

## Grizzly Insider

**December 15, 2017**

Happy Holidays, Grizzly Nation!

Finals are officially here, which marks the end of a very busy and short first semester. Parents can help make finals a success by making sure that students attend, are on time, study, and are ready to go!

I hope you all enjoy your break with family and friends. We look forward to the start of a great 2nd semester on January 4th, 2018.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Years, and GO GRIZ!

Arturo Lomeli, Principal

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### **Finals info:**

- \* Final exams will be given Dec. 14th-19th. The schedules can be found on the GHS website.
- \* Teachers are not able to give final exams early.
- \* If a student must miss a final exam, they should pick up a "Prearranged Absence Form" from the Attendance Office PRIOR to the original exam time. Students will need to have each of their teachers whose final they are missing sign the form and make arrangements with those teachers for taking their exam in January when they return. They then turn the form in to AP Office for the AP to sign. Please note that this process may take some time, so students should begin this process now.
- \* All tests must be made up by Friday, January 5th in order to calculate gpa and class rank.

**PSAT Scores and Khan Academy Skill Building:** During December 11--13, students 13 and over who took the PSAT will receive an email through their LISD email account and may login to their College Board account (most 9th - 11th graders) or create a free College Board account (8th graders) to view their PSAT Score Report , PSAT questions and Roadmap to Careers.

If a student doesn't see their scores when they login, they may need to enter an access code. Please contact your campus PSAT Coordinator if you need an access code. Additionally, hard copy PSAT Score Reports will be provided through most English and math classes through the month of January.

The most beneficial feedback a student will receive is by logging into their College Board account and linking with Khan Academy. Students should link their College Board account with Khan Academy to receive their personalized learning plan for skill building.

After reviewing PSAT results, juniors should sign up for an SAT and/or an ACT in the spring. Leander ISD is offering a School Day ACT on February 27th and a School Day SAT on March 7th in addition to the Saturday offerings of the SAT and the ACT. School Day SAT and ACT registration is located on high school campus home pages and deadline for registration closes January 8, 2018.

**[ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!](#)** We are halfway through this school year! Have you ordered your student's YEARBOOK yet? Don't wait until the last minute. Capture all the memories and order a yearbook TODAY. P.S.: There is even a 3 easy payment option!

**Human Sexuality:** As part of the high school health curricula, 9th students will learn about the human reproductive system, abstinence, and human sexuality. This material will be taught by Austin LifeGuard from January 8-16. If you wish

to preview the material for this unit, you may do so in the library between the hours of 8:30 -- 4:00 p.m. or click on the Austin LifeGuard link on the Human Sexuality page of the Leander ISD website. You can find that information on our Human Sexuality page as well. You may choose to exempt your child from this instruction by completing and returning the grade appropriate Opt Out Letters found at the bottom of the Human Sexuality page.

**SOPHOMORE Individual Conferences:** Sophomore students and parents will meet with their student's counselor to review four year plans, discuss college and career goals, and choose courses for next year. Conferences will run from Monday, January 8th to Friday, February 2nd. Meetings will be scheduled in 20 minute blocks. Please sign up on the booking below to reserve your appointment. Counselors will meet alone with students who do not have a parent/guardian sign up for a conference. Booking site: <https://grizzlyguidancesophomores.youcanbook.me>

**Pies for Christmas:** The PTSA would like of offer you an opportunity to share during this Christmas Season. Our goal is to make sure every teacher has a Pie to take home during the holiday break. How can you help? Drop off a baked or store bought pie in the office on December 18th or no later than 100pm on the 19th of December. We have 115 teachers!! [Sign up here.](#)

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*Drop off a baked or store bought pie in the office on **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, no later than **10:00am**. You can also drop them off in the afternoon on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**We have 125 teachers!!**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mon., Dec. 18

Early Release day--students done at 1240pm; buses run at 1240pm.  
5th & 6th period midterm exams

Tues., Dec. 19

Early Release day--students done at 1240pm; buses run at 1240pm.  
1st & 2nd period midterm exams.  
End of grading cycle.  
Boys basketball @ GHS; 5150pm JV; 630pm 9th; 800pm Varsity  
Girls basketball @ GHS; 515pm JV; 630pm Varsity; 800pm 9th

Thurs., Jan. 4

Students return for 2nd semester.  
No 500pm tutorial buses.

Tues., Jan. 9

500pm tutorial buses begin for 2nd semester.

Wed., Jan. 10

630pm Project Graduation formation meeting @ GHS

