookline wasn't like any other asylum. The longer they stay, the more obvious that its patients weren't ordinary, that the warden wasn't the average person, and that the former asylum has a darker history than other places. Whether the students like it or not, Dan and his friends' connections with the place become evidently stronger, and they take on the mysteries of the building while their sanity teeters on the edge.

With intriguing images and photos of actual asylums, *Asylum* takes horror and mystery to another level. Madeleine Roux, the author, does an amazing job of keeping readers entertained with diverse characters and surprising events. As the story continues, the suspense and the twists entice you to read more, and the images help create a creepy and haunted feeling. Overall, *Asylum* is a wonderful book that is great for those who love a little suspense. The bonus: it's the first book of a trilogy.





Animals On Earth

PENGUINS

Emperors are the largest of all penguins—an average bird stands some 45 inches (115 centimeters) tall. These flightless animals live on the Antarctic ice and in the frigid surrounding waters.

Penguins employ physiological adaptations and cooperative behaviors in order to deal with an incredibly harsh environment, where wind chills can reach -76°F (-60°C).

They huddle together to escape wind and conserve warmth. Individuals take turns moving to the group's protected and relatively toasty interior. Once a penguin has warmed a bit it will move to the perimeter of the group so that others can enjoy protection from the icy elements.

Penguins are aquatic, flightless birds. They lay eggs, have feathers and yet are powerful swimmers. Emperor penguins can stay underwater up to 30 minutes, in essence flying underwater. They live in the Southern Hemisphere, including Antarctica and New Zealand



On this earth, there is a diverse range of interesting animals. We can observe these animals in their natural habitats. One animal that has caught our interest is the Snow Tiger. A Snow Tiger, is a rare tiger found in the high mountains of Central Asia. These tigers may be hidden deep within the high hills, but still fear extinction. Over hunting the species has caused offspring levels to decrease. Hunting is not the only scouting method. Another method many people have found useful, is to track the tigers with motion detectors. these high censored detectors catch the slightest movement just a few feet away. Tigers are stealth when hunting their prey, but their once soft movements could give away their covert location.

This bulky cat reaches maturity between the ages of 2 and 3, which is equivalent of 22 human years. This animal is an interesting breed of felines.

Shawqi B

SHORT STORIES

West of the Woods

The children shivered as they dragged their feet deeper into the woods. Rose hugged her arms, regretting that she had forgotten her jacket. Whimpering, she took a hesitant look behind her shoulder, unknowing of the direction they had come from. "Guys, what if the rumor isn't true?" Rose whined, "What if this is all just a waste of time, and we came here for nothing? Maybe we should head back home."

"Oh, c'mon!" Chase groaned. "Don't be so uptight, Rose. If the rumor is true, then the treehouse should be just up ahead. The treasure there will be totally worth it! Don't be such a scaredy-cat. Hey, AK, race you to that tree!" Before the brunette could ask which tree he referred to, the boy ran off with his flashlight, shamelessly hopping over crippled branches that littered the ground. Stopping for a mere second, he waved at his friends. "C'mon guys, we don't have all day!" Quickly swerving back around, he raced against his own shadow.

AK tucked a stray hair behind her ear and sighed. "Doesn't look we have much of a choice," she told Rose. Soon afterward, she started jogging after Chase.

For the moment, Rose just stood by herself, eerie of her surroundings. It was beginning to get dark, and the cold air was bitterly greeting her. But even worse than the ghoulish ambience, something didn't feel right; she wanted to go back home. Rose took an unsteady step backward. Cracking sticks underfoot, she babbled a high-pitched squeal. "Scaredy-cat!" Chase called out.

Rose puffed her cheeks out in an angry pout, stuffing her hands in her pockets. "I-I am not a scaredy-cat!" she exclaimed. Before stomping onwards, she took a peek behind her shoulder once more. "Something definitely isn't right," she mumbled under her breath.

