

Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

September 1, 2021



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Principal Message

Good afternoon, Raiders,

I hope the school year is off to a great start for you. It has been a wonderful beginning with our students engaged and learning in classrooms together again. As I have stopped into classrooms, I am happy to see students discussing, reading, working collaboratively, cooking, conducting lab experiments, designing with graphics, speaking French or Spanish to peers and so much more. The energy is palpable in the halls, classrooms, courts and fields.

We held a successful Activity and Athletic Fair in our gym during all lunch periods on Friday, August 20th. Students were able to talk to other student leaders, sponsors and coaches as well as sign up to get involved. Clubs are reporting record breaking attendance in their first meetings this past week. The fall athletic season is off to a great start for all of the teams, with several of the programs significantly growing in participation rates. Thank you to all of those who organized and participated in this spirited event.



We are looking forward to seeing you on **Thursday for Open House** from 6:00-8:00 pm. Also, this Friday, September 3rd is a 12:35 pm dismissal for all students. See both schedules below:



Open House: Thursday, September 2, 2021

Begins 6:00pm (Zero Hour 5:45pm)

Zero Hour	5:45-5:55
Period 1	6:00-6:10
Period 2	6:15-6:35 <i>(Includes time for Video)</i>
Period 3	6:40-6:50
Period 4	6:55-7:05
Period 5	7:10-7:20
Period 6	7:25-7:35
Period 7	7:40-7:50
Period 8	7:55-8:05

Friday, September 3, 2021

Students will be dismissed at 12:35pm

	2021 Schedule (33 min classes)
Period 0	6:40 am - 7:15 am
Period 1	7:35 am - 8:08 am
Period 2	8:13 am - 8:46 am
Period 3	8:51 am - 9:24 am
Period 4	9:29 am - 10:02 am*
Period 5	10:07 am - 10:40 am*
Period 6	10:45 am - 11:18 am*
Period 7	11:23 am - 11:56 am*
Period 8	12:01 pm - 12:35 pm

*Lunch periods for students and staff

Raiders Remember 9/11

We have planned some special events at Glenbard South High School to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Many of our students know very little about the attack on the United States on September 11, 2001. We will use half of the lunch periods on Friday, September 10th, to provide a brief overview of the events of the day and their impact on our country and the world. On Monday, September 13th, we will provide stationary for students to write a thank you note or message to a first responder in our community or someone they know who has been impacted by 9/11. Finally, on Wednesday, September 15th, students will have the opportunity to hear from a veteran who served in Afghanistan. We hope these events will foster a sense of awareness and help students connect events of the past to the present.





Mask Protocol

Masks are required throughout the school day. It is imperative that students wear their masks properly (over their nose and mouth). Failure to do so or repeatedly told to wear it properly may result in a conversation with the Dean. If it continues to be an issue the Dean will contact the parent/guardian to partner together to ensure a safe environment for all of our Raider school community.

Masks will be required at all times for indoor events.

If you need or want to take a mask break during this event, you can step outside (using Door#4) and return through the same door when you are finished with the break.

If you would like to request specific accommodations for an event, please contact (taff_nielsen@glenbard.org)

Close Contact/Quarantine Note

When a positive COVID-19 case is identified at school (or school events/athletics), our staff follow the Illinois Department of Public Health's guidance when determining who is a close contact and needs to quarantine. This guidance is posted on our health services webpage ([Glenbard South Web Page](#)). Please note that, under the current guidance, when someone is fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms they are **not** required to quarantine.

New Attendance Code

We have introduced a new attendance code. "TX" (temporary exclusion) will be used for our students who are required to quarantine. This is an excused code and it will help our teachers know that this particular student will be absent for an extended period of time.



