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Taff Nielsen:
Assistant Principal for Student Service



Bright Lights! Big Cities!

Homecoming is right around the corner! It's a wonderful time of year where all members of the Raider Nation, past and present, come together to celebrate our rich heritage and long-standing traditions. For the current students at South, the Student Council is planning a variety of events and activities that will lead up to our Homecoming Dance, "**Bright Lights! Big Cities!**" The dance will be held in the Glenbard South gym from 7-10pm on Saturday, October 6th. Check out the following list of events and come join us for any or all of the festivities! We look forward to celebrating with our fellow Raiders!

For our alumni, Homecoming is a time to come home to South, see old friends, and reminisce about your school days. There will be an alumni tent on the track at the North end of the stadium. This is a great opportunity to reconnect and watch a great football game. There is no admission cost to former students. Hope to see you all there!

Homecoming Tickets

Tickets are on sale from September 26th-October 5th in the Bookstore during lunch periods. They are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Pick up your guest forms in the Guidance or Deans Office! The Dance is Saturday, October 5th from 7-10 Make sure to bring your ID.

Date	Event	Location	Start Time

28-Sep	Hall Decorating	Halls	After School
29-Sep	Raider Rush Movie Night (Freshmen ONLY event)	Raider Stadium	7pm
30-Sep	Paint Parking Spots (Only for student and staff that have purchased a parking space)	Raider Staff and Student parking lot.	8am
1-Oct	Games Night	Raider Stadium	7pm
2-Oct	Powder Puff	Raider Stadium	7pm
4-Oct	Pep Rally	Raider Gym	7pm
5-Oct	Homecoming Football	Raider Stadium	5pm
6-Oct	Homecoming Dance	Raider Gym	7pm

***Please remember that this is the time of year that we should keep an extra eye on our students and their safety. Please help our students make good choices when attending pre-homecoming and post-homecoming events.**

Lorie Cristofaro: Assistant Principal for Instruction

Parent Teacher Conferences

I would like to invite you to attend Glenbard South High School's ***Parent/Teacher Conferences*** on October 24th, 2018 from 4-8 pm and on October 25th, 2018, from 2-6 pm. We hope that you will find time to come and meet with your student's teacher as studies show that when parents and the school partner, students achieve great success. You will receive a letter in the mail about this event with detailed instructions on how to sign up through the PTC wizard website. You may access the PTC portal and information on how to use it through the Glenbard South homepage at www.glenbardsouthhs.org under the **Parents Tab**.

You will be able to sign up for conferences from 7:00 am on October 9th, 2018 until October 23rd, 2018 at 3:00 pm, when the portal closes. If you are having any difficulties with registration or if you do not have computer access, please call the school at (630) 469-6500 from 7:30 am-3:30 pm to speak to Ms. Cleary to schedule your appointment.

College Board: Avoid Telemarketing and Internet Scams

The College Board, the company that produces the PSAT tests that 9th-11th grade students took in October, takes student privacy serious. Check out their information on avoiding [Telemarketing and Internet Scams](#)

Jerry Weinstein Memorial Award

The Jerry Weinstein Memorial Award recognizing past dedication, commitment and extraordinary achievement in support of the Glenbard South students and community was presented during

halftime at this past Friday's Glenbard South Raider Pride football game. The 2018 recipients are Roseann Griffin, Phil Griffin, Carol Asselmeier and Dr. Marc Asselmeier.

In addition to the many committees that both either chaired or served on, Roseann was the Secretary for the Booster Executive Board for two years and Phil provided dinners for the football players for over 7 years.

Carol chaired several major events, was tireless in volunteering her time in various Concessions areas and served on the Boosters Executive Board as the Vice President of Membership.

Dr. Marc has mended scores of students and supported their parents as Glenbard South's Team Orthopedic Physician for over 25 years.



Please extend warm congratulations to all of the 2018 Weinstein Award recipients!

