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THE GALATAS GAZETTE

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LUNCH SCHEDULE

K	11:15-11:45
1st	11:30-12:00
2nd	11:45-12:15
3rd	12:00-12:30
4th	12:15-12:45

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2018-19 Events Calendar: http://galatas.conroeisd.net/events/

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

3rd	8:05-9:05
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1st	1:00-2:00
4th	2:05-3:05

Conroe ISD Police Department
Safeguarding the Future . . . Today!

The CISD Police Department would like to invite you to help us make a child's dream come true. We will be collecting **"NEW"** unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. We are particularly in need of gifts for older children and teenagers. These gifts will be wrapped and given to families who might not otherwise have a wonderful Christmas without your help.

Please deliver all gifts to the Galatas front office. There are bins set up for the toys. We would like to have all gifts in by Wednesday, December 12, to ensure that gifts will be wrapped in time for Santa to deliver.

If you have any questions, email Sergeant Julie M. Thompson: jmthompson@conroeisd.net.

The Police Activities League (PAL) has founded a Christmas program dedicated to less than fortunate children in the Conroe Independent School District. The need criteria for this Christmas Program is based on personal references from counselors, teachers, principals, and other school staff that work with children every day. Counselors work with parents and PAL in order to maintain the anonymity of the families. Children in Santa's Dreams provide gifts and stockings for our children enrolled in school and their siblings that may be too young to attend. Citizens, service organizations, and youth organizations are invited to participate by donating new, unwrapped gifts, and/or attending an annual wrapping party where all donated toys and gifts are organized by age and gender. Each volunteer receives a family identified only by a number. The volunteer is asked to pick out and wrap the gifts selected for each child (the number of gifts each child receives is determined by the amount of donations and number of students referred by the program. In the past years, we have given 1-3 gifts per child, and one game per family. In 2017, Children in Santa's Dreams provided gifts to 82children in 350 families.

Important Visitor Information

As the new year approaches, we are updating our system. It will be necessary to scan everyone's government issued photo i.d. as you visit Galatas, even if your i.d. has previously been scanned.

Visitors will check in at the front office and receive a Visitor Badge, which must be worn at all times in the building. When leaving the building, visitors must check out with the front office and return the badge. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety procedure.

Spirit Night at Vineyard Vines

Cross some holiday shopping off your list and
GIVE BACK to GALATAS!

Vineyard Vines at Market Street will donate 20% of proceeds on
December 13 from 6-8 pm to Galatas!

Grab your girlfriends or make a date night —come shop Vineyard Vines!

Spread the word to grandparents and neighbors too—
Vineyard Vines has something for everyone on those holiday lists !

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW...HURRY BEFORE PRICES GO UP!

Visit www.balfour.com and type "Galatas" in the "Find Your School" box. **The Early Bird price is only $30, so reserve your copy today before prices go up on January 1!**

Parents of 4th graders can also recognize their Top Dog with a Top Dog ad in the yearbook. Ads are $20 until December 31 (the price will increase on January 1), and can be created at www.balfour.com.

Please submit Top Dog Baby pictures before December 19.

Please e-mail Janet Kwon at galatasyearbook@gmail.com with any questions.

Nominations for Gifted and Talented Testing

Nominations are now open for the Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until February, nominations are accepted at this time.

Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. It is recommended that parents of 2nd grade students wait until CogAT scores have arrived before nominating their child, because CogAT scores are part of the GT assessment. If you are interested in nominating your child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher during conferences.

If your child has already qualified for Gifted and Talented services in some content areas but not all, you must nominate them again if you would like for them to try to qualify in additional areas. Students must take the full battery of tests, as specific areas cannot be isolated for testing purposes.

Nominations will be accepted through December 18. You may request a nomination form from Galatas Elementary's Assistant Principal, Candace Mathis. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage, by visiting http://www.conroeisd.net/department/ci/gifted-talented/.

Feedback Needed For 2019-2020 Calendar

The District-Level Planning and Decision-Making Committee is in the process of developing the 2019-2020 School Calendar. The DLPDMC has developed two drafts for review and comment. To review the options and provide feedback, please visit https://www.conroeisd.net/about/school-calendar-process/.

