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.

**Mark your Calendars**

- **9/11 through 9/17** - Housekeeping Appreciation week
- **9/16 through 9/23** - Space Camp in Huntsville, AL
- **9/23** - First School Council Meeting on Friday at 1:00
- **10/11 through 10/14** - Fall Break Week
- **11/3 through 11/5** - National Highschool Goalball Tournament in St. Augustine, FL

**PBIS**

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Next week’s Motto:

Respect: for the Environment

**THE GAB WAY**

Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful
The GAB Dip Made the GAB Way!
Clap—Clap—Stomp—Stomp

Ms. Rosalyn Sparks won this year’s annual dip competition among staff.

**Ingredients:**

- Chicken
- Great Northern Beans
- Mild Rotel: diced tomatoes and green chiles
- Parmesan Cheese
- Mozzarella Cheese
- Sour Cream
- Half and Half
A combined field trip for the classes of Ms. Barfield with Ms. Lynch and Mrs. Rushing with Ms. Patat visited the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds in Macon, GA. They have been learning about the Creek Indians and their artifacts. Students got to touch and feel animal pelts, arrowheads, baskets, and pottery.
The Smokey Powell Center for Assistive Technology is nominating Parent/Guardian members to serve on the Smokey Powell Center Advisory Board. Please volunteer! Here’s the link:


Responsibilities: The Smokey Powell Center (SPC) is the outreach component of the Georgia Academy for the Blind. Please consider influencing how the SPC works with students all over the state to enhance their school experience while being served in their local district. The meetings are easy to attend because they are virtual and meets quarterly.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Smokey Powell Center for Assistive Technology Advisory Board, hereinafter to be referred to as the “Board”, is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Smokey Powell Center by assisting it in the pursuit of its mission and goals.

Primarily, the Board’s focus and responsibilities are to make recommendations for direction and guidance and to serve as a source of information and advocacy for the Center.

Additionally, the Board will support the State Board of Education in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the Smokey Powell Trust funds are being properly used to support the mission of the Smokey Powell Center for Assistive Technology.
September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month!

Thoughts of suicide can affect anyone of any age, gender, or background.

Suicide Prevention Week is September 4-10, a time to raise awareness of this stigmatized topic.

According to the CDC, youth and young adults ages 10-24 account for 14% of all suicides.

For youth ages 10-14, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress or crisis, call or text 988 or 741741 from anywhere in the U.S. to connect via text with a trained crisis counselor 24/7.
September Birthdays

9/7  Destiny R.          9/20  Tyson
9/7  Luca                    9/23  DJ
9/10 Korey                  9/27  Aubrey
9/15 Trinity