Raider Spotlight

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Molly Friedman on being named a semifinalist in the Nation Merit Scholarship competition. All of our juniors entered last year into the competition when they took the October 11th PSAT/NMSQT. To find out more about this program, go to nationalmerit.org.



Jim Cuny: Assistant Principal for Operations

Check Out the New Bus Tracking App

In partnership with our transportation provider, First Student, we have launched FirstView™, a bus tracking and transportation communications app for your smartphone or computer. The FirstView™ App Provides:

- Live tracking

- Predictive stop arrival times
- Custom alerts & messages
- Additional user notifications
- Multi-stop view
- Secure & easy access

If your student rides the bus, get started with the app at <https://www.glenbard87.org/firstview-parent-app/>

Student Safety Remains a Priority

As with all schools, Glenbard South is faced with the harsh reality of having to prepare for the possibility of dealing with a violent intruder and other such emergencies. Each year we train our staff and students on our procedures. On Tuesday, September 18th, we practiced our Lockdown and Fire Evacuation procedures. As we performed this required drill we partnered with the DuPage County Sheriff's office. If we were ever faced with this type of emergency we have established the College of DuPage as our off-site evacuation site. In the event we had any emergency that resulted in us not being able to remain in our building we would relocate to COD and then use our communication systems: automated calls, school website and media outlets to inform you of this emergency. We would then provide you with information on how to locate and pick up your student(s). Your cooperation and understanding would be critical in helping this process. Please know that we place the highest priority on the safety of our students & staff and we will continue to prepare in order to keep our school safe. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a safety concern, please feel free to contact me at 630-942-6700.

Tim Carlson: Assistant Principal for Athletics

Athletic Bus Time Change

The athletic bus will now leave South everyday at 5:30PM instead of 5:45PM. Students should wait for the bus at Door #4. This change went into effect on September 17th and will remain in place for the rest of the school year.

Winter Sports Registration

It's not too early to start thinking about winter sports! Please make sure to register in PowerSchool through the Parent Portal. More information on starting dates for winter sports will follow in future issues.

From the Health Office

On Tuesday Sept. 11, Glenbard South Health Office hosted vision and hearing screeners from the DuPage County Health Department. Over 200 students were screened during the course of the day. The Health Department screeners reported that Glenbard South is a very nice school, the students were extremely respectful and that the event ran smoothly.



Thank you to our staff, parents and community for such positive praise from one of our

community partners.

David Larson: Superintendent

Safety is Always our Top Priority

We value the trust you place in us to care for the most important people in your life - your children - and we take many steps to keep students safe while they are at school.

Within the past year, we developed a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan, based on the Federal Emergency Management Association's National Incident Management System (NIMS) structure. Emergency procedures have been in place, but our Emergency Operations Plan provides more structure and clarity.

Let's look at some of our safety measures:

- * Our faculty and staff have fostered relationships with our students, providing students a trusted adult to talk with.
- * Our student services team works with students to help them through challenges and monitors our students' well-being.
- * We comply with drills required by the state, including drills related to fire, severe weather, lockdown and evacuation.
- * As part of our partnership with emergency responders, each year, we meet with police and fire agencies from throughout our district to discuss safety issues.
- * Emergency responders train in our schools.
- * We have a school resource officer at school, and a marked police vehicle on campus.
- * Our school security team monitors the building and grounds, both in person and via surveillance camera.
- * We have a secured vestibule that is manned by security staff members.
- * All visitors are screened at the main entrance and must provide a driver's license, which is scanned through a background database.
- * Staff members wear name tags and ID lanyards, and all students carry a student ID.
- * Exterior lighting has been improved.
- * As part of tabletop drills conducted with safety consultants, our staff rehearse procedures and react to a crisis simulation.
- * We've extended the hours of campus security staff.

Our district-wide Safety Security Committee reviews each school's plans to ensure they are current and being implemented. We continually review our emergency procedures and study best practice related to school safety.

