



# GLENBARD SOUTH

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## **Sandra Coughlin: Principal**

We are excited to be back and welcome students to the start of the 2018-19 school year. We are in full swing and busy with academic classes, fall activities, and sports. If your child has not found one or two activities or sports teams they want to be involved with, they should stop by the Raider HUB (former bookstore) or Student Services and learn what is available. Creating a school with a positive and engaging student experience is a priority and one we are committed to for our students.

Did you know you and your student can also stay connected through multiple avenues?

- TV monitors, Activities and Athletic screens
- Schoology
- Activity Wall Across from the HUB
- Follow us on Twitter @GBSraiders or the Rowdie Raiders Superfans @GBSsuperfans
- Glenbard South Website
- Raider Daily News
- Monthly Electronic Newsletter
- The Independent Newspaper @gbsindy
- Video Announcements (Mondays)
- Electronic Signs

I am honored and privileged to be a part of such a wonderful school with a caring student body, talented staff, and a supportive parent community.

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### **Urgent Call for Parent Helpers!**

Glenbard South Boosters are looking for Parent helpers! Sign up to volunteer for:  
Welcome Back Luau on September 7th  
Raider Pride Night on September 14th  
Raider Wear Sales  
Concessions  
or Donate Baked Goods

Click here to access the [Membership Form!](#)

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### **Jim Cuny: Assistant Principal for Operations**

#### **Bus Ridership Info**

As we begin the new year, we monitor each of our bus routes to ensure we have accurate ridership numbers. This helps us address any overcrowding issues and, if needed, make adjustments to correct this issue. We have been conducting bus counts each week and will continue through the 2nd week of September. If you have any bus concerns, please contact Mr. Cuny's office at 630-942-6700.

#### **New Bus Tracker Program Starting**

District 87 has partnered with our bus provider, First Student, to launch a new bus tracking/communication app that can be accessed by parents and students. This new program called FirstView will be going live on September 10th. More information will be communicated and will be on our school's website starting September 4th.

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### **Lorie Cristofaro: Assistant Principal for Instruction**

#### **Senior Parents: Preparing our Students for College and Careers!**

Welcome to Senior Year!

School counselors will dedicate the week of **September 10th** to meet with seniors during the first half of each lunch period.\* Seniors will learn about:

- \*Resources for Students Interested in Military or Entering the Workforce
- \*College Application Process. Including: Requesting Transcripts, Sending Test Scores, and Procuring Letters of Recommendation
- \*Financial Aid Opportunities
- \*Local College Fairs and What They Have to Offer
- \*Creation of a Resume and Senior Profile in Naviance
- \*College Evaluation of Applications, Including Test Scores, Class Rigor, and GPA

\*Special Sessions Available to Students Interested in Joining the Military or Entering the Workforce.

\*All seniors are required to attend these senior success meetings.

*How can parents support students in their college and career search and partner with the school?*  
Talk about future goals at home!

[10 Ways to Help Your Teen With the College Decision](#)

[Helpful Information if your student is thinking about the Military as a next step](#)

[Is your student considering entering the workforce after high school?](#)

**Attend events to help parents navigate the college and career search hosted by Glenbard or local resources.**

\*Financial Aid expert presenting at Glenbard West on Saturday, Sept 15

\*FAFSA Completion Night at GBS in October (date TBA) from 5-7:30pm (FAFSA opens Oct.1)

\*Plan to visit college campuses on Oct 8, 9 or 26 because students do not have school.

\*Visit College of DuPage Junior/ Senior Night on Oct 23rd from 5:30-7:30pm

\*College Fair at the College of DuPage campus on Oct 16 from 6-8pm

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## **Taff Nielsen: Assistant Principal for Student Services**

### **Driving and Dropping off Students**

Each school day a very specific driving pattern will be enforced to promote safety and security while entering and exiting the building and school grounds. Please follow all posted signs and abide by all rules of the road. When driving and dropping off students for school, we have instituted a one-way driving pattern from 7:00 a.m. through 7:45 a.m. All drivers should enter Glenbard South property using Butterfield Road and exit using Park Blvd. The Glenbard South security team will be in the parking lot to provide assistance and direction.

