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Mark your Calendars

5/1 through 5/4 - Senior Trip

**5/5 through 5/9 - "Teacher/Parapro
Appreciation Week"**



5/9 - School Council Meeting at 12:30PM

5/15 - Prom night at "Emerson at Plum"

5/19 - Sports Banquet at 5:30pm

**5/21 - Talent Show at 1:30 in the Auditorium,
doors open at 1pm.**

5/22 - Graduation

8/5 - Orientation, Parent meeting

8/6 - First Day of School



During Hutchings College and Career Academy's 2024-2025 Honor's Day Ceremony, Ambria Tharpe was recognized. She received The Inspirational Leader Award through her studies in the Graphic Design Pathway. This award is given to students who have shown leadership by helping their classmates stay on the right track by being positive and encouraging role models. She is pictured receiving this prestigious award from Ms. Lakesia Williams, Assistant Principal at Hutchings College & Career Academy. Congratulations Ambria from your *GAB family!! We are all so very proud of you!*

Teacher & Para Appreciation Week

Our staff is Soaring Out of this World!

Georgia Academy for the Blind

May 5-9

Monday

Start the countdown for the Mission of Appreciation



Fuel upon **Cosmic Cookies and Coffee.**

Tuesday

Galactic Goodies

goodies bags of Universal Awesomeness will be waiting for you!

You do so much and fill our hearts with infinite amounts of SPACE.



We'd don't know what on

We'd do without you in this place!!!



Wednesday

DIVE into the **BIG DIPPER** with doughnuts!

Enjoy your refreshing doughnuts

Thursday

5,4,3,2,1...Cooling down before we blast off into Summer!



Cool off with a cold treat.

Friday

BLAST OFF BAR B QUE

Come enjoy the savory lunch from Brookshire BBO



THANK YOU FOR SHOOTING FOR THE STARS !!!!

OUT OF THIS WORLD

TAAP Signing Day, “Teaching As A Profession”



Georgia Future Educator Signing Day on the Hutchings College and Career Academy campus was held on April 30, 2025. Yes, Signing Day – just as aspiring football, basketball, baseball players are recognized when he/she signs with a team – Future Teachers are being recognized for committing to the Teaching Profession. This event was held in conjunction with Mr. Richard Woods, Georgia’s State School Superintendent, **“Teach in the Peach”** initiative. Class of 2025 Graduates that were celebrated included three students **from GAB: Veronica Fleming-Slade, Mary Pickman, and Emily Stiles**. Each student was asked to salute a teacher in their high school career who made a significant impact on her life. These teachers -- Keith Blackwell, Dr. Cheryl Washington, and Gene Collins were recognized along with the students during the ceremony. Each teacher was presented with an Inspirational Teacher Award. Congratulations to Veronica and Mary and Emily on continuing your commitment to the Teaching Profession. You have completed the CTAE Pathway of “Teaching As A Profession” through studies on the Hutchings campus, and now on to the next step in your pursuit of a career in education. Your GAB family wishes much success as you enter the classroom!



GAB Teachers:
 Keith Blackwell with Roni
 Dr. Washington with Emily
 Gene Collins with Mary



Left:

**Dr. Cassandra Washington,
 CEO – Hutchings College &
 Career Academy**

Right:

**Dr. Jason Weiss, Director –
 Hutchings College &
 Career Academy**



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#2025

Division of State Schools/Georgia
Department of Education

Lunch Menu

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Cheese Pizza Personal Pepperoni Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges Buttery Corn Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Granny Smith Apple Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloppy Jo Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Tater Tots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken n Rice Cheese Calzone Toasted Flatbread Steamed Yellow Squash Honey Baby Carrots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Red Grapes 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beefy Nachos Grande Cheese Quesadilla Black Beans Mexicali Corn Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Strawberries 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBQ Chicken Sandwich Ham Croissant Sandwich Chili roast Sweet potatoe Peas n Carrots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple Orange Wedges 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni Pizza Four Cheese Pizza Steamed Broccoli Mixed Vegetables Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Orange Wedges Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cod Fish Sandwich Hot Dog Tater Tots Honey Baby Carrots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)

Assorted Fruits, Milk, and Condiments are served daily.

Students may select up to 2 fruits and 2 vegetables per meal.

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Resources for Parents of Blind Children

[Blind Children's Center](#)

<http://www.blindchildrenscenter.org/index.php>

They provide a series of booklets to parents free of charge on topics including: dealing with the feelings surrounding a diagnosis of visual impairment in a child, encouraging mobility, teaching play skills and aiding the development of language and social skills. Address: 4120 Marathon Street; Los Angeles, CA 90029; 323-664-2153

[Blindness Resource Center](#)

<http://www.nyise.org/blind.htm>

This site has over 200 links related to blindness and the use of computers by persons with low vision. Categories include: access to the Internet and Web, Deaf-Blindness, Research and Innovation, Vendors and much more.

[Hadley School for the Blind](#)

<http://www.hadley.edu/>

Hadley is a tuition-free correspondence school with a variety of courses for both parent and child education, including Reach Out and Teach, a parent-directed teaching program for young children with visual impairments. The instructors offer personalized assistance to parents and provide information about their resources. Hadley publishes the newsletter, In Touch. Address: 700 Elm Street; Winnetka, IL 60093; 800-323-4238

[Lighthouse National Center for Vision and Child Development](#)

<http://www.lighthouse.org/>

The Lighthouse establishes connections between families, the vision care system, special education programs, and health and education networks. These services include early childhood and preschool education, career counseling and placement, low vision services, training in the use of information technology, such as computers, adaptive skills and orientation and mobility training. Address: 11 E. 59th Street; New York, NY 10022; 800-334-5497

[Institute for Families](#)

<http://www.instituteforfamilies.org/>

Offers support and information to families of children who have received a diagnosis of cancer or other diseases that may impact vision. Provides multilingual consultation and direct counseling support to families at no cost after a diagnosis is made. Offers nation-wide telephone counseling service. Publishes Retinoblastoma Support News and Parent to Parent as well as the book My Fake Eye, the Story of My Prosthesis. Address: 4650 Sunset Blvd, Mail Stop 111, Los Angeles, CA 90027; 323-361-4649

[National Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired \(NAPVI\)](#)

<http://www.lighthouseguild.org/napvi>

Offers emotional support for parents of blind or visually-impaired children. Provides information, training and assistance, and help in understanding and using available resources. The association will direct parents to a local NAPVI support group. Address: P.O. Box 317; Watertown, MA 02272; 212-769-7819

Resource Organizations

[American Council of the Blind](#)

<http://www.acb.org/>

One of the major organizations of the blind in the United States. They offer a wide variety of services to individuals with visual impairments and publish the Braille Forum and resource lists. Address: 2200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 650, Arlington, VA 22201-3354
800-424-8666

[American Foundation for the Blind \(AFB\)](#)

<http://www.afb.org/>

Provides information on visual impairments and blindness and on services AFB offers, products, and publications. Address: 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102; New York, NY 10121
212-502-7600

[American Printing House for the Blind](#)

<http://www.aph.org/>

Produces many educational items for blind and visually impaired students. They have an extensive catalog. Address: 1839 Frankfort Avenue, P.O. Box 6085, Louisville, Kentucky 40206-0085
502-895-2405

[National Braille Press](#)

<http://www.nbp.org/>

A braille press that produces and sells braille books for the same price as ink-print books. They have a children's book club to encourage the development of literacy skills. Address: 88 Saint Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115
888-965-8965

[National Federation of the Blind](#)

<http://www.nfb.org/>

One of the major organizations of the blind in the United States. They provide a wide variety of services to people with visual impairments and publish the Braille Monitor and Future Reflections (for parents). They distribute a catalog of publications available in large print, braille or audiocassette, and a catalog of aids and appliances. Address: 200 East Wells Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
410-659-9314

[National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#)

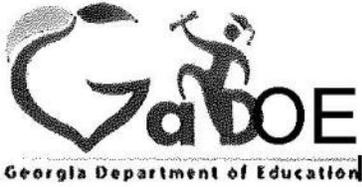
<http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

Provides free library service to individuals with visual or physical impairments. They offer braille and large print materials and recorded books and periodicals. Address: Library of Congress; 1291 Taylor Street, NW; Washington, DC 20542
202-707-5100

[Do-It](#)

<http://www.uw.edu/doi/>

A disability resource center from the University of Washington. Address: University of Washington Box 354842, Seattle, WA 98195-4842
206-685-DOIT (3648)



FY25 Parent Survey

For Parents of Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

- 1. First question answer by scrolling down and choosing “State Schools”**
- 2. Second question answer by choosing “Georgia Academy for the Blind”.**

Please Scan the QR code below to take the Survey:



May 2025 Birthdays

Adam 5/1

William 5/20

Taryn 5/1

Lily 5/23

Mary 5/4

Lukas 5/25

Heidei 5/20