Our students know it is their responsibility to talk to an adult if they ever feel there is a threat to our safety. I am proud of our students and staff for taking seriously our No. 1 priority: the safety of those in our care at school.

Sign Up to Volunteer!

Boosters cannot exist without your support. With countless activities throughout the year there is always a need for more volunteers. Whether it's one time only or something more substantial, we have a place for everyone.

Click the link below to sign-up

<http://www.gsboosters.org/volunteer/volunteer-now/>

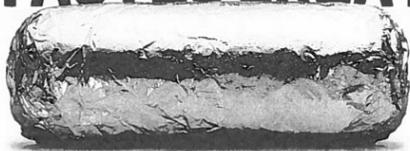
WeNeedVolunteers



WeNeedYou

Support Your Boosters!

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Glenbard South Boosters. Come in to the Chipotle at **811 E Butterfield Rd. #101** in Wheaton on **Tuesday, September 25th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Glenbard South Boosters.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

GPS GLENBARD PARENT SERIES

Navigating Healthy Families

September 25th: Dr. Tina Payne Bryson
Cultivating Curiosity, Independence and Resilience in your Teen
7 pm, Glenbard South

September 26th: Dr. Tina Payne Bryson
The Whole Brain Child (For parents of children aged 3-7)
9:30am, Marquardt Administration Center

Cultivating Curiosity, Independence and Resilience in your Teen
Noon, Marquardt Administration Center

October 1: **FAFSA Completion Assistance**
6pm, Glenbard North Computer Lab

Patrick Donohue
Five Things Successful Students Do
7pm, Glenbard North

Ercilia Jonas and Dr. Ferney Ramirez
Making College Possible Step-by-Step
6pm, Glenbard North
***Program In Spanish**

October 13: Effie Rouse, Dr. Jeff Feucht and Dr. Ryan Goble
The SAT and Beyond
10:30am, Glenbard East

October 17th: **Health Expo**
6:15pm, Glenbard North

Dr. John Medina
**Supervising Brain Principles to Thrive and Survive at Work,
School and Home**
7pm, Glenbard North
A Community Conversation will follow this discussion

October 18th: Dr. Ferney Ramirez
Strategies for Successful Students
6pm, Glenbard North
***Program in Spanish**

The Glenbard South Administrative Team



Sandra Coughlin: Principal

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Sandra Coughlin is starting her 29th year in education, 23 of which have been in Glenbard District 87. She has served the Glenbard community as a classroom instructor, reading specialist, literacy coach, district reading coordinator, assistant principal and now enters her sixth year at Glenbard South as principal. She earned her undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University (SIU-C), her masters degree from Southern Illinois University (SIU-E) and her administrative supervision certification from North Central College. Helping students meet their fullest potential is the passion that drives Mrs. Coughlin's work.



Lorie Cristofaro: Assistant Principal for Instruction

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Lorie Cristofaro is the Assistant Principal for Instruction. In this role, she works with department chairs and teachers on the development of curriculum, alignment to standards, and works with all facets of the instructional program; including: instructional coaches, professional development, and evaluation of programming. She has just begun her 25th year in education; she was a Social Studies classroom teacher for 19 years, a department chair, and has been in her role at Glenbard South for 5 years. Lorie is passionate about equity, professional development, fostering positive relationships as part of the school culture, creativity in the classroom, and civic education. Lorie earned her undergraduate degree in Secondary Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, her masters' degree in Foundations of Education from Northern Illinois University, and has done additional Educational Leadership graduate work at North Central College.



Jim Cuny: Assistant Principal for Operations

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Mr. James Cuny is our Assistant Principal for Operations. In his role he oversees our building's operation in areas of maintenance, transportation, finances, building schedule as well as safety. In 1994 Mr. Cuny began his career at Glenbard District 87 as Dean of Students at Glenbard West before transferring to Glenbard South in 1995. He received a Bachelors degree from Illinois State University and has a Masters in Educational Leadership from National-Louis University. Mr. Cuny's work commitment to Glenbard South is establishing a community where students feel safe and supported, and where staff and Raider families can partner to help all student achieve success.