Moving During the Holidays?

If you are planning a move during the upcoming break, please e-mail or call the Galatas Registrar, *Robin Curtis*. In your communication, include the date of withdrawal and the location of your family's new home. Robin will get in touch with you to set up a time for signing the district withdrawal papers. Please reach Robin at 936-709-5014 or by e-mail at rcurtis@conroeisd.net .

Please have your students check for any lost items (shirts, sweaters, water bottles, hair bows, lunch boxes, etc...) on the Lost and Found rack, located in the Cafeteria.

Please remember to label all items that students bring to school. If an item has a name in it, it is returned to the student's classroom.

The last day to check for lost items will be December 17. Any unclaimed items still in Lost and Found on December 18 will be donated.

The Woodlands High School Basketball Team Elementary Feeder Schools Night

TWHS Boys' Varsity Basketball is excited to host the annual elementary night for our TWHS elementary feeder schools. The game is scheduled for Tuesday December 11th against Klein Cain High School. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. Our elementary schools will be recognized that evening at the game. We recommend encouraging attendees to arrive a few minutes early to get in and find seats.

As a reminder students from TWHS feeder schools who wear their school shirt to the game will be permitted entrance to the game free of charge. Everyone else, parents, siblings, spectators, etc. will be subject to the normal ticket rates/policy.

Ticket Prices are as follows:

Adults - $3.00
Senior Adults 60+ - $2.00
Students - $2.00
Children 6 & under - Free

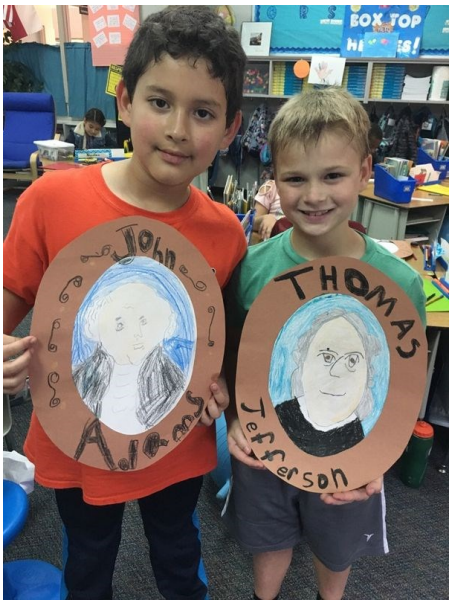
Counselor's Corner

Students at Galatas Demonstrate Integrity

Two students who demonstrate integrity were chosen from each homeroom. Integrity was the character trait that students learned about in October.

The following students received a certificate and an "Integrity" spirit stick.

K1	Isadora M. & Julien E.
K2	Nathan N. & Tobi A.
K3	Alexander J. & Natalia M.
K5	Callista C. & Connor G.
K6	Jenniah D. & Sebastian D.
11	Holly W. & Garon N.
12	Amelie F. & Derek S.
13	Aarna K. & Henry S.
14	Olivia T. & Kyle M.
17	Josie P. & Jacob C.
18	Alex L. & Sofia B.
23	Jude W. & Brinley B.
24	McGregor C. & Layla S.
25	Katie H. & Tobin B.
26	Elliette J. & Ben S.
27	Kiera K. & Alp T.
28	Beau C. & Eliana Q.
33	Lucy E. & Logan H.
34	Emilio P. & Charlotte B.
35	Ava H. & Avi S.
36	Eli B. & Melissa P.
37	Emma K. & Eddy V.
38	Orla O. & Cole S.
41	Dallin H. & Ella S.
42	Walker I. & Siena M.
43	Elizabeth P. & William W.
44	Charlotte C. & David D.
45	Mollie L. & Diego G.
46	Lyle F. & Renee W.
47	Smith J. & Abigail N.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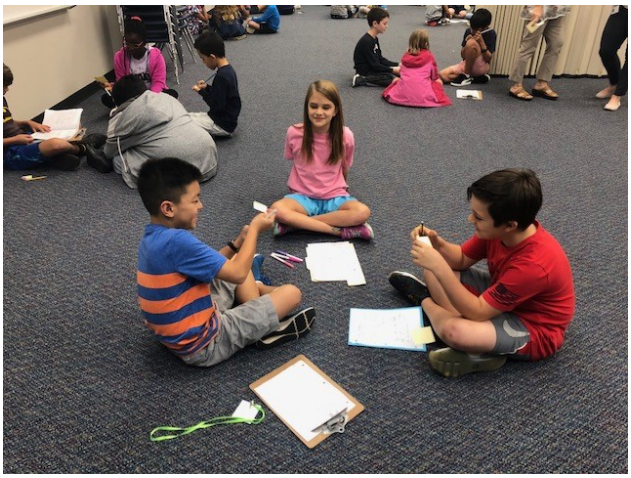