Vaccination Status

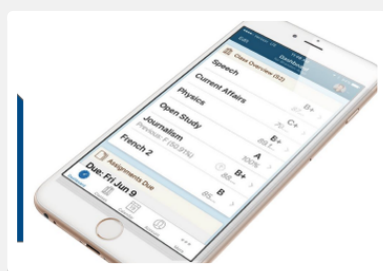
We welcome you to share your vaccination status with our health office. Please send a screenshot or copy of the vaccination card to (barbara_smith@glenbard.org). The information will be kept confidential. Sharing this information before a possible COVID-19 exposure will help our staff determine if your student should be quarantined.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION



PowerSchool Mobile App



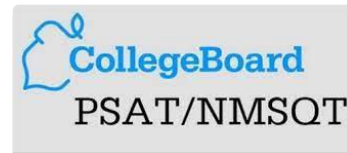
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TDPZ

The PowerSchool app is a great way to stay up-to-date on your student's grades and attendance. The PowerSchool app gives instant access to grades, scores, attendance and more. Real-time notifications mean you can stay connected to your student's progress no matter where you are.

If you have previously used the PowerSchool app and can only see last year's courses, please delete the app and reinstall it again. You will need the District Code: TDPZ. [Click here for more information about using the PowerSchool App.](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Exam

All Juniors will be participating in the PSAT/NMSQT exam on Wednesday, October 13th. This will be a non-attendance day for the 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students. Juniors will be registered through the school and do not need to do or pay anything to take the exam. This is an important exam to prepare for the SAT in April.





Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held at Glenbard South on October 27 and 28. Both school days will be early release days for students (12:35 dismissal). On October 27, conferences will be virtual (on Zoom) from 4-8pm. On October 28, conferences will be in person from 2-6pm in classrooms. Friday, October 29 is a non-attendance day for all students.

Registration for Parent-teacher conferences will be done in Power PTC, which is accessed through PowerSchool. **Families will be able to register for conferences starting on Sunday, September 26 @ 6pm. All conferences must be scheduled by Sunday, October 24 @ 11:59pm.**

Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit Programs

District 87 has partnered with Equal Opportunity Schools in order to increase equitable opportunities for students in Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses. During the week of September 13 through September 24, students will participate in taking a short survey. Reports generated from the survey provide trends on information, expectations, and belonging in our Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit programs. The Equal Opportunity Schools survey provides valuable insight about student strengths and challenges in accessing rigorous coursework, as well as data on student potential and interests.

District Evening Virtual Tutoring for Math & English starts September 7th!

Certified staff are eager to help students with homework, assessment preparation and writing assignments on Zoom in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. This is open to all Glenbard students.

Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

Zoom Links:

- [Virtual Tutoring - English Link](#)
- [Virtual Tutoring - Math Link](#)

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION





Bus Information

Bus riders are aware that adjustments were made to morning bus routes. The change allowed students to arrive at school in advance of the start of the first bell and have the ability to receive a free breakfast. The new times are roughly 15 minutes earlier. In order to provide supervision, students arriving at school before 7:10am will remain in the Commons. Students can meet with a staff after 7:10am or arranging to meet in advance.

The bus company is committed to providing the best service possible while navigating a bus driver shortage. This is not just a Glenbard issue, but a state-wide issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this is causing to your family or to our students. Students that are late due to bussing will not receive any consequences. Please contact the Attendance Office at (630) 942-6684 if there is an attendance concern. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The safety and security of our students and staff are a priority. Glenbard South has a secure entrance to help verify all visitors are properly checked in. Each year we complete all required drills to ensure that students understand their role in the event of an emergency. Our drills were in partnership with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department.

The most important part of school safety is to remind our students to report anything that appears to be suspicious or out of the ordinary. **If You See Something...Say Something!**

If you have any questions about our drills or school safety, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630)942-6700 or taff_nielsen@glenbard.org.

Glenbard South also has a *Helpline* which allows students to provide anonymous information to school officials regarding potential school threats or bullying incidents.

- Helpline - (630) 534-4230.

Parking, Driving and Drop-off

Before school we have an established driving pattern. All vehicles must enter GBS property from Butterfield Rd. and exit using Park Blvd. between 7:00am-7:45am. For safety reasons, please drop off students in the assigned drop off area. The drive-thru lane is designated for driving through the lot, not dropping off.



Bike Riders

We have an increased number of bike riders this year. Bike racks are located West side of the building by the Main Entrance (Door #4) and on the North side of the building by Door #14.

Photo Retakes

Lifetouch has provided an additional opportunity for yearbook photos. Retakes for all grade levels will be on October 21 from 10am-3pm at South.

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

Whom to see for What

We have created a quick resource to help students and families navigate who to contact to help with specific needs. Please use this link: [Whom to See for What](#)

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES



HOMECOMING
— 2021 —

This year's Homecoming festivities will take place the week of September 20th. We are excited to bring back some Glenbard South traditions while adhering to the current health department guidelines for COVID.

- **Monday, September 20th:** Games Night will be held on the football field starting at 7:00 pm. Masks are required. (In case of inclement weather we will be moving this indoors to the field)

house.)

- **Wednesday, September 22nd:** Pep Rally will be held at the stadium starting at 7:00 pm. Some things to look forward to during the pep rally include the Senior Dance as well as the announcement of our 2021 Homecoming Court. (If there is inclement weather this event will be cancelled)
- **Friday, September 24th:** Homecoming Football game with Freshman/Sophomore game starting at 5:00 pm and the Varsity at 7:30 pm. Homecoming court will be recognized between games.
- **Saturday, September 25th-**Our 2021 Homecoming Dance will be held outdoors from 6:30-9:00 pm in front of the school. There will be games and other entertainment for students. No outside guests will be permitted to enter this year. (If there is inclement weather we will go indoors and the amount of students allowed on the dance floor at any time will be limited. Masks will be required indoors.)

We will have more information to come for our students as we approach Homecoming Week, including the theme and spirit day information.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

College 101 meetings

School counselors hosted a College 101 senior presentation series on Monday afternoons to help seniors get started with their college applications. The presentations were shared with seniors via Schoology Class of 2022 group and are available for parents on our website, linked [here](#).

College Application Checklist found [here](#).



Senior Success Week

Counselors are planning to present important information to seniors during Senior Success week right after Labor Day, September 7th-10th, during the first half of the lunch periods. Please encourage your seniors to attend these mandatory and important meetings.

Following is an outline of these meeting topics:

Tuesday, Sept 7: **Student choice**

1. Naviance for beginners, including Naviance Super Match
2. Essay Writing Workshop
3. Students who plan to go into trades or military

Wednesday, Sept 8: How to pay for College- Information on Local Scholarships

Thursday, Sept 9: **Student choice**

1. Basics of the College Application process in Naviance, including requesting letters of recommendation and transcripts
2. College Application Workshop- Common App
3. College Application Workshop- School Specific Application (found on college websites)
4. Students who plan to go into trades or military

Friday, Sept 10: How to pay for College- FSA ID workshop

College and Career Corner

Glenbard South College, Military and Career Visits open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

We are excited to have students back this fall and have been planning programming to assist them in college and career exploration. College and Military visits will be starting the week of September 13 for sophomores, juniors and seniors. We are hosting both in-person and virtual informational sessions with representatives during the school day. This is an excellent opportunity for students to speak with a college or military recruiter about their programs and get their questions answered.

Career Speakers Returning

In addition to college and military visits, we are hosting virtual career speakers for our students. GBS is inviting career professionals from a variety of industries to virtually speak with students about their occupations. Students will learn about the skills and education required in various industries or career fields, the career paths taken by those in the field, and the work environment and expectations for performance in various industries. We are always looking for professionals to give 30 minute virtual presentations. If you are interested, please contact Anne Lange at anne_lange@glenard.org.

Students can view the list of institutions and career speakers participating and sign up in Naviance. Refresher on how to log into Naviance [here](#).

