



# Panther Press

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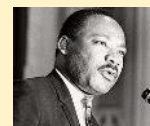
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**Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level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

## *Mark your Calendar*

1/13 - Next School Council Meeting at 1:00

1/16 - Holiday for Martin Luther King Jr.



1/18 - 100th Day of School Celebration

2/20 - Presidents' Day Holiday



3/24 - Spring Musical in the Auditorium at 10:30  
"Junie B. Jones Jr. the Musical"

3/27 through 3/31 - Spring Break Week



4/10 - Easter Holiday

5/18 - Prom Night (location TBA)

5/25 - Graduation at GAB



# A message from our Superintendent

**Dear GAB Family,**

**Welcome to Second Semester at GAB! We hope you and yours had a wonderful winter vacation! Thank you for your patience with our pipe burst which was repaired on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. We are most thankful that we had only one inconvenient event on our very old 22.5 acres on Vineville Avenue, and that we were expedited for repair by our vendor despite holidays and closure. Middle Georgia is just not used the 14-degree weather. It was bone-chilling to say the least!!!**

**We congratulate Mrs. Catie Holloway, Music Director, Mrs. Kristen Applebee, Art Teacher, and a host of students and staff for the amazing presentation of Elf: The Medley and the Art Show. Our students are so gifted in numerous ways, and they bring us much pride and joy. What a privilege to have so many of you present for the performance and the Parent/Family meeting with Ms. Jennifer Minter, Parent Mentor, which followed. I hope you have begun to make good use of your binders already, and, as always, reach out to us if you need any information or have questions. Thank you to Dr. Cassandra Matthews, Federal Programs Manager/Chief Academic Officer, State Schools Division, for attending the program and participating in our Parent/Family meeting. Dr. Matthews is truly a servant leader and supports GAB in extraordinary ways.**

**Review the calendar in this Panther Press as January is full of opportunity and activity. Join us in person or on Zoom for our next School Council meeting January 13, 2023. It's another way to be involved and informed. Reach out to President Donna West [Donna.West@cushwake.com](mailto:Donna.West@cushwake.com) or Jennifer Minter for additional information. WE want to continue the momentum of parent discussion as we had in December! Off to Alabama for SCASB go our wrestling team, cheerleaders, and music ensemble at the end of January.**

**This is just the beginning . . .**

***Cindy***

**“Creating a Brighter future by Working Together!”**



Please see the flyer below for information on a free, virtual Parent Support Group. This means parents or guardians can attend from the comfort of their own home and don't have to bother with Atlanta's notorious traffic. This group is open to any parent or guardian who has a child/young adult, 22-and-under, with a **visual impairment**. This group is **not** limited to families who live in the Atlanta metro area, open to all of Georgia.

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# Parent Resource Group

Information session: January 9, 7PM  
Group meeting: January 23, 7PM

JOIN US FOR FREE ON ZOOM:  
[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88608630282](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88608630282)



Please join CVI for a virtual resource group for families of children with visual impairments, facilitated by a CVI counselor. Exchange ideas, connect with other parents, and learn about resources that can help.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 9 for one hour. Join us to learn more about this resource group!

Our first 90-minute support session will be held on Monday, January 23. Following this session, we will meet on the third Monday each month.

For more information, please contact [nreynolds@cviga.org](mailto:nreynolds@cviga.org) or call 404-602-4331.

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# January Birthdays

Devoneta	1/5	Shayla	1/ 23
Maddie	1/8	Ayden	1/24
Terrell	1/8	Zaria	1/25
Jay	1/11	Jamari	1/31
John D.	1/14	Ian R.	1/31
Brayden	1/21		

