

## PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Get involved!

Communicate with the contact person below  
for meeting times and activity information.

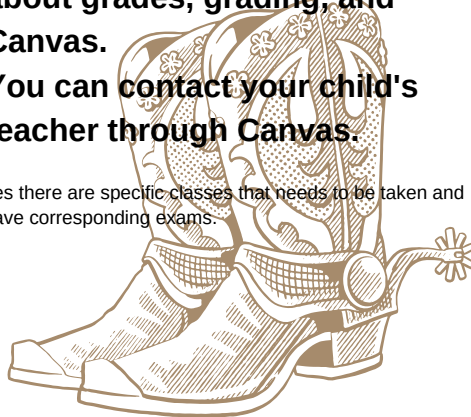
Organization	Contact
Gaither Athletic Booster Club	gaitherabc@gmail.com
Band Booster Club	gaitherbandpresident@gmail.com
Chorus Booster Club	gaitherchorus.com
PTSA - Parent, Teacher, Student Association	gaitherptsapresident@gmail.com



## Fast Facts

- Anything over 10 days of absences is considered excessive, this is total combined excused, unexcused and suspensions.
- Report cards are available through the Parent Myspot Portal
- To graduate students need:
  - 4 credits of English
  - 4 credits of Math\*
  - 3 credits of Science\*
  - 3 credits of Social Studies\*
  - 1 credit of Performing Arts
  - 1 credit of Hope
  - 8 Electives
  - .5 Personal Finance (c/o 2027)
  - 2.0 State GPA
  - Reading & Math statewide assessment scores
- Gaither offers free breakfast and lunch to all students
- **Your child's teacher is the first point of contact for questions about grades, grading, and Canvas.**
- **You can contact your child's teacher through Canvas.**

\*indicates there are specific classes that needs to be taken and some have corresponding exams.



## Gaither 101:

### How to Find the Answers to Practically Everything



Gaither High School

Established 1984

**Thomas Morrill,**  
*Principal*

**Rebecca Wickham,**  
*Assistant Principal for Curriculum*

**Kedric Harris,**  
*Assistant Principal for Administration*

**Latasha Scurry,**  
*Assistant Principal for Student Affairs  
A to M*

**Samantha Witek,**  
*Assistant Principal for Student Affairs  
N to Z*

16200 North Dale Mabry Tampa, FL 33618

Phone: 813-975-7340

Fax: 813- 975-7349  
Mail Route, 2  
School Number 1551

Business Hours: 8:00AM - 3:45PM

Summer, 2023, Last modified

Student Services		
Name	Serving Students by Last Names/Department	Ext
Myla Uppercue	A – Com	215
Vanessa Caban	Con-Gu	216
Kathleen Odom	Gw-Ma	234
Robert (Bobby) D'Agostino	Mc-Ra	218
Thomas Mazard	Re-Ta	220
Lisa Knott-Dept.Head	Te-Z	
Amanda Caliz	Guidance Secretary	217
Dana Ferlita	Registrar—Order Transcripts	221
Alicia Pelaez	Adult Credit Recovery	205
Jordan Pinchback	Adult Credit Recovery	205
Tracy Richardson	HVK12 Credit Recovery	
Lauren Hammond	ESOL/ELL Department Chair	
Brandy Riviere	School Psychologist	219
Julie Dumois-Sands	School Social Worker	233
Christine Parks	School Social Worker	302
Guidance Website School Counseling	<a href="https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/2750">https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/2750</a>	
To send/request a transcript	<a href="mailto:sdhc.scribder.com">sdhc.scribder.com</a>	

The fastest way to reach us is through email.

### Telephone Contacts: 813-975-7340

- To notify the school your child will be absent, dial 813 973 7340. Push "1". **Please call the day of the absence before 9:30.**
- Student affairs secretaries for student sign-in/out: push "2".
- Guidance: push "3"
- Switchboard/Other: push "0"

### Other Resources

Name	Service Title	Extension
Laura Meehan	Climate & Culture Resource Teacher	209
Natalie Gomillion	Clinic, RN	257
Deborah Borges	Clinic, LPN	290
Vonda Dickey	Clinic, Health Assistant	358
Donna Haff	ESE Specialist	369
Jennifer Aldrich	Media Center Specialist- <a href="https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/1928">https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/1928</a>	251
Ofc. John McCarrell	School Resource Center, (HCSO)	214
Kelvin Jones	Student Nutrition Manager	255

### Administrative Assistance

Name	Title	Extension
Nadine Belliveau	Secretary to School Principal	204
Liz Lee	Secretary to AP Curriculum	207
Hilary Hall	Secretary to AP Administration/Athletics	237
Georgia Clemmons	Secretary to APs Student Affairs	211
Lisa Bruno	Secretary to APs Student Affairs	212
Brenda Harrold	Data Processor	235
Pamelyn Foreid	School Bookkeeper	224

