



# Panther Press

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Georgia Academy  
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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide 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.

## Success! Nothing Less!



November 14: EECC's Coffee Club 6-7 pm

November 15: Henry County Drop In RPM 5:30-7:30 HJ Wings and Things, 104 John Frank Blvd., McDonough

November 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28: Return from Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3: "Dining in for Health Families" Day (story below)

December 6: Floyd County Drop In RPM 5:30-7:30

December 8: Student Holiday Party, 11:30 – 1:00

December 16: Holloway's Happy Holidays Concert and Applebee's Art Show *Programs for parents/guardians are being planned before and after the show!*

December 19-January 6: Happy holidays!

January 9: School starts back!

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

February 16: Braille Challenge *Program for parent/guardians is being planned*

2 February 20: Presidents' Day Holiday

0 March 27-31: Spring Break

1 April 6: High School Prom

7 April 27-30 Senior Trip

April 17: Easter Holiday

May 15: Mother's Day Holiday

May 26: Last day of school and Graduation



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

## Character Education

Word of the quarter: **CITIZENSHIP** respectful devotion to school and country.

Word of the Week: Word of the Week: **RESPECT FOR THE CREATOR** as referenced in the Declaration of Independence and state law, unalienable human rights reflecting the "intrinsic worth of every individual.



Ja'Miyah	November 2
Crystal	November 16
Judy	November 17
De'Andre	November 20

Thank you  
from the  
**CLASS OF  
2017**

301 meals were served at our Senior Fundraiser Dinner on Thursday. A special thanks to Jeneanne's restaurant for their catering services and the many students and staff volunteers who helped make this event a great success! 103 items were sold at the silent auction! Another great big thanks to the many community partners and friends who donated the items as well as to those who worked the auction!

**"Dine In" With Us!**  
[www.aafcs.org/FCSday](http://www.aafcs.org/FCSday)  
#FCSday #healthyfamselvie



Mark your calendar for December 3 and join students and their families all across our nation for **"Dining In for Health Families" Day** Sponsored by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) who explain: "no matter what your family make-up is, where you live, or what your dinners are like, you can be part of **The Family Dinner Project**. The only thing you need to do is share a meal with the people who are closest to you. There are many resources to help you improve your family dinners and meet your dinnertime goals! Choose the options that work best for you. Just as there's no one right way to be a family, there's no one right way to have a family dinner."

Stay tuned for some great simple and health recipes from our own Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher. Our Parent Mentor and Transition Team will provide you with "Table Topics" so you can learn more about school activities, what your child is wanting to do upon graduation, and applauding them on their efforts to help with dinner. After signing up in the link below, we would love to hear from you that you are doing this!



## “Ready, Set, Launch Your Job”

Did you know that Georgia is one of four states awarded funding by US Department of Education to work collaboratively with the Georgia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide a **E3 Program (Explore, Engage and Employ)**? Did you know that GAB is one of five districts invited to join this **E3** pilot program? The expected outcomes of the program are to increase the high school completion rate for students with disabilities, assist students and youth with disabilities to obtain competitive employment in integrated settings and assist employers to find qualified job applicants.

**E3** kick off at GAB took place over two days. “Pre-launch” was held last week. Our middle and high school students met with our Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Mrs. Kathryn Edger. She spoke about preparing for work after graduation by doing well in school, exploring jobs of interest and getting work experience while in school. Each student made a label with their dream job.

On Thursday, the students gathered in the library. Dr. Gibson spoke about the importance of work. She also thanked Vocational Rehabilitation for allowing us to be a part of the E3 pilot program. Kathryn Edger, others from VR, the GAB Transition Team and teachers helped the students prepare their balloons with their job labels. After going outside and hearing, “Ready, Set, Launch Your Job”, the students released their balloons in the air. Rocket Pops and VR swag were enjoyed by all.

Be sure to come to our parent/guardian meeting on the day of the Winter Program to learn more about this exciting program and how we are helping your child get ready for the work place after graduation.



