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Wrapping up first semester

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Principal's Message



Glenbard South Families

November is traditionally the time of the year when we stop to reflect and give thanks to those around us. The Glenbard South staff is grateful for the opportunity to teach and mentor your child(ren), especially during this extraordinary and difficult time. COVID-19 has impacted all facets of our lives, and we realize the hardships that many families have experienced and we want to be a support system. In this newsletter, you will find academic resources ([See Message from Dr. Larson at the bottom of the newsletter](#)) for your student as well as community resources for family needs.

Recently, Glenbard District 87 has developed a [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to provide information related to metrics and COVID-19 cases throughout the district. We encourage you to follow safety protocols, especially through the upcoming holiday.

- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distancing

When we return from Thanksgiving break, we will have three weeks remaining in the 1st semester. This is an important time to speak with your student about finishing strong by being diligent with keeping up with coursework, staying engaged, and communicating with our teachers. Please check PowerSchool to review current grades and for any assignments that can still be accepted for credit. There is an adjustment in our traditional final exam week which is explained in this newsletter.

From the Glenbard South Faculty, we wish you a healthy Thanksgiving break.

Important Dates

Important dates:

- November 23rd -24th Altered Schedule (See Below)
- November 25th - 27th No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)
- December 2nd Virtual AP Informational Night (Details to follow)

We have adjusted the schedule next week so that all classes meet. Please make a note of the following:

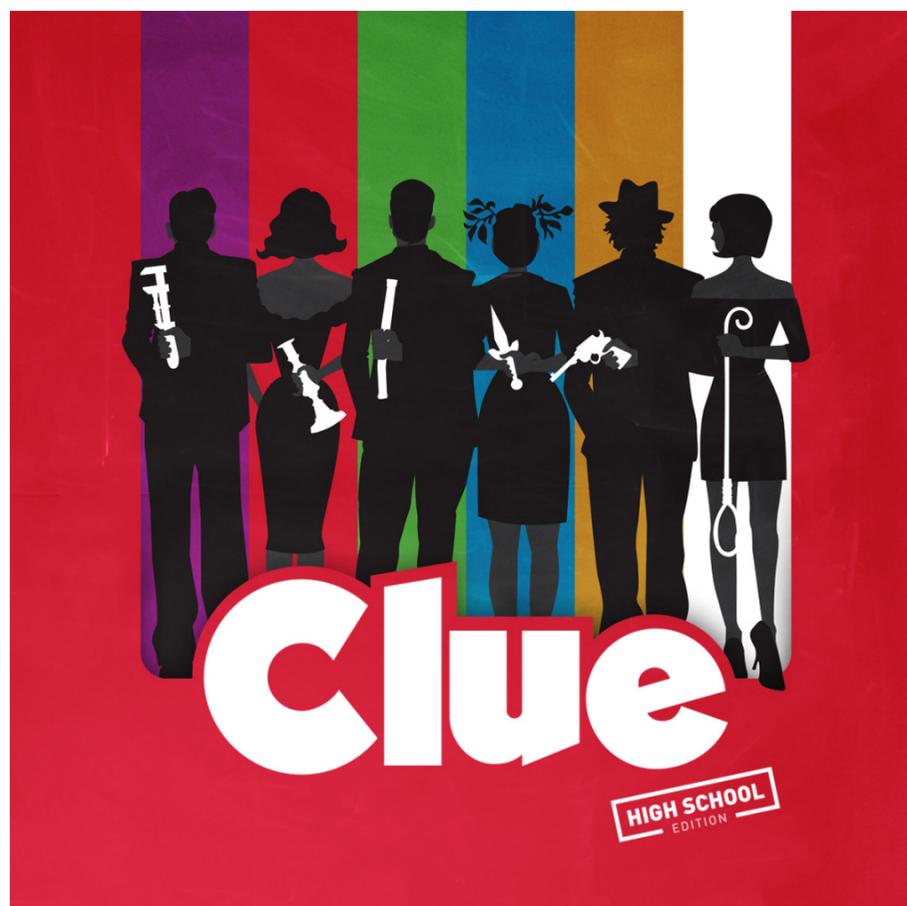
Monday, November 23rd Periods 1, 2, 3, 4

Tuesday, November 24th Periods 6, 7, 8, 5

Over 1st semester there are a few weeks where classes meet on a day different than the regular Hybrid schedule. Please make sure to review the semester calendar with your student so they know which class to go to or login to.