### **Raider Class Meetings**

Class meetings are an important part of welcoming our students back to school. During the first week of school, students were provided information in an effort to help guide them to make healthy choices during the school year. Many topics were covered from the school counseling office as well as student discipline. Our Student Handbook can be used as a reference and is found on the Glenbard South Website under the Students tab.

<https://www.glenbard87.org/glenbard-student-handbooks/>

### **Electronic Devices**

Students are permitted to use their electronic devices in the lunchroom and in the hallway during passing periods. However, in the classroom, students must follow classroom rules and the direction of the classroom teacher. Students that do not comply with the classroom teacher expectations will be sent to the dean's office for a discipline intervention.

### **Safety and Security**

Protecting our students at school is incredibly complex and is a necessity in order to maintain the safety of everyone in the building. A secure entrance allows for more efficient screening and can prevent unauthorized entry. Also, by greeting each visitor and by scanning driver's licenses, we can quickly verify that each and every visitor to our building does not pose a threat. We appreciate your partnership in helping to keep our students safe.

## **Homecoming Week**

Homecoming is a time to celebrate Glenbard South High School. Our Homecoming theme this year

is: **Bright Lights, Big Cities!** There are many exciting activities for our student body that center around Homecoming with the culminating event being our annual Homecoming dance: "**Bright Lights, Big Cities**". We hope to see you and your students!

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!

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	BBQ & 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-and post-homecoming events.**

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### **Student Parking**

All student parking spots have been purchased and assigned to the Seniors and Juniors. If a student drives a different car other than the one registered to their account in Student Services they need to register the car at the security desk for the day. There are 20 temporary parking spots available daily for students without a permanent spot. These fill up quickly, so students are advised to arrive early! If all temporary spots are taken, a student must find alternative parking off campus. Questions? Please contact Student Services.

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### **Link Crew**

Link Crew is inviting all Freshmen to join them at the Raider Rush End Zone Party on Friday, September 14th! This Freshmen and Link Crew only event will include games, food, fun, and more! The Raider Rush End Zone Party will begin in the field house at 2:45pm and will move to the football field at 4:55pm where students will have VIP seating in the end zone. Don't miss out!



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## **David Larson: Superintendent**

### **Advice for Navigating the Teen Years**

Being the parent of a teen-ager can be exhausting. Your once easygoing, affable child has morphed into someone who swings between moody, impulsive, rebellious, uncommunicative and more.

As teens make their way through high school, they look to gain independence all while having a bit of an identity crisis. Let's look at what parents/guardians can do to help their teens and keep their sanity at the same time.

### **Be Proactive**

Teens struggle to see the connection between what they're learning in school and "real life." You can help make the connection by stressing the importance of education. Monitor classwork and grades in PowerSchool and Schoology and talk with your teen about what's happening in various classes. You may view your student's activity within Schoology, including homework, due dates and other important class information. Accessing this information can lead to a more productive conversation than the typical, "How was school today?" answered with, "Fine."

### **Attend After-School Events**

Attend your teen's sporting events, concerts and theatrical productions. Although they likely won't say it, they want to see you in the stands and audience. Celebrate them; tell them why you are proud of them.

### **Teach Your Teen How to Ask for Academic Help**

Work with your son or daughter on how to communicate with their teachers and counselor. Help your student learn to take ownership by talking to the teacher before you step in. Teen-agers are maturing and part of that process is not having their parent intervene in their affairs too much.

### **Don't Be Afraid to Allow Them to Fail**

As parents/guardians, we must hold our teens accountable and support rather than enable them. Although it can be difficult, it's important that we let them learn from failure. Help them understand the difference between short-term and long-term failure.

### **Spend One-on-One Time Together**

Do what they want to do; maybe it's binge watching Game of Thrones. Go with it. Carve out one-on-one time with your son or daughter, and be present in that time. In just a few years, you'll be thankful you invested the time.