Once you are logged into Naviance, click on the Colleges tab in the top center, then Research Colleges > College Visits. Students can view the college or military visit information and sign up to participate. If the visit is virtual, the link to log in will be in Naviance at the visit time, and a staff member from Glenbard South will host the event. Other institutions and career speakers will be added as they are scheduled, so be sure to check back often.

If an institution you are interested in is not on the list, please contact Anne Lange at anne_lange@glenbard.org and she can help you connect with that school/recruiter.

Virtual College Fairs open to all students

College Fairs will also be both in-person and virtual this fall. Both the Illinois Regional and the National College Fair have set up an extensive schedule of events to give students a chance to learn about their institutions. Parents are invited to attend these virtual events also. They will run from mid-September to mid-November. Please see the links below for more specific information on each event.

<https://tinyurl.com/nfc3yufr>

<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions>



In addition, Strive Scan will be hosting two 6x6 virtual college fairs on September 19-20. The link to register will be posted in Schoology once it becomes available.

Virtual Campus Tours open to all students

You can also visit a campus without leaving your house. Check out these links for virtual tours of hundreds of college campuses.

<https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch>

<http://www.ecampustours.com/>

<https://campustours.com/>

TCD OPEN HOUSE

CELEBRATING CAREER TECH EDUCATION



Thursday, September 16, 2021
6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m

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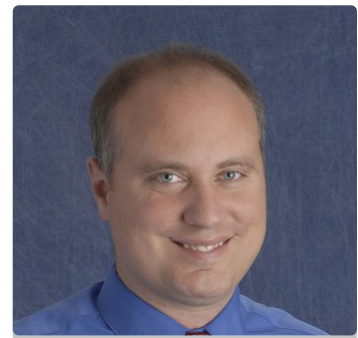
301 South Swift Road
Addison, IL 60101

For more information about our open house visit:
www.tcdupage.org

Or contact: Anthony Gilfe
430-491-7601 or at anthonyg@tcdupage.org

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS



Raider Ride Night-Friday September 17, 2021



Presents...

**Raider Pride Night
Friday, September 17, 2021
Glenbard South High School**



**Glenbard South Raiders vs.
The Fenton Bison**



Football Game

Freshmen Game @ 5:00pm

Varsity Game @ 7:30pm

District 89, District 44 and St. James students who will attend Glenbard South should meet in the north end zone at 7:00pm to get a free pompom and form a line for the football players to run through.

Come and Join the Fun!

Admission is FREE for all District 89, St. James and specified District 44 students wearing their school colors or Raider Colors! (School T-shirt, sweatshirt, etc.) Parents and friends are invited at regular admission.

For Safety of our Fans we ask that An adult accompany ALL Elementary and Middle School students.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



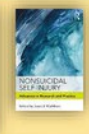
Under Pressure: Confronting the Epidemic Of Stress and Anxiety in Our Teens
 Dr. Lisa Damour
 Thursday, September 23 at noon



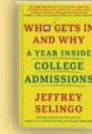
Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, Our Lives Revealed
 Lori Gottlieb
Interviewed by Lisa Damour
 Thursday, September 23 at 7 pm



Behind Happy Faces: Suicide Let's Talk About It
 Ross Szabo and Dr. Jason Washburn
 Tuesday, September 28 at 7 pm
 A community conversation on Teen Mental Health will follow



Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions
 Jeffrey Selinger
 Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm



Permission to Feel: Unlocking the Power of Emotions to Help Our Kids, Ourselves and Our Society Thrive
 Dr. Marc Brackett
 Tuesday, October 12 at 7 pm



The Science of Happiness: Psychology and the Good Life
 Dr. Laurie Santos
 Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm



That Crumpled Paper was Due Last Week: Helping Distracted Students Organize/Integrate Their Online and Real Life Worlds
 Ana Homayoun
 Wednesday, October 20 at noon & 7 pm



B-PAC/GPS PROGRAM IN SPANISH

Preparing the Path for High School and College Success:
 The College Application Process
 Lissete Ochoa and Lizette Ramirez
 Thursday, October 21 at 7pm



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