Please review our first semester calendar [here](#).

Order your ticket to South's livestream performance of "Clue!"



You can now purchase your household ticket for the streaming link for Glenbard South High School's fall performance of "Clue!" airing at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 and 21. This stay-at-home edition will be streamed via a YouTube premiere link. You will purchase one ticket for your household. Before the performance airs at 7:00 on the show night, you'll receive a link for the show to the email address used to purchase your household ticket.

This will be a streamed performance at 7 p.m. on the show date, and no recording of the performance will be available, so plan to watch live with your household on the date for which you are choosing your household ticket (Friday or Saturday). Ticket sales will close 4 hours before show time.

All tickets are \$5 per household, so everyone living in your home can watch together. Gather your snacks, cozy up, and get ready to enjoy this classic comedy/mystery. Thank you for supporting Glenbard South Theatre.

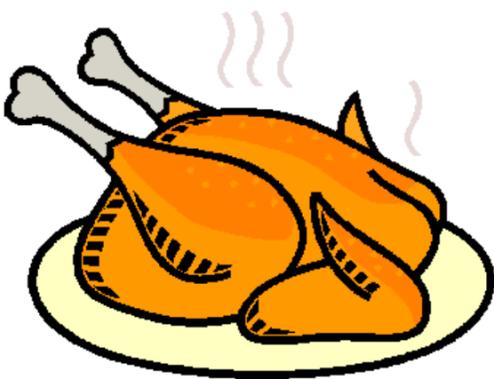
Tickets may be purchased via SeatYourself at: <https://glenbardsouthhs.seatyourself.biz> Please do not purchase tickets for other people/households; in order to email links to those who need them, each household should purchase their own ticket.

Cast and crew members include Bryn Showalter, Grace Rolston, Megan Miskovic, Alina Dukala, Ella Larramore, Robert West, Hans Herrera, Alex Mihailescu, Victoria Behling, Eleanor Johnson, DJ Lively, Savannah Herlien, Will Prindible, Lili Olson, Arelys Cruz, Delaney Poceovich, Gillian Weesner, Aaron Wolf, Angelina Cimino, Colin Crook, Ryan Dodd, Leo Hoerdermann, Colin Luangrath, Matt Kohl, Meghan Baehl, Jason Lo, Abby Stephan and Sophia Duenas.

College Panel Discussion with South Alumni

On November 23rd from 1:30-2:30 pm, several recent Glenbard South alumni will be having a virtual panel discussion on college. These alumni are excited to candidly share what they have learned over the last couple years in terms of their college application process as well as life as a college student. All grade levels are invited to attend this fantastic event! Students can check their email or Schoology for the link to the zoom.

Thankful Thanksgiving



Thanks to the generous donations we received from Staff, Activities, and Glenbard South Retirees to support our Thanksgiving Meals for Families in Need we were able to provide meals to 50 families. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this a success.

-The Student Services Team

YEARBOOK PICTURE RETAKES Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

Lifetouch has provided an additional opportunity for yearbook photos on Monday, November 30th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. We are confident in our safety procedures, as well as those of Lifetouch, in order allow our students to be photographed. You can view Lifetouch's Safety video by clicking [here](#).

Students are required to sign-up in advance for a time slot. Time slots have been set up specifically to ensure only a determined number of students are in the building per slot. In order to sign-up for your time slot, please click on the [Sign-up Genius Link here](#).

Students should enter through Main Entrance (Door #4). Students will proceed through the thermal scanner to verify they are fever-free.

