

Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

November 3, 2021



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Principal Message

Greeting Raider families,
November always brings the spirit of gratitude with it to our school community. We have so much to be thankful for this year. This school community is one that never stops striving for excellence and strong character. This newsletter is full of examples of students, staff and our community going above and beyond to provide the best possible opportunities for our students. Everyday I see students

creating, discussing, asking high-level, thoughtful questions, and helping one another through difficult tasks. Everyday I am thankful for this community and everyone's ongoing willingness to learn, listen, grow and reflect.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne

Free SAT Prep for Glenbard Juniors

District 87 is offering a FREE, 10-week in-person or fully virtual SAT Prep course for all Glenbard Juniors. A diagnostic test will be given the week of 1/4/22. Classes will begin the week of 1/24/22. In-person classes will meet on Tuesdays, 2:45 - 5:30pm. Virtual classes will also meet on Tuesdays, 5:45 - 8:30pm.

The SAT Prep course is provided by Academic Approach, a leading test preparation provider. Participating students average a 90-100 point overall gain on their score. Scoring well affords students with post-secondary opportunities, including scholarships and admission to competitive colleges and universities.

Use [THIS LINK](#) to Register.

Registration closes on December 8. Please contact jamie_wilson@glenbard.org with any questions.

Program Highlight: AP Computer Science

Glenbard South offers two different AP Computer Science courses: AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A. While there is some overlap between these courses, APCS Principles is more focused on the app development process and the evolution of the Internet as we know it today, while APCS A has a greater emphasis on coding in Java.

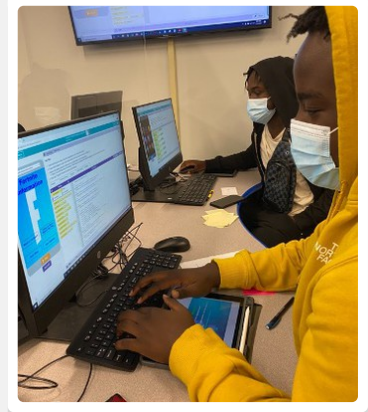
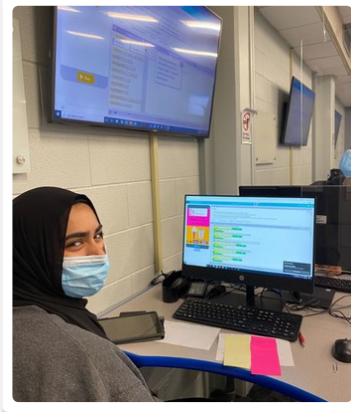
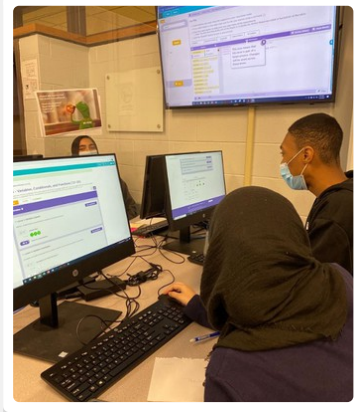
Students in APCS Principles students take a ground up approach at how the Internet has changed our lives and create an app to assist in solving some sort of problem in their everyday lives.

APSC A students develop their understanding of coding through analyzing, writing, and testing code as they gain a foundation for learning a coding language.

Both of these courses are a great introduction to computer science for any student who would like to be a leader in the growing field of computers and technology. No matter what career a student wants to pursue beyond high school, computer science is embedded into it.

All students are eligible to enroll in these classes if their schedule allows. More information is available [here](#).

Action shots of students building their apps:



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



Students, Staff to observe Veterans Day - November 11

Glenbard South has a variety of Veterans Day observances to show our gratitude to those who have served or are serving our country.

Students and parents/guardians will be welcomed on campus on November 11 to 300 American flags lining the property. Each flag represents a veteran of a Glenbard South student, staff or community member. The flags were displayed courtesy of a Key Club service project.

During the school day, there will be a modified schedule to allow students to view a Veterans Day Tribute video.

And finally, the Glenbard South band will perform at the Glen Ellyn Veterans Day service at Lake Ellyn.

Please take these steps to ensure you receive important school messages

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We will send automated messages occasionally with important school information. Certain fields in PowerSchool must be populated in order to receive automated messages. To be sure you receive automated messages, follow the steps below to check your information or to add emails or phone numbers.

1. Login to PowerSchool [HERE](#)
2. Click "Student Info" on the left-hand column
3. Scroll down the page to the "Glenbard Notification Information" area
4. Add your information and check the "I authorize the above statement" box in the large red section at the bottom of the page
5. Click submit at the bottom of the webpage

Physician Name	Doctor Name	Provide an Update
Physician Phone	(555)555-5555	Provide an Update
Required Information		
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Glenbard Notification Information (Automated)

Glenbard uses a Mass Notification System to communicate important school information to you such as school closings, school news or other time sensitive updates via phone, email, and/or text. Please complete the section below so we have current, complete contact information for you. If you do not complete the section below, we will contact the Primary Phone number listed in the previous section.

	On File	Update (if required)
Primary Email		Provide an Update
Secondary Email		Provide an Update
Primary Phone		Provide an Update
Secondary Phone		Provide an Update
Additional Phone		Provide an Update

Parent/Guardian Contacts (Personal Contacts) [Add Contact](#)

In the event that we need to reach a parent/guardian or other trusted contact for any situation directly related to your



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

On November 11th our Student Services will be facilitating a presentation on Suicide Prevention education. Students will receive this information through their Physical Education classes. If your child is currently enrolled in a PE class you will receive an email with more information about this important program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of our Student Services team (Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists) with any questions you may have in regards to this program.



Evening Virtual Tutoring

Glenbard District 87 continues to offer evening virtual tutoring sessions. Your student can get extra help in English and Math on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. These sessions have certified teachers that are ready to help.

Here are the links:

[Virtual Tutoring - English Link](#)

[Virtual Tutