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Principal's Message



Good Afternoon Raider Community -

As we finish up the second week of our unexpected E-Learning experience, I wanted to send you a message before we head into our official spring break. Most importantly, I have been very impressed with our students who have worked hard to stay engaged and keep up with their learning responsibilities. I am encouraged by everyone's ability to adapt to this unfortunate situation. This type of learning environment is very different and might be difficult to navigate for some students and staff. Hopefully, you, as parents, have likewise been impressed with the ingenuity, innovation, and persistence of our teaching staff. Many staff members have shared stories, created TikToks and issued virtual challenges to their students to help ease the transition of not seeing them daily. The feedback from students and families is appreciated.

I am confident that all of us are wanting to have more information in regard to when we can resume normal activity. Unfortunately, a definitive timeline for us is elusive. As you know, as of this moment, Governor Pritzker has issued a stay at home order until the end of the day on April 7th (meaning a return on the 8th). We do not know if this date will remain or be extended (directives from the state and/or governor could change at any moment). At this time, we have not made specific plans to postpone or cancel big events such as award nights, performances, athletic seasons, or commencement. Within the last week, I announced that Glenbard South would postpone prom (scheduled for April 25th at the Chicago Cultural Center) based on Governor Pritzer's order that the size of all gatherings is limited to no more than 50 people. In good conscience, I could not ask families to make a financial commitment when we were unsure of future outcomes. I know this is disappointing for many, and we are hopeful that we can make different arrangements for the future. For now, we must be careful with all of these key decisions.

As we move into spring break, I would encourage you to follow the many communications that come from our district as they are generated by professionals within all four buildings as well as our district office.

I want to continue to encourage students to work hard, support each other, and try to stay positive. While spring break represents downtime with family and friends, I can't stress enough that we continue to practice social distancing to keep everyone safe.

Best Regards, Mrs. Coughlin



Glenbard South Cares

We know this in a very tough time for some of our students and families. We want to assure you that Glenbard South cares and we have a team of staff members that are always looking for additional resources to help our families in need. If you find yourself in a situation in which you are in need, please let us know so that we can try to help connect you with resources within our community.

GBS Specialists Support Parents During E-Learning

Dr. Jones, School Psychologist (caicina_jones@glenbard.org Ms. Hanson, Social Worker (brittnee_hanson@glenbard.org) Ms. Teague, Social Worker (carmen_teague@glenbard.org) Mr. Lohman, Speech & Language Pathologist (brian_lohman@glenbard.org)

How can we help?

Self-Management Support (organization, time management, study skills, etc.) Combatting Cabin Fever (physical, mental, emotional, social self-care tips, etc.)

Community Resources (basic needs, counseling, financial assistance, etc.) E-Learning Assistance (provide guidance on <u>who</u> to contact with questions regarding: academic skills, academic content, technology questions, assessments, etc.)

If we don't have the answer, we will help you find it

Food Service For Students

"Grab and Go" lunch will be available daily at South from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Students or family members may pick up up to 5 lunches inside the Main Entrance (Door #4). An ID will <u>not</u> be required.

In math, we have been very pleased with the students transitioning to an E-Learning platform. Teachers have been experimenting with Screencasting, Google hang-outs, virtual office hours, Youtube, among other platforms to continue the curriculum and keep in contact with our students. We continue to communicate with students through Schoology, Gmail, and through Remind. There are so many ways to keep connected, and we appreciate all of them equally.

The point of E-learning is to move forward with the curriculum, and students are rising to the challenge of doing that remotely. Student submission rate is quite high and we continue to engage and answer student questions and concerns. We hope to see our students in person again soon; but until then, this E-Learning model with the 1 to 1 technology offers us a variety of options which are proving useful in this challenging time. We are helping students draw connections to the math all around them, especially at this time with detailed graphs, growth of curves, and rates of infections. We hope you and your family are keeping safe and connected, even in these times of social distancing. As always, please reach out to your child's math teacher for any questions/concerns.

Spanish Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students on being part of this year's Spanish Honor Society.

Kelly Anderson, Ashley Boro, Francesca Dukala, Taylor Erickson, Lance Evans, Mikaely Evans, Lija Gaikis, Nicholas Gelino, Ryan Johnson, Haya Kalota, Jaslina Kaur, Anthony Literskis, Jack Madary, Ethan Mesina, Mira Murthy, Katherine Musto, Angela Pescatore,Christopher Petropoulos, Ashley Ramos, Max Riebock, Jessica Sadorf, Kian Sandoval, Brooke Scholtens, Saman Shariff, Sarah Smalley, Ethan Walter, Gillian Weesner, Anna Widicus, Alexandra Wilharm, Madaline Witort, and Jennifer Yarosz. Your dedication and efforts are appreciated and we are proud to have such a great group.