Only students will be allowed to enter the building.

All families must certify that their student is free of fever and COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the building. Your student has a link to the electronic self-certification on their iPad. You can also access it at www.glenbard.org or by clicking [here](#). The green "Allowed Access" screen should be shown upon entry.

A mask must be worn at all times while in the building. The only exception is while the photograph is being taken.

Breakfast with Santa

VIRTUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

YOUR BREAKFAST KIT INCLUDES:

- ❄️ PANCAKE MIX + SYRUP
- ❄️ STARBUCKS INSTANT COFFEE
- ❄️ 2 CRAFTS FOR KIDS
- ❄️ HOLIDAY CANDY
- ❄️ A PRIVATE YOUTUBE LINK FEAT. ENTERTAINMENT FROM MADRIGALS, HOSTED BY SANTA HIMSELF!



RESERVE YOUR BREAKFAST KIT - \$12 PER FAMILY
PURCHASE HERE: [TINYURL.COM/SANTABREAKFAST2020](https://tinyurl.com/santabreakfast2020)

KITS ON SALE FROM NOV 30 - DEC 9

PICKUP AT GLENBARD SOUTH: DEC 11, 3-5PM

CONTACTLESS DELIVERY AVAILABLE ON DEC 12 FROM SANTA'S ELVES FOR RESIDENTS OF GLEN ELLYN, LOMBARD, + WHEATON

Glenbard South *virtual* Giving Tree



With a spirit of giving, we are excited to continue our Glenbard South Giving Tree tradition to support Raider families during the holiday season.

This year, the Student Services Team will purchase gift cards using monetary contributions from staff and community members to gift to our families in need.

Much like our "Sponsor a Raider Family for Thanksgiving" initiative, staff can donate as individuals, as departments, or club/activities and athletic teams can contribute as a group.

Donations can be mailed to:

Glenbard South 23W200 Butterfield Rd. Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137

Attn: Britt Hanson or Jose Jaramillo

or dropped of at Door 4 at Glenbard South.

Contributions will be collected no later than Friday December 11th in order to have time to purchase gift cards and deliver them to the recipients.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting our Raider community!

INSTRUCTIONAL INSIDER

Adjusted Final Exam Week

Final Exam Adjustment

Due to our rapidly evolving circumstances during this pandemic, we have had to adjust instruction to better meet the needs of our students. Teachers across the district have been given the autonomy to make those instructional decisions, which may look different from course to course. This requires us to also be adaptive on how we assess student learning.

The end of the semester is usually reserved for Final Exam days and the schedule adjusted accordingly. However, the instructional adjustments teachers made this semester have resulted in the need to adapt these assessments as well. As a result, Glenbard District 87 will not have a traditional final exam schedule. Instead we will follow the schedule below, and your student may encounter a variety of assessment experiences ranging from a final exam, a unit summative assessment or a culminating project. Teachers will communicate how first semester grades will be finalized.

We are very proud of our students and how they rose up to the learning challenges this semester. If you or your student have any questions, feel free to reach out to your student's teachers.

Schedule Week of December 14-18

Week of December 14-18				
Monday 12/14	Tuesday 12/15	Wednesday 12/16	Thursday 12/17	Friday 12/18
Period 1: 7:30-8:40	Period 1: 7:30-8:40	Period 1 7:30-8:10 Period 2 8:20-9:00	Period 6: 7:30-8:40	Period 6: 7:30-8:40
Period 2: 8:45-9:55	Period 2: 8:45-9:55	Period 3 9:10-9:50 Period 4 10:00-10:40	Period 7: 8:45-9:55	Period 7: 8:45-9:55
Period 3: 10:00-11:10	Period 3: 10:00-11:10	Period 5 10:50-11:30 Period 6 11:40-12:20	Period 8: 10:00-11:10	Period 8: 10:00-11:10
Period 4: 11:15-12:25	Period 4: 11:15-12:25	Period 7 12:30-1:10 Period 8 1:20-2:00	Period 5: 11:15-12:25	Period 5: 11:15-12:25

2021 Standardized School Day Testing Information

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Over the next few weeks, counselors will communicate with students to discuss the benefits of taking challenging yet balanced courses to ensure their academic path prepares them for life after high school. As part of this

preparation, students will begin to prepare to take standardized tests that may help them gauge their readiness.