In an abrupt halt, Chase nearly tripped over his foot as he widened his eyes. "There," he gasped. "There, there, there! I see it! I SEE it!" At that point, he was bouncing up and down, screaming like some wild child. "Ha! I knew it! I knew it!" Up ahead, the treehouse stood at a close distance, brimming him with excitement. He sprinted away in hyperactive mode, leaving AK and Rose in the dust.

Wha--why--how--UGH!" Rose wheezed. She collapsed on AK's shoulder, unable to stand up straight anymore.

AK sent her a sideways glance. "Rose..." Rose tilted her chin exasperatedly to see AK's most serious expression. "The treehouse shouldn't be for another mile from here." Abruptly, AK shrugged Rose's hand off and walked away.

Anxiously, Rose cupped her hands and glanced left to right. "AK," Rose muttered, "Why did you do that?" She shook in fear as she timidly followed her friends, even more cautious of her surroundings.

As Rose tried to catch up, Chase suddenly froze. "But it was--it was right here!" Chase said bewildered, frantically searching for the treehouse. He saw that up ahead there stood the tree house, still the same distance as before. "Oh, it's over there," he said surprised, then dashed anew towards it. AK huffed before walking again, and Rose did her very best from crumpling to the ground--all of them oblivious to what was to come.

After several failures of Chase's attempts, Rose sighed in annoyance. "Okay, now we're going nowhere," she groaned. Noticing how they were in the middle of nowhere, Rose turned to AK, who was just--well--chillin'. "Hey, AK? Do you know the way back home?"

AK sent an unemotional glance to Rose. Then, AK suddenly grimaced in remembrance of what was left, what was right, and what was the direction to home. "Yeah, I do."

"Which way?" Rose asked. AK nonchalantly pointed west, making Rose beam with excitement and with an idea.

"Hey, Chase," Rose said. "I think I saw the treehouse over there!" Eagerly, she pointed to the west.

"What?" Chase spun around to see where Rose pointed. He saw that the treehouse was no longer in the direction he was running towards but rather where Rose suggested. He looked back and forth in confusion before shrugging it off. "Okay, then," he said, "lead the way!"

For some time, they went through a repetition of the same tasks. Rose would ask AK for directions. AK would merely send a little point to one direction, and Chase would simple-mindedly rocket off of Rose's guidance. As they continued pursuing their designated direction, AK began to question where they really were going. She didn't really know where to go, so why did she feel like she did?

"C'mon, it's just up ahead," Rose said, glancing at the other two. She was glad that they were finally going home; she had enough of adventure. Rose faced forward, hoping to see the edge of the forest. Instead, her face grew pale, along with the other children's faces. All of them quaked as the thing made eye-contact with them. It grinned from ear to ear, terrifying the children more.

"I see my rumor worked."

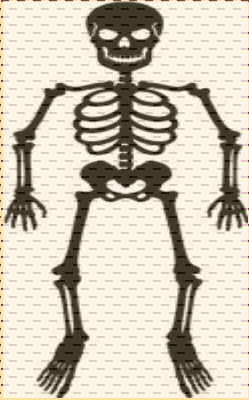


Contact Us

Would you like to join Student Council? This school club can be challenging, but rewarding. Email us with a brief description of your interest, and a group of our council members will be contacting you further with information for semester two enrollment. If you have questions you would like answered, a team of highly professional members will answer you directly via email. Our council email is gca.askthecouncil@gmail.com

Do you have Facebook? So do we! If you want to learn more about student council updates send us a friend request. Our name is [GCAHS Student Council](#).

If you are more of a twitter person then that is great as well. Our name on twitter is [@gca_stuco](#)



SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank the girls who attended our September 28 meeting. Without them I would not have this wonderful Newsletter you are reading today. Thank you Ladies for you were a wonderful help!

To my members: Thank you for attending our meetings. I appreciate your submissions. The word choice was lovely, many emotions were evoked while reading, and I can am so thankful for this year together. You are each indivial writers, and I am honored to work alongside you all.

Olivia V. and Aleeah M. bringing you a newsletter that makes you laugh, smile, and learn.