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## Communication Tools

GHS Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/GaitherCowboys">https://twitter.com/GaitherCowboys</a>
Student Online Grade System Access: Student ID#/password	<a href="https://launchpad.classlink.com/hcpshub">https://launchpad.classlink.com/hcpshub</a>
GTSA & Email Newsletter	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GaitherHighSchoolPTSA/">https://www.facebook.com/GaitherHighSchoolPTSA/</a>
Parent Myspot Portal	<a href="https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/register/confirm.php">https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us/public/register/confirm.php</a>
Gaither Website	<a href="https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/gaither">https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/gaither</a>

## Predictors of success in high school

- **Attendance**, arriving to class on time and being present every day
- **Positive engagement and behavior** in the classroom and on the school campus, the absence of behavior issues and suspensions, the engagement in extra and intra-curricular activities like clubs, sports, and high-interest classes
- **Engagement with curriculum**. Completing all assignments, turning assignments in, and making sure that that classroom material is understood, passing all classes with a "C" or better grade
- **Engaged parents** who are invested in their child's education and are involved with parent-teacher conferences, check Canvas, take advantage of opportunities to meet with teachers, school counselors and other campus resources as necessary
- Working with mental health challenges if they present and **actively increasing protective factors and minimizing risk factors**
- **Having a plan** of what is after high school and how high school graduation is part of a bigger plan, i.e enrollment, enlistment, employment

## Student Athletics

Kedric Harris, APA and Athletic Director

Ticket purchase:

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/athletics>

## Fall Season

Cross Country	Lindsay Burgess
Cross Country Girls, V/JV	
Golf Boys	Nancy Feldhaus
Golf Girls	Barbara Anthony
Swimming Girls	Jennifer Aldrich
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Volleyball V/JV	Kesha Lindo
Football Varsity	Kirk Karsen
Football Jr. Varsity	Kirk Karsen
Marching Band & Starettes	Luis Alvarez

## Year Round

Cheerleading JV/Varsity	Kristina Amaro
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## Winter Season

Basketball Boys V/JV	Jordan Davis
BasketBall Girls Varsity	Carmen Samuel
Basketball Girls JV	
Soccer Boys	Trevor Scott
Soccer Girls	Williams Helms
Wrestling	Marty Carpenter

## Spring Season

Baseball	Nelson North
Flag Football V/JV	Tyler Trumbach
Softball	Jerry Murray
Spring Football	Kirk Karsen
Tennis Boys	Chris Bueno
Tennis Girls	Emily Lojacono
Track & Field	



STUDENT LEADERSHIP Candidate application in May for following year	
Student Leader	Senate
Senior Class, 2024 Pres.:	Teresa Trumbach
Junior Class, 2025 Pres.:	Teresa Trumbach
Sophomore Class, 2026 Pres.:	Krystina Amaro
Freshman Class, 2027 Pres.: Election in Fall 2022	Teresa Trumbach
HONOR SOCIETIES Membership by application and/or invitation	
AVID Club 2.0 GPA Required	Christina Wilkes
BETA 4.0 GPA, weighted Required	Christopher Sanders
National Honor Society (NHS) 3.0 unweighted Required	Open
Tri-M Honors Must be enrolled in a music class.	Luis Alvarez
Math honors Must be in Math honors with a 3.5 weighted avg. In math class and/or with math teacher rec. 3.5 weighted avg. In math class and/or with math teacher rec.	Open
National Technical Honor Society 3.0 GPA & enrolled in CTE	Thomas Mazard Janice Klages, Vanessa Caban
OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	
ROTC – Officers' Training Corps	James Stauffer Loney Cason Edward Donohue
African American Brain Bowl	Thomas Mazard
AP Capstone	Karen Hough
Dual Enrollment	Thomas Mazard Jennifer Aldrich
Childcare	Lindsay Burgess
Sew With It – School Coffee Shop	Estelle Farris
Newspaper	Julia Pappacoda
Starettes	Kristy Dell
Theatre Company	Kristen Sykora
Student to Student/Sandy Hook Alliance	Julie Dumois-Sands & Christine Parks
TV Production	Julia Pappacoda
Yearbook	Julia Pappacoda

## Student Interest Clubs

Membership is open to all

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. (FCA)  Open to all students, athletes and nonathletes	Betsy MacDonald
Gaither Media Advisory Committee	Jennifer Aldrich
5000 Role Models	Thomas Mazard
Fuego Latino	Edna Martinez Navarro
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Donna Kollar
Gaither Ambassadors	Julie Dumois-Sands
Signing Stampede	Melinda Murphy
Embroidery Club	Jennifer Aldrich
SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco)	Natalie Gomillion
Positive Mental Health	Julie Dumois-Sands & Christine Parks

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## Music Organizations

Band	Luis Alvarez Kristy Dell
Orchestra	Jacob Heglund
Chorus	Kyle Goyens

## More important information!

### All students need a MyPaymentPlus account.

This is how students will pay for things at Gaither.

<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>

Lockers will be assigned during lunch and cost \$5. Please use mypaymentsplus to pay for a locker.

Parking costs \$20/year. Please use mypaymentsplus to purchase a parking spot. Application for a parking spot is available on Canvas and in SAO.

**School starts at 8:30**, that is the time students are to be in their 1st period class, sitting in their seats and starting to learn.

**School ends at 3:32** on regular days and on 2:32 on early release days.