College Board Suite of Assessments

For many years, the State of Illinois has funded a college entrance exam for juniors. A few years ago, the State decided to shift from the ACT Exam to the SAT Exam. **All juniors in Illinois will take the SAT exam on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.** This is not an optional exam; in fact, the state is now requiring a school day administration of the SAT for graduation from any Illinois High School. Please be assured that most, if not all, colleges accept either an ACT or an SAT score for acceptance decisions.

Date	Exam	Students that are in Attendance
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	SAT	Juniors Only (No classes for others)
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	PSAT 10	Sophomores Only (No classes for others)
Thursday, April 15, 2021	PSAT 8/9	Freshmen Only (No classes for others)

- If students want to improve their scores on the school day administration of the SAT, Glenbard West is tentatively scheduled to host an SAT National Test date on March 13th. Interested students should register through their College Board accounts by February 12th.
- Seniors attending College of DuPage should plan on taking placement testing or meeting with a C.O.D. counselor on dates they do not have class.

[Glenbard South is offering a FREE 10-week SAT Prep Course taught by Academic Approach SAT Instructors from January 25 - April 8, 2020 for Juniors.](#) There are two different times to choose to ensure every Junior has the opportunity to participate in this program, Thursday from 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. or from 5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The goal of this program is simple, to help empower students to maximize their SAT Score and enhance their postsecondary opportunities. Please use [this link](#) to register for the FREE 2021 SAT Prep Course.

As testing scores become available throughout the year, students may access their scores in their very own College Board portal. Click the link for [Student Directions to Access Scores in the College Board Reporting Portal.](#)

One of the key advantages of the Suite of Assessments that excites us is the availability for students to receive free, high-quality exam preparation through Khan Academy online. Students are able to take practice tests, receive immediate feedback, and store and retrieve previous exam scores that they have taken to track their progress. This may be especially helpful for those juniors who took the PSAT/NMSQT exam in October, as it will give a benchmark that Khan Academy will use to customize SAT prep for the student. You can access Khan Academy's SAT support at <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>.

Some parents may still choose to have their students take one or more ACT exams during the spring. These are offered on specific Saturdays nationwide. To register for one of these exam dates, visit <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html>.

Counselor Corner

Attention Freshmen!

Counselors have been working with freshmen students during Freshman Focus time to introduce Naviance and explore career clusters. [Click here](#) to see an electronic brochure that describes all of the cool tools Naviance has to offer. Students were asked to complete a Career Cluster Inventory and counselors paid particular attention to discussing with students how to line up career clusters course choices for sophomore year. On November 18th, counselors showed students how to create a four year plan at home with their families and reviewed Glenbard South graduation requirements. On December 2nd, counselors will be going over the enrollment process for sophomore year courses! Please encourage your freshman to attend!!

Enrollment Information For Next Year

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors will receive enrollment packets with instructions after Thanksgiving break. Packets will be mailed home, including their individualized enrollment form filled in with teacher recommendations.

- On December 2nd, counselors will meet with freshmen during Freshman Focus to review the enrollment process.
- Enrollment forms require parent signature. These enrollment forms should be completed and a screenshot of the form should be emailed to your student's counselor.
- The official course selection will actually occur in the electronic PowerSchool portal. Instructions to enroll in the Powerschool portal will be included in the packet mailed home, in addition to a link for a screencast guiding you through the Powerschool Portal to choose your student's classes for next year.
- The Powerschool Portal opens on December 7th and will remain open until January 4th. This time window will allow students and families time to review these course selections over winter break.
- It is important to note that our course offerings are driven by your careful consideration of course selection. Counselors will partner with core classes and meet one-on-one with each student after winter break to review their selections and are able to make corrections or changes at that time.
- Our Enrollment Handbook is updated every year and is available on our school website under the Student tab. When choosing your student's electives, please pay careful attention to our district graduation requirements. It is also important to make note of admission requirements to your student's first choice of a post secondary institution.