Galatas Greyhounds
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Upcoming Events

December

11	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
14	3rd/4th Grade Choir Program-8:30 a.m.
17	Holiday Parties-2nd (10:30 a.m.) & 4th Grade (8:15 a.m.)
17	Holiday Parties-Kindergarten (1:15 p.m.) & Special Programs (1:45 p.m.)
18	Holiday Parties– 1st (2:00 p.m.) & 3rd Grade (10:00 a.m.)
19	Polar Express Day (Students wear p.j.'s)
19	**Early Release Day**, End of Nine Weeks– 12:10 p.m.

December 20-January 7 Winter Break

January

8	Classes Resume
15	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
21	**No School**: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
24	Galatas Open House and Science Fair—6-7:30 p.m.

February

2	SCI://TECH 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
12	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
14	Valentine's Exchange
18	**No School**: Presidents' Day Holiday
22	Go Texan Day and Kindergarten Rodeo
28	Spring Individual and Class pictures

March

7	Field Day: Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade
8	Field Day: 3rd Grade and 4th Grade
8	**Early Release Day**, End of Nine Weeks-12:10 p.m.
11-15	**No School**: Spring Break
19	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
21	Springetti Preview
22	Springetti Spring Fundraiser
28	2nd Grade Music Program: 2:00 p.m. (Students) , 6:30 p.m.

April

8-12	**Campus Closed to Visitors-STAAR**
10	STAAR Test-Fourth Grade Writing
16	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
18	Egg Hunts: Kindergarten-9:15 a.m., 1st Grade-2:15 p.m., 10:30 2nd Grade
19	**No School:** Student Holiday
22	**No School:** Student Holiday
23-26	Spring Book Fair
26	3rd/4th Grade Choir Program-8:30 a.m.

May

1	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon-during lunch times
9	4th Grade Program-2:00 (for students) and 6:30 p.m.
10	1st Grade Moms and Muffins-8:45 a.m.
13-17	**Campus Closed to Visitors-STAAR**
13	STAAR Math-3rd and 4th Grades
14	STAAR Reading-3rd and 4th Grades
22-24	Science Camp
27	**No School**: Memorial Day
28	Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration
29	Yearbook Signing
30	4th Grade Clap-Out: 10:15 a.m.
30	4th Grade Picnic: 11:00 a.m.
30	**Early Release**– 12:10 p.m. Last Day of School

The Conroe Independent School District (District) as an equal opportunity educational provider and employer does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in educational programs or activities that it operates or in employment matters. The District is required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as Board policy not to discriminate in such a manner.

For information about **Title IX rights or Section 504/ADA rights,** contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA coordinator at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7752.

PARENT INFORMATION

CAMPUS VISITORS

Anyone who wishes to check-in to Galatas for any reason must be able to provide a government issued, photo I. D. upon request. Visitors will check in at the front office and receive a Visitor Badge which must be worn at all times in the building. When leaving the building, visitors must check out with the front office and return the badge. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety procedure.

ATTENDANCE LINE

To report an absence for your child, please call our attendance line at **936-709-5014 by 9:00 a.m.** and leave a message stating your child's name, teacher's name, reason for the absence, person reporting the absence, and a phone number. When your child returns from school, a note explaining the absence should be brought to his/her teacher.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is a major indicator of student success. Please schedule vacations during holidays, and make every effort to schedule appointments after school. Attendance letters will be sent if absences become excessive. Students should attend school every day unless ill.