French Honor Society

Although we are unable to have our induction ceremony at this time we want to take a moment to congratulate the following students on their induction into the French Honor Society. Congratulations to you all!

Gabriele Jagelaite Erin Mote Aldrick Saboriendo Charlotte Ahlborn James DiCarlo Isabella Guastaferri Julia Madary Taylor Tricroce Ethan Woods Taylor Yarosz

Raider Class Act



CONGRATULATIONS

Hannah Ollech Ethan Walter Keaunna Caldwell Owen Lange Kasia Surdey Owen Gibson Scot Push Ashley Woltman

> RAIDER CLASS ACT Spring 2020

School Counselor Corner

Parent Meetings with Juniors Continue

School counselors were able to squeeze in a full week of activities for your juniors before moving to an e-learning platform. Juniors were given a red folder that they should keep for their "postsecondary" plans.

For parents that signed up for a parent meeting for the month of March, school counselors are holding these remotely via conference call. Key college handouts have been shared electronically and transcripts reviewed to make sure the student's senior year is well planned. School counselors are grateful for our parents' and students' flexibility during this time. Here is a link to a new feature of Naviance to help students use this tool that all students have to research colleges, majors, scholarships, etc. https://www.screencast.com/t/EV10NHgZSMSz If you would still like to schedule a conference call meeting with your child's school counselor, please email Mrs. Beth Powers for an appointment. Her email address is elizabeth_powers@glenbard.org

Test-Optional Universities

As many SAT and ACT testing dates are being canceled or postponed, parents and students might be wondering how this

could affect their college applications for next year. To address this concern, Glenbard South has compiled a list of colleges and universities who visited our school last fall that are currently standardized test-optional, meaning the school does not require the student to submit a score report in their application. List of Test-Optional Schools that visited Glenbard South

As the climate is changing, other schools are responding to the reality that students may not be able to test and are suspending their test score requirements. Below is a link to a website that has compiled a national list of schools.

Fairtest.org national list of Test-Optional Schools

Admission Changes by College

College fairs are also feeling the impact of the coronavirus and have canceled many events, including the Spring National College Fair. The NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) has organized a list of colleges and the changes to admission policies in response to the outbreak. This list is updated in real-time as schools amend their policies.

https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/collegeadmission-status-coronavirus/

Virtual Admission Events

Many schools are transitioning to virtual campus tours and video chats to help students explore their options when they are not able to travel to visit in person, and many schools are moving the deadline to commit to a college and send in your deposit from May 1 to June 1. Here is a link to a list of virtual tour college information and deadlines:

NACAC Virtual Admission Events and Deposit Dates

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Keep working hard and we appreciate

all the effort!

#ILschoolsstepup

Resources and Informational Links

Available Food Banks

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **Clean Your Hands fact sheet** Comcast free 60-day trial of low-cost Internet **DuPage Health Department** E-Learning FAQ **Food Assistance** Handwashing at home, play and out and about **Illinois Department of Public Health** Lavado de manos en casa, en donde jugamos y cuando salimos National Association of School Psychologists Tips National Association of School Psychologists Tips (en Espanol) Schoology, How to Get Started Schoology, How to Get Started (en espanol) Social Distancing Stay at Home FAQ from Gov. Pritzker Stop the Spread of Germs fact sheet

PBIS CARES

The PBIS Committee now has a LIVE Instagram Page. The page name is: glenbardsouthpbis.

Please consider following our Instagram Page to stay up to date on what is going on around the building, activities that are happening throughout the school year, and celebrating the successes of our students and staff! -The PBIS Committee

Bullying and School Violence Tip Line

The Glenbard South School Violence and Bullying Tip Line is to report threats of school violence and/or bullying behavior. Please call **(630)942-6677** to make a report. Students who wish to report a potential act of school violence at Glenbard South may also leave an anonymous message with our Police Liaison Officer at **(630)942-6697**.

If you or someone you know is thinking about hurting themselves please reach out.

<u>Suicide Hotline</u> (800)273-8255

<u>Crisis Text Line</u> Text "HOME" to 741741

