

## What is Renaissance?

*A journey to academic excellence  
for all students*

Renaissance is a powerful, innovative program designed to promote and recognize academic achievement in schools across the country. It is a process, a comprehensive change in attitude, an entirely new way of thinking that brings academic achievement to the forefront in schools. In joining the nationally recognized program, we are striving to make an investment in the higher education of students for the future. Recognition is the cornerstone of our Renaissance as we showcase the academic achievements of Granite City students, recognize outstanding teachers, and promote the school within our community.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Renaissance Program at Granite City High School is to promote student achievement, teacher effectiveness, parent support, and community awareness of an attitude of excellence at Granite City High School. Renaissance works to create and sustain an environment where academic achievement is expected, nurtured, and celebrated through a program of reinforcement, recognition, and reward.

## Granite City High School Renaissance Committee

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## Become a Renaissance Sponsor!

Have your business's name displayed on programs, announced at events, included on our website, displayed on our banner for events, and even included on students t-shirts!

To become a Renaissance sponsor contact us at: [liz.niepert@gcsd9.net](mailto:liz.niepert@gcsd9.net)

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# Warrior Renaissance



2010

**Academic Pep Rally-** This “invitation only” rally is to recognize student achievement throughout the year. Students are recognized for their academics, volunteerism, and school spirit. There is an average of 500 students invited. This year, students will receive a free t-shirt at the rally.

**Mr. Warrior—** This is a male “beauty pageant” made up of senior boys selected to represent a club. The contestants compete in talent, attire, and interview categories. The winner is chosen by a panel of staff members.



**Personal Choice Awards—** This event rewards students who may generally go unrecognized for just “being a good kid” or a student who deserves yet another reminder that he or she is terrific. Criteria may include achievement, citizenship, acts of kindness, attitude, school spirit, or any other criterion determined by the staff member.

**Path of the Warrior—** This is a monthly recognition program that honors students who demonstrate the character trait on which the school is focusing. Students who are honored receive a Warrior prize and have their name entered into a drawing for a larger prize at the end of the school year.

## GCHS RENAISSANCE

**Leadership Camp-** This camp is designed to instill leadership skills to current Renaissance members. It occurs at the end of the school year, during the summer. This training is a great opportunity to develop our students’ leadership skills.

**Welcome Back Rally-** The Welcome Back Rally celebrates our return to school with a fun filled assembly showing off our Warrior Pride and Spirit. Students are encouraged to wear their "Class Colors" and cheer for their class in relay races, laugh at silly skits, and promote Warrior Spirit! Class Colors: **Seniors-Yellow, Juniors-Orange, Sophomores-Blue, Freshmen-Green**



**Renaissance Top Ten-** Departments anonymously nominate a student each month. This is not strictly by GPA. If a student has done something outstanding in a teacher’s class, he or she may be a nominee for the Renaissance Top Ten. The student also can be in any grade level. Each month ten students from GCHS will be nominated.

**Car Show—** This is an event that brings people of all ages from the Metro East area and beyond to our high school campus to enjoy the beautiful cars, great food, vendor fair, and music. Those who enter compete for trophies/ plaques within their category, and high school students can enter their vehicles in special classes just for them. The events also serves as an opportunity for Renaissance to offer advertising as a way to say "thank you" to local businesses for their sponsorship. Other clubs, teams, and departments set up fundraising booths as well.



**Trivia Tuesday—** If a student is the first to answer the question correctly in his or her lunch hour, the student can win free ice cream for his or her entire table!

**Freshmen Orientation-** This event is held over the summer in 3 events. Renaissance holds a kickball tournament, a scavenger hunt, and a tour of the high school. Freshmen become acquainted with Renaissance members, tour the building, meet mentors, and learn what it means to be a Warrior.

### *Staff Recognition*

- ★ **Staff and Teacher of the Month**
- ★ **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- ★ **Veteran’s Day**