Thank you for your support during this enrollment process. Please feel free to contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

Technical Center of DuPage

Juniors and Seniors have the option of requesting a program at TCD as part of their elective choices for enrollment. Parents and interested students should go to www.tcdupage.org/Programs page to view current program descriptions and to watch current virtual tours on file. These videos will assist students in learning more about the programs at TCD and which programs they may like to explore during the 2021-2022 school year. Students may also like to view the TCD Introductory video, which you can find here:

<https://www.tcdupage.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1261>

FAFSA required for Seniors

A non-academic graduation requirement for seniors this year is that you either need to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the Alternate Application for Illinois Financial Aid, or to submit a FAFSA Opt-Out Form to your counselor.

FAFSA opened up on October 1st! Our ISAC representative, Ms. Yanika Barfield, can help you file your FAFSA. She has weekly virtual office hours every Thursday. Please contact Mrs. Duffy at 630-942-6648 or michelle_duffy@glenbard.org to schedule a Google Meet appointment with Ms. Barfield.

Scholarship Information

The application for the Ed Posh Scholarship is now available on Naviance as well as other scholarship opportunities. Check out the scholarship section in Naviance under the Colleges tab. Any questions please contact our school counselor who oversees scholarships, Mrs. Frodyma at jamie_frodyma@glenbard.org

First-Generation News

This fall, counselors hosted different virtual events that focused on our first-generation seniors. Students learned about [local colleges and the first-generation programs](#) provided on their campuses. We also reviewed the college application process including how to use Naviance to request application materials such as transcripts and letters of recommendation. Later in the month, students had the opportunity to complete a College of DuPage application with the support of Ms. Loconsole, our COD admissions counselor.

First-generation seniors and their parents attended a FAFSA completion workshop supported by several Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) representatives who are experts in completing the FAFSA. On a separate evening, we also presented to parents and students on general [financial aid and scholarship information](#). [College Greenlight](#) was highlighted as an excellent scholarship resource for first-generation students. Additionally,

students were informed that the Glenbard South Local Scholarship application will become available shortly before winter break.

On December 1st at 1:30 pm, we will be hosting a zoom session with juniors who are first-generation to explore and identify career goals. Course enrollment is right around the corner and we want students to choose classes that align with their career interests. In the spring, juniors will be exploring options after high school such as college, trades, military or the workforce and having a career goal drives these decisions. An email will be sent with more information on how to access this session.

Academic Supports

Academic Supports are available every day at South!

Glenbard
South
High School
2020-21



Math Lab

Math help is available throughout the day, every day through Zoom.

[Click here for more information to access the Math Lab](#)

Writing Center

Writing help is available everyday from our Writing Center for all writing assignments.

[Click here for more information to access the Writing Center](#)

AP Cafe

Need help with your AP classes? We can assist with anything related to AP courses and exams through Zoom every day.

[Click here for more information to access the AP Cafe](#)

***[Click here](#) to access more information on all of these academic supports.

Family Supports and Resources

We care about our students and families! Below you will find a list of resources should you find yourself in need.