Taff Nielsen: Assistant Principal for Student Services

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Mr. Taff Nielsen is our Assistant Principal for Student Services which includes the school counseling, special education, and student services departments as well as student activities. Mr. Nielsen began his career at Glenbard Township High School District 87 in 2000 as a special education instructor and then Dean of Students. He received his undergraduate degree in special education from Elmhurst College and earned his Masters degree in Administration from Benedictine University. Mr. Nielsen's passion lies with providing students the necessary academic supports to be successful, and creating extracurricular activities to help students to stay connected to school.

Tim Carlson: Assistant Principal for Athletics

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Mr. Tim Carlson is our Assistant Principal for Athletics. Mr. Carlson began his career at Glenbard South in 2014 after serving as Athletic Director at Guerin High School and Saint Viator High School. This school year marks his 15th



year as an Athletic Director. He received his undergraduate degree in Social Science from Dominican University and earned his Masters degree in School Leadership from Concordia University Chicago. Mr Carlson believes that extra-curricular activities provide a strong complement to a students academic experience. He feels that athletics provides a great forum for students to learn skills such as leadership, commitment, teamwork and

accountability.



Amy Velasquez: Dean

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Ms Amy Velasquez is our Dean of Students and also has served as our Lunch Intervention supervisor as well as our Summer School Principal. She has served in public education for nearly twenty-five years including two years in Germany. In addition, she has taught Social studies in Oak Park River Forest, Waubonsie Valley, Nequa Valley and Lyons Township High Schools. She has held administrative positions at West Aurora, Lyons Township and Waubonsie Valley High Schools before coming to Glenbard South in 2010. Ms. Velasquez has a Liberal Arts degree from Wheaton College and a Masters of Educational Leadership from North Central College. With a student focus emphasizing positive relationships and goal setting, Ms Velasquez believes that an involved student leads to student academic success. You often see Ms. Velasquez at extracurricular activities encouraging and supporting our students!



Michael White: Dean

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Mr. Michael White is our Dean of Students and also serves as our Equity Coordinator, Link Crew Coordinator, and Freshman B Boys Basketball coach. He has served in public education for fourteen years. In addition, he has taught Social Studies in Rich South and Bloom Township High Schools. He has held leadership roles at Rich South and Bloom Township High School prior to coming to Glenbard South in 2014. Mr. White has a Social Science degree from Illinois State University and a Masters of Educational Leadership from Lewis University. He has a student focus that emphasizes positive relationships, goal setting and being open to getting involved with the school culture. Mr. White believes that an involved student leads to academic success. You will often see Mr. White at extracurricular activities encouraging and supporting our students!

Upcoming Events

September

- 24th:** Senior Portrait Retakes **3-9pm**
- 25th:** Senior Portrait Retakes **3-9pm**
- 26th:** Senior Portrait Retakes **3-9pm**

29th: Movie on the Field (Freshmen Only) **7-10pm**

30th: Paint Your Parking Spot

October

1st: Games Night

2nd: Powder Puff Football **7pm**

4th: Pep Rally **7pm**

5th: Homecoming Football Game vs. South Elgin **5pm**

6th: Homecoming Dance **7-10pm**

8th: **No School - Columbus Day**

9th: **No School - Teacher's Institute**

16th: Orchestra Concert **7:30pm**

23rd: Choir Concert **7:30pm**

24th: Parent Teacher Conferences **4-8pm**

24th: Early Dismissal due to PTC **1:10pm**

25th: Parent Teacher Conferences **2-6pm**

25th: Early Dismissal due to PTC **1:10pm**

26th: **No School - Non-Attendance Day**

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