



# THE PANTHER PRESS

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The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide quality education services to Georgia's students who have visual impairments or multiple disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence.

***Preparation, Responsibility, Independence***

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## Character Education

### Words of the Week

In September we are focusing on Responsibility

### Sep 27—Reliability

“Facts from paper are not the same as facts from people. The reliability of the people giving you the facts is as important as the facts themselves.”

~Harold S. Geneen

## Goalball Champions

Congratulations to the GAB Boys and Girls Goalball Teams for winning the championship at the Alabama School for the Deaf & Blind Goalball Invitational. Our teams traveled to Alabama last weekend and brought home the trophy.

Both teams were undefeated throughout the tournament. The girls played a tight championship game that ended with GAB defeating the ASDB team by a score of 16 to 11.

The Boys came out close in the semi finals and just beat a team that they had handled easily before. Then in the championship game GAB boys made several

mental mistakes against the Florida School for the Blind (winners of several USABA National Championships), and trailed by a score of 8 to 5. They ended up coming back and at the end of regulation they were tied 10 to 10. GAB won in sudden death overtime 11 to 10. All the players received medals and both teams brought home a trophy.



## Calendar of Events



September 29  
 September 30  
 October 4-8  
 October 21  
 October 25-29  
 November 7

GA High School Writing Test  
 Cross Country, Northeast, 4:00 pm  
 Fall Break Holidays  
 Cross Country, Westside, 4:00 pm  
 Region Cross Country Meets  
 State Cross Country in Carrollton

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## School Social Worker Corner

We are finishing the Just Do the Right Thing classroom behavior management and character development program in classroom guidance lessons. The 10 core principles are:

1. **Just?** Do the right thing.
2. **Respect?** Yourself and the world around you.
3. **Take?** Responsibility.
4. **Consider?** The consequences of your actions.
5. **The secret to your success?** Good decisions and daily discipline.
6. **Show me?** Your friends and I'll show you your future.
7. **Life is?** Performance based.
8. **The three most important things in life?** Faith, family and honor.
9. **Know?** Your purpose in life.
10. **Make today?** The best day of your life.

These questions and answers give students an opportunity to think about how they will act when faced with decisions, challenges, and opportunities. They are now armed with the fact that they have already determined the most appropriate course of action to take to ensure success when those types of situations really do arise. Each student has been given a wrist bracelet to remind them that they should always consider the "right" way to respond, behave, or think.

Employees from Kohl's Distribution Center are participating in community service and have chosen GAB as their project. Employees will be painting our gazebos on Saturday, September 25th, from 10:00—1:00 p.m. Any parent who would like to pitch in and help is welcome to show up on that day and join us!

The GAB Supply Store will open soon. The target date is Monday, October 11. Our store will carry a variety of items that will benefit both students and staff.

Items for the classroom and personal care will be reasonably priced in our store. Requests for merchandise will be placed electronically through student e-mail and will be delivered to the customer within 24 hours. All profit from the store will be returned to the student fund account and used to purchase needed items for the students to use. Look for more information to follow including a list of items we will stock and their prices.

Quintavious Thomas-Manager

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The cross country team competed at Westside HS this week. Official scores and results will be printed next week.