[Glenbard Community Resources](#)

Healthcare and/or Rx supports:

<https://accessdupage.org/>

Food Banks:

<https://www.dupageco.org/FoodPantries/>

Shelters:

<https://www.dupagepads.org>

<https://www.dupagehomeless.org>

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org>

Financial Relief NICOR:

<https://www.nicorgas.com/company/press-room/nicor-gas-offers-additional-assistance-for-customers-impacted-by-covid-19.html>

<https://www.nicorgas.com/company/press-room/nicor-gas-offers-additional-assistance-for-customers-impacted-by-covid-19.html>

Rent/Mortgage Assistance

<https://www.ihda.org/about-ihda/covid-19-housing-resources-information/>



The graphic features a dark blue background with a red vertical bar on the left containing the word "HELPLINE" in white, bold, vertical text. At the top right, the "GS" logo is displayed in red and white, with two crossed swords behind it. To the right of the logo, the text "GLENBARD SOUTH" is written in white. Below the logo, the text "We are here to help you." is written in white. Underneath, it says "Call if you need help from our counselors, social worker, psychologist, nurse, deans and/or help getting food." in white. Three contact options are listed in white: "Helpline: 630-534-4230", "In an emergency, call 911", and "Website: glenbardsouthhs.org". At the bottom right, the hashtag "#RaidersAreBetterTogether" is written in white.

Staff Office Hours

All staff members have office hours and availability by appointment to help students. [Click here](#) to find out more information for your teachers, be sure to look at the tabs at the bottom for each department!

RAIDER CLASS ACT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who are the Fall 2020 Raider Class Act Award Recipients. Through acts of kindness, perseverance, responsibility, respect, and readiness you encompass what it means to be a Raider. You are all truly a class act and we are so proud of you.

Kylie Graiber
Jadon Andexler

Emily Puchalski
Litzzy Reyes
Mihal Dalta
Michelle Marecki
Lyneya McAdory
Mark Zhdan
Samantha Stacy

RAIDERS OF THE WEEK

Glenbard South Raider Teacher of the Week

Presented by the PBIS Team and Future Teachers of America Club

Teachers
CHANGE
THE WORLD
ONE CHILD
AT A TIME



Mrs. Harper

Subject taught: English

Years at Glenbard South: This is Mrs. Harper's first year here at GBS!

Link to interview with Mrs. Harper:
[Click here to view the video](#)



Here's what makes Mrs. Harper an amazing teacher...

Reason for Nomination: Mrs. Harper demonstrates school spirit, commitment, creativity, a positive attitude, and cares about students.

From a student: "She is such a kind person and will always help when you need it. She is very helpful. My grade is going up because of her support. Love ya Mrs. Harper!"

From a staff member: "Mrs. Harper is new to the Raider Fam - and she's rocking it!! She's always participating in spirit wear days and keeping a positive attitude!"

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of a good
TEACHER
can never
be ERASED ♥



Glenbard South Raider Student of the Week

Presented by the PBIS Team and Future Teachers of America Club



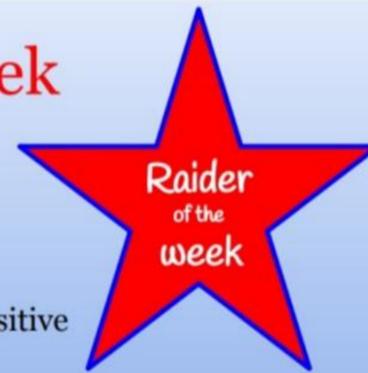
Raider Student of the Week

Who: Annie Gillen

Year in school: Sophomore

Reason for Nomination: Annie demonstrates a positive attitude, engagement, and is a joy to have in class!

From a staff member: "Annie is an exceptional student and leader in my AP Human Geo class. She is willing to help other students and offers insightful responses during discussion. I appreciate her motivation!"