MORNING HOURS

Announcements begin at 7:55 a.m. **Students may arrive starting at 7:35 a.m.**, at which time they may go to the gym (Kinder) or playground (1st-4th grades) for Active Start. Students may go to the classroom at 7:50.

MORNING TUTORING

If your child is scheduled for morning tutoring or enrichment, he or she must stop at the front desk for a pass to enter the classroom area.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER 8:00

Students arriving to school after the tardy bell (8:00) are considered tardy. Students must stop at the front desk for a tardy pass. A parent should come into the school with the student to sign the student in for the day. Students are considered absent if they arrive to school after 9:00 a.m. unless there is a medical note documenting the reason.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER AN APPOINTMENT

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment, or returning to school after an appointment, please come into the office with your child and bring a doctor's note, to ensure your student is not marked tardy or absent for the day.

VISITING AT LUNCH TIME

We welcome lunch visitors at Galatas, and want to ensure the safety and security of everyone as they enjoy time together. If a grandparent, family member, or adult other than the parent of the student wants to visit your child during lunch, **the parent must send in written permission to the front office.** The note will only need to be sent in once, and at that time a notation will be made in the visitor system so that the school will have a record of the permission being granted. If a note is not sent, we will call a parent to grant permission before the visitor is allowed to join a student for lunch.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Birthday treats, such as brownies or cookies, must be **store bought** due to allergy, safety and sanitation concerns.

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*Students will go to recess immediately after lunch.

***Please refer to the Galatas Handbook Addendum for more specific information.*

DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS

Student items that need to be delivered to your child during the school day can be dropped off **before 10:00 a.m.** at the front office. All deliveries need to be placed on the rear counter in the office and labeled with your child's name and section number. Deliveries are made daily at 10:00 a.m. Any class work or binders that are dropped off after 10:00 a.m. will be placed in the teacher's mailbox. Per the CISD Student Handbook, deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. to students at school are not permitted.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students may not bring medication to school. A parent or guardian must bring medication and sign it into the clinic. All medication must be in the original container and properly labeled. The school nurse must have a written and dated request from the parent or legal guardian to administer any medication.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Your child will be sent home from school if: they have a fever 100 degrees or greater, diarrhea, vomiting, suspicion of having a contagious illness, or are too ill to function in the classroom. Your child should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, or no diarrhea for 24 hours without medication. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they should be taking them for 24 hours before returning to school. If a student is sent home from school or is absent, they may not participate in extracurricular school activities.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING

A change of clothing should always be kept in each student's backpack in case of a spill, fall in the mud, or restroom accident. The nurse has a very limited supply of extra clothes and will try to find something suitable for the student to wear, but having their own set of clothes will save time and help the student be more comfortable.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

All transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:00 p.m. We are unable to accept an e-mail. You may send a written note to your child's teacher, fill out a form in the front office, or send a fax to (936) 709-5003 with your signature. **Please include the date, your child's full name, section number, bus number (if applicable), and your signature.** If you send a fax, please call the office to ensure that the fax was received. Please send a new note for each day the change occurs; we cannot accept notes for multiple days or with multiple changes. District policy states that a student may only ride the bus they are registered to ride; students may not have a transportation change to ride a different bus.

CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY

If you need to pick your child up early, please do so **before 2:45**. We are unable to call back to a class after that time.

AFTER SCHOOL

Students will need to plan ahead and be organized when getting ready for dismissal. Students will not be allowed to re-enter the building to go back to class for homework or items they forgot.

COMMUNICATION WITH GALATAS

When you send an e-mail to or leave a message for a staff member at Galatas, please include your child's full name, a phone number where we can reach you, and your full name in the message. This information will allow us to respond to you quickly and accurately.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

-Parents should not park on the shoulder of Cochran's Crossing and/ or allow students to enter or exit the vehicle from the road.
-U-turns are not allowed on Cochran's Crossing.
-Please do not drop off students in, or drive through the Good Shepherd Church parking lot.
-Please do not drop your student off in the employee parking lot.
-Please do not bring your pets onto school property. We have students who are highly allergic to, and frightened of, animals.

August, 2018