

October 2020 - Fountain

NEWSLETTER

From The AP's Desk

Happy October! Well we made it through the first quarter!! The Colorado Springs Region broke records this year in terms of student attendance (Show Up) and student work completion (Connect)! Fountain had a 100% attendance for Count Day!! Count Day is a very important day in the education world. All schools in the state are made to account for every student in order to determine funding! Your Fountain team rocked it and they could not have done it without you! Parents, and students stepped it up and we got everyone counted!! Thank you!! Now we are off to Quarter 2 and a fresh start! We encourage all students to check in with their coach every day, and complete three assignments a week per class! It takes a village!! Thank you!! Also, please take the parent survey, so I can best meet your needs as a parent!

In Partnership, Kim Brown

POD NEWS

We have had a bit of movement with our Pods recently. Unfortunately, Coach Matt Hovrud was moved to the Chapel site to cover an open position. We are so sad to see him go and hopeful that he will return to Fountain site soon. Students are welcome to reach out to Matt any time through teams or text. I know he would love to hear from you. Tiffany, Kayla, and Shonda have had to shift students around. If you are not sure who your coach is please reach out. Also, be aware that coaches send out progress reports to parents and students through email every Monday. If you are not receiving these updates please reach out, and we will make sure we have your correct email.

*Remember – GOAL expects students to **check in with their Academic Coach every day (Monday-Friday)** to maintain their attendance. In addition, coaches are watching that students are completing assignments. **The best practice for academic success is completing 3 assignments a week for each class.**

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Mission: Developing productive members of society
Vision: Helping all students achieve their full potential in a caring, supportive, and personalized environment

Parent Survey

Parents please take a few minutes to click on the link below and take a quick survey! This will help us make sure we are meeting your parent needs!

[click here](#)

From our SEG

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

It is important to be aware of the red flags in any relationship. Here are a few concerning behaviors in unhealthy relationships to look for. Please reach out to your SEG support and visit the Love is Respect link below for more information. Unhealthy or abusive relationships take many forms, and there is not one specific behavior that causes a relationship to be categorized as such. However, there are **certain behaviors** that should be cause for concern. Behaviors that should raise a **red flag include**: excessive jealousy, invasion of privacy, unexpected bouts of anger or rage, unusual moodiness, pressuring into sex, blaming and not taking responsibility, preventing you from going out with or speaking with friends, constantly monitoring whereabouts, damaging property, bullying, threatening or causing physical violence.
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COVID - 19

Everyone has been so accommodating and respectful of the changes at the site due to COVID -19

- Please remember to wear your mask completely covering your nose and mouth, with the exception of eating. You can step outside to eat or if there are only a few students on site and socially distanced you can eat at your table.
- We want all students to feel welcome to come into the site for support. Please make an appointment with your coach. Remember **blue** cohorts can be on site **Mondays and Wednesdays** and **green** cohorts **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.
- Please do not come into the site if you are not feeling well.

To stay up to date and for more information on how GOAL High School is working to keep its staff and students safe, please visit our [Health Alert - Community Update Page](#).

Esports

1. Click the link below and fill out the Esports Interest Survey
2. Sign up on the HSEL website (also found in the link below)
 - After completing the basic sign-up form, click on "game connection" in the upper left and add some games that you like to play. Once these game connections are added, Ryan and I can add students to a team.
3. Check out the tournament schedule - most games have league opportunities on multiple days and times per week.

Click Here -->

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/LnE3J6M/GOALeSports> <-- **Click Here**

FAQ:

Q: How does this work with COVID protocols?

A: Students will be assigned to a team within HSEL and compete using their own gaming equipment from home. We are working on solutions to have students come into the site to use our gaming computers but for now this is a play-from-home situation.

Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A: For the Fall Major leagues in HSEL, GOAL is requiring that students be passing all of their classes to compete each week. Students may be eligible one week and not for another. Grades will be checked each week to determine eligibility.

Q: If I have further questions, who should I reach out to?

A: Jason Meyer (Chapel Hills), Megan Collier (Citadel), or Ryan Blasberg (South)

Who's Who



Who: Lore' Buswell

Role at GOAL: I am the SPED Para. I add the extra layer of support that they need from their IEP. I also help inform the parents of their progress.

Years in Education: For Theater and dance with Special needs.....About 16 years total

Year at GOAL: 2nd year

Loves about GOAL job:

Watching the growth from students that thought they could never succeed!

Favorite Foods: Chocolate and Peanut butter...or Mexican food.

Favorite Vacation: Los Angeles, California and New York

Favorite Movie: I have many! Anything with musicals, or something that involves music and dance or the Twilight series.

Little Known Fact: I love to write theatrical/dance productions and perform them on stage. I love Halloween and own an old hearse for Halloween events.

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Teacher Spotlight

Happy October! August Mergelman here. I started with GOAL Academy back in 2008, and I've seen a lot of progress since then. I'm proud to be part of an organization that is consistently blazing a new trail in public education. As you surely recall, the first day of October was a big day for us. Thanks to the efforts of students and families, we were able to achieve nearly 100% attendance in the first half of the day. That's awesome! As Quarter One winds down, we look forward to Quarter Two. Students will notice that they now have more than one teacher. As a teacher myself, I encourage you to reach out to every one of them. Simply send them all a message on Teams to let them know who you are. This simple gesture is much appreciated. As always, the secret to success is keeping up with the due dates. If you have questions about due dates or expectations, the teachers will be glad to help you.

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