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UPCOMING EVENTS

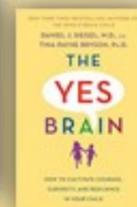
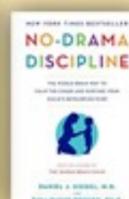
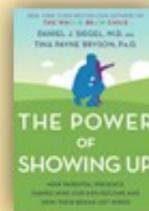


How to Calm the Chaos and Nurture Resilience in Ourselves and Others

Tina Payne Bryson
 Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event - <https://www.cod.edu/GPS>

Join us at 6:30 for Early Childhood event: No Drama Discipline



LIKE: A Documentary about the Impact of Social Media on our Lives

Film Screening with Dr. Devorah Heitner and Liz Repking
 Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

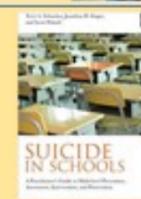
Registration is required for this event at GlenbardGPS.org/event/LIKE



A Community Conversation About Suicide: Student Voices, Resources and Hope

Dr. Jonathan Singer
 Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

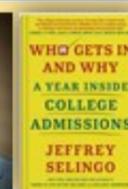
Link to this event - <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/81472172461>



Colleges & the SAT and a Preview of 'Who Gets In and Why'

Matthew Pietrafetta, Ph.D. with author Jeff Selingo
 Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event will be posted at GlenbardGPS.org when available



Middle School Matters: 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive and Prepare for a Changing World

Phyllis Fagell
 Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event will be posted at GlenbardGPS.org when available



Parenting in the New Age of Anxiety: Understanding Your Child's Stressed, Depressed and Amazing Adolescence

Dr. John Duffy
 Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

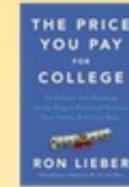
Link to this event - <https://www.cod.edu/GPS>



The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Road Map for the Biggest Financial Decision Your Family Will Ever Make

Dr. John Duffy
 Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event will be posted at GlenbardGPS.org when available



FUSE and B-PAC/GPS PROGRAMS



Planning for your Future During the Pandemic

Dr. Raquel Wilson and Susanna Melon
 Presented in English and Spanish

Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event in Spanish:

<https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/86307881828>

Link to this event in English will be posted at GlenbardGPS.org



Secrets of Successful Parents

La Familia Primero

Dr. Ferny Ramirez
 Presented in Spanish only

Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Link to this event:

<https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/86307881828>



A Message from Dr. Larson



Superintendent highlights supports for students

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to safety as we navigate this school year. Learning for some students is challenging these days. Our talented educators are working hard to support students and provide them with a roadmap to success. Despite being fully remote learning, we have an array of academic supports and social-emotional resources. Download the list of resources [here](#).

Let's take a closer look at some of these supports:

Helpline

Glenbard South's helpline number is 630-534-4230. Use the number to report a student crisis, bullying or anonymous tips.

Related Services

Glenbard South's related services department provides students with health, wellness and social-emotional support. This department includes counselors, school psychologists, deans and a social worker/interventionist. Contact information for related services team members is [here](#). In addition, check out a list of [community resources](#).

Free Meals

Free breakfasts and lunches are available for pickup at the main entrance to Glenbard South and the Glendale Heights Sports Hub from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Students do not need to be present to receive meals. A parent/guardian may pick up the meals. No identification is necessary.

Academic Supports

Click on the following links for assistance with math, writing, Advanced Placement and tutoring:

[Math Lab](#)

Students can schedule an appointment for homework review, study sessions, and individual conferencing.

[Writing Center](#)

Students can schedule an appointment for writing support, feedback, or at any point in the writing process.

[AP Cafe](#)

A supervisor monitors student progress in Advanced Placement courses, arranges study groups and provides tutoring.

[Glenbard South National Honor Society \(NHS\) Tutors](#)

Guidance counselors can facilitate connections between students and tutors for specific courses when available. For details, contact Ruth Homan at ruth_homan@glenbard.org

Teacher Office Hours

Teachers schedule individual student conferences and small group support sessions during [Teacher Office Hours](#). For appointment information, click [here](#).

School Counselors

Glenbard South counselors are available to work with students even when we are remote. School counselors provide individual counseling, first generation programming and academic advising. Encourage your student to schedule an appointment with their counselor. Counselors' contact information is [here](#).

As we continue on this journey together, know that Glenbard South has a variety of supports available to help your son or daughter. We care about our students' well-being and their academic experience. Please access the supports noted above so we can provide assistance.



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PROFILE OF A
GRADUATE**



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