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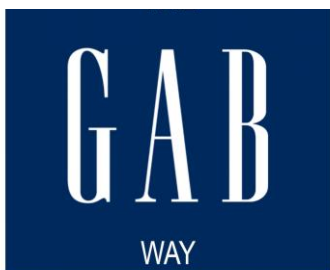
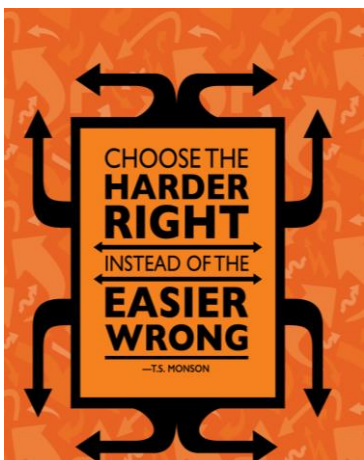
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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness.

December's Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Menus are on our website:

http://www.gabmacon.org/pages/Georgia_Academy_for_the_Blind/Families/Nutrition. You can also watch a video and learn more about apples and kale! If you need a printed menu sent to you, contact Sonya Milam.



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

Mark Your Calendars!

*Just added

December 10 – 20: Santa Shop in Media Center (A chance for students to purchase gifts for family. More details coming soon).

December 10: "Drop in RPM" (Regional Parent/guardian Meeting), **Athens**, 6-7:30 pm
***address just added:** Athens-Clark County Library 2025 Baxter St Athens, GA 30606

December 11 at 1:15: Elementary Holiday Party

December 12 at 1:15: Middle and High School Holiday Party

December 17 – 20: Scholastic Book Fair in Media Center

December 20: Winter Music Program at 10:00 a.m. Student Art Show before and after.
Orco Cooler Give-away (details page 4)

December 21 – January 4: Winter Holidays

January 21: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February 18: Presidents' Day Holiday

March 7: Braille Challenge

March 25-29: Spring Break

April 4: High School Prom

April 22: Easter Holiday

April 25-28: Senior Trip

May 17: GAB graduation

May 24: Last day of school

Character Education

Respect for the Creator: As referenced in the Declaration of Independence and state law*, unalienable human rights reflecting the "intrinsic worth of every individual."

*From Georgia State "Values & Character Education Implementation Guide"

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. Please send your news ideas and items and/or resources in your community to share with others. Smilam@doe.k12.ga.us 478-262-3303

Students:

Joshua: 12/5

Caiden, Kaleb, Jartavius: 12/11

Adria: 12/16

Kiauna: 12/22

Shyann: 12/25

Dani and Seth: 12/26

Blake: 12/29

James and Logan: 12/31



Staff:

Ms. Gossett: 12/2

Mr. Cronan: 12/4

Ms. Good: 12/13

Ms. Bechtel: 12/17

Ms. Taylor: 12/18

Ms. Thomas: 12/26

Mr. Williams: 12/29

The Case of the Missing 1000 Box Tops Mission 2: November 29, 2018

Introducing: BEFORE YOU START COOKING PLEASE BE LOOKING"

Our detectives are working hard, but those Box Tops are hiding in some tricky places. I know this is a very busy time of the year. So, repeat this phrase with me. "BEFORE YOU START COOKING PLEASE BE LOOKING". When our GAB family works together just think what we can do. We have 100 students in our school. If each student just brought in just one Box Top, that would be \$10.00. What if 100 students brought in 10 Box Tops (which is not hard to find)? That would be \$100.00 and our goal would be met of 1,000 Box Tops. So please as you do your weekly shopping take a moment to look for Box Tops. Reminder: the detective who finds the most Box Tops before the Winter break will be given a bonus of \$5.00. We only have 4 weeks. If you want to know how to look for Box Tops just email me, and the secret will be revealed. So, during the holidays you may buy items not normally purchased, please look on everything you purchase and help us reach our goal of 1000 Box Tops before December break. I know we can do it! A note to remember: Box Tops do expire, so when you get a few send them in as soon as possible for us to receive the .10 for each one collected. So, detectives get on the trail to find some Box Tops because GAB students appreciate it.

P.S. Ask your grandparents, friends, and family everybody may have them. If you let people know why we are saving them, I am sure a lot of people would love to help us reach our goal.

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A list of participating products can be found here:

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_EGBdS_/82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer_mar2015.pdf



The annual Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey for the 2018-2019 school year is open!



This survey is YOUR opportunity to give your feedback about the school climate at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. It takes less than 5 minutes. You can complete the survey using your personal computer, smartphone, or tablet. You will also be invited to complete the Georgia Parent Survey at GAB during any regular school day and at the December 20 Music Program, Parent/Guardian meeting and Art Show.

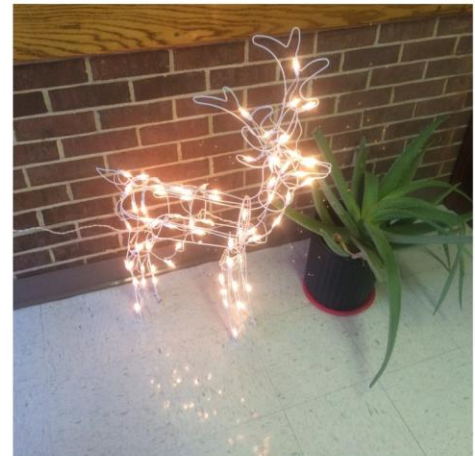
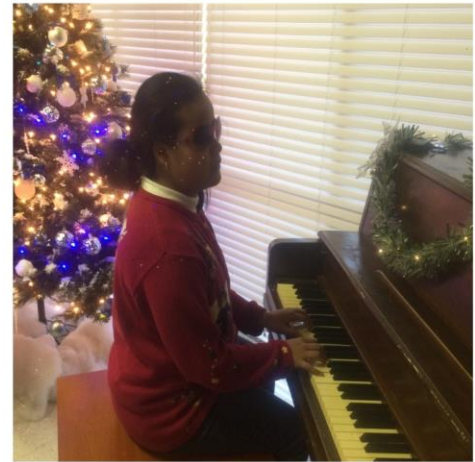
The Georgia Parent Survey is for parents of all students in Georgia. The data collected is used as part of the calculation of the School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis. Schools with no parent or low parent participation will see a negative impact on the school's School Climate Star Rating. So we need your help to make GAB shine.

You can take the survey here at any time: <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>. After choosing preferred language you will then be directed to **School System (required)** There you will choose STATE SCHOOLS, NOT YOUR COUNTY, then drop down to the find Georgia Academy for the Blind.

Thank you in advance for your participation and honest feedback. It is greatly appreciated.



Deck the halls!



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The ORCA Cooler will be given away
Dec. 20th, 2018

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Contact Melanie Thompson at
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