### **Remember, Everything Will be OK**



The teen years are guaranteed to be stressful, but there are plenty of good days among the tumultuous ones. Sometimes, let things go. Keep your sense of humor. Your son or daughter will make mistakes, but that's how they learn. And remember that, although it's not always obvious, your teen has been listening to you and watching you for years. They know the right thing to do. They will make good choices and learn to be responsible

## Don't Go it Alone

The Glenbard Parent Series speaker series is a free monthly program that features nationally recognized parenting experts and local educators discussing a range of topics that all families face as teens make their way through adolescence to adulthood.

Programs offered during the afternoons, evenings and Saturdays focus on everything from helping teens manage stress to what digital citizenship is all about to navigating the college application process and much more. It's also a great place to connect with other parents and guardians who are facing many of the same issues you are. I encourage you to check out the program lineup at [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) and set alerts on your calendar so you won't miss these powerful programs.

These are exciting, emotional and challenging years. In partnership with your teen's teachers, counselor, coaches and club sponsors, you - and your teen - are going to be OK. Now, getting through your youngest child's commencement ceremony - that's a subject for another day.



## AGAINST BULLYING.

**THIS MONTH, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING, SPEAK OUT TO PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE, AND BE A GOOD FRIEND TO OTHERS.**



## SPIRIT WEEK #1 THEME DAYS

SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 14
<b>PJ Day</b> "Put verbal and physical bullying to bed"	<b>Purple Day</b> "Support Equality for All"	<b>Blue Day</b> "Don't be mean behind the screen"	<b>Dress like your H.E.R.O Day</b> Help Everyone Respect Others	<b>Raider Wear</b> "Make an Impact" and show your school pride!

If you or someone you know is being bullied, please report it to a trusted adult in the building or use the school violence and bullying hotline at (630) 942-6677. Remember, if you see something, say something.

## ATTENTION SENIORS



Senior Success Week - September 10 - 14th

Senior Success week is dedicated to all seniors as they journey through the details of college, career, and post high school plans. Seniors often have many questions and some stress. The school counselors are ready to support students as they work through each step of what they need. Topics covered the week of September 10th will include the college application process, requesting transcripts, sending test scores, letters of recommendation, and financial aid opportunities. Sessions are also available for our seniors planning to join the military or explore possible apprenticeships. Seniors are required to attend these meetings and will take place the first half of your lunch period each day.



## PSAT/NMSQT

Glenbard South Juniors and Sophomores can take the optional PSAT/NMSQT exam on Saturday, October 13th at GLENBARD WEST HS. Students should arrive at Glenbard West by 7:30 am and standard testing should be finished by approximately 11:45 am. The exam fee is \$25.

To Register for the PSAT/NMSQT, go to <https://www.glenbardsouthhs.org/>

→ hover over "Students" tab

→ Click on "Oct. 13th PSAT/NMSQT Registration"

Registration is required. Deadline to register is Thursday, September 11th by noon.

Find practice on [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) and [khanacademy.org](https://khanacademy.org)

Here is the direct link to registration: <https://user.totalregistration.net/PSAT/142073>

## GLENBARD SOUTH BOOSTERS



### Join the GBS Boosters for a PARENTS ONLY LUAU

Hawaiian attire highly encouraged with prizes available for best dressed. Optional Hula Hoop, Limbo and Flip Flop games to be played with great prizes for the winners. Food (including vegetarian options) and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Click the link below to learn more...

<http://www.gsboosters.org/welcome-back-luau-sept-7th/>

Date: Sept 7th

Location: Field West of the GBS Football Stadium (Behind St. Luke's Lutheran Church)

Time: 6:30-9:00??

**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/>



### Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Vision and hearing screening is Tuesday Sept. 11th and re-screening is Monday September 24th. Any parents that are interested in helping out with either day can contact Debbie Ruggiero at [debandstever@att.net](mailto:debandstever@att.net) or text 630-290-9602.

### Reserve Your Seat to the Next Football Game!

There are seats available for only \$50.00 each for the entire season! It is a great way to have a seat waiting for you when you come to the games. The seats put out with your name on it before the game starts and they will be put away for you when the game ends.

Attached to this email are two forms: [The Reserved Seating Flier](#) & [A Blank Reserved Seating Chart](#) (so you can pick a seat location) The money that we raise is being raised to pay for the turf.

Here is the link to pay online - <http://bit.ly/reservedstadiumseats>

Any questions may be directed to Larry Conn ([L-Conn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:L-Conn@sbcglobal.net))

Go Raiders!

The tradition continues: Glenbard South Nights at R22



Friday August 31, 2018

4 p.m. to midnight

Carry out or dine in

**RESERVE 22 at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn**

Enjoy the new menu in a beautiful casual setting before or after the game.\* Mention **Glenbard South** or **Raiders Football** and GSHS Boosters will receive 15% of the food portion of the bill.

Reserve 22 is located just a mile north of Glenbard South on Park Boulevard at 485 Winchell Way in Glen Ellyn.

<http://villagelinksgolf.com/reserve-22/>

**WEARE RAIDERS**

\*More GSHS Nights at R22 during 2018 home football gamedays: Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Oct. 12

## Glenbard South Family Directory

Glenbard South High School will be using DirectorySpot for our School Directory. You will now be able to access Glenbard South's School directory right from your smartphone. Directory Spot is a great way to connect with other families and for Glenbard South and the Boosters to connect with you. You have been set up as a user for DirectorySpot and can now download it for free from the App Store (iPhone users) or GooglePlay (Android users), or you can also access the data from the web.



### **For Smartphone Users:**

1. Download the DirectorySpot app by going to your app store and searching "DirectorySpot" or by clicking on the appropriate link here: iPhone - <http://goo.gl/5U2Tzq> or Android - <http://goo.gl/iBK9IY>
2. Launch DirectorySpot, enter your email address as your Username, and click on "Reset Password."
3. Click on the link in your email to set your password, relaunch the DirectorySpot app, and login with your username and password.

### **For Tablet, Mac, or PC Users:**

1. Go to [directoryspot.net](http://directoryspot.net) and click on "Login" in the upper right hand corner.
2. Enter your email address as your Username, and click on "Reset Password." An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
3. Click on the link in your email to set your password and login. Note - if downloading to an iPad, just search for "iPhone apps" and you will find DirectorySpot.

Make sure to check out all the features, such as the auto dial when you click on a phone number, or the auto launching of maps when you click on an address. If you hold down the cell phone number, you will get an option to send a text or call the number (iPhone only). DirectorySpot will even create an email if you click on someone's email address.

The app will contain parent names, home phone, home address, parent email addresses and student names, grade levels and teachers. The app is very secure and only parents and staff of Glenbard South will be granted access. If you would like more information on the security features, please click on this link: <https://www.directoryspot.net/security.php>

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## **Ms. Lange: The College and Career Center Coordinator**

### **Looking for a Job or Volunteering Opportunities?**

Welcome Back Students! Did you know our school maintains a job board for students? Please check it out to see the latest in job postings, volunteering, internships, and pertinent articles related to securing a job. On Schoology, go to Groups, Join and put in this access code 5959J-ZQD77 to join Part-Time Jobs/Volunteering and Internship Opportunities. And as always, if you have a question or need any help, please come see Mrs. Lange in the library.



### **College and Career Resource Center**

College recruitment season is upon us, and Glenbard South has over 85 universities and military recruiters who have already scheduled visits at our school. All junior and senior students are eligible to attend college visits at school. This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet the college admission representatives and learn more about their options for education and training after graduation. These representatives are the same ones who will be reviewing each college application, and taking the time to attend a visit can show your interest. Please see our list of upcoming college and military visits and encourage your student to sign up in Naviance. This list will be updated weekly on Wednesdays, so stop back frequently to see who is coming and sign up! If a college or military branch is not listed, please contact Anne Lange, and we can reach out to that representative to schedule a visit.

[College Visits By Date](#)

[College Visits: Alphabetical Listing](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### September

**3rd:** NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY

**16th:** Glow in the Park Lantern Walk 6pm

**24th:** Senior Portrait Retakes 3-9

**25th:** Senior Portrait Retakes 3-9

**26th:** Senior Portrait Retakes 3-9

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

**30th:** Paint Your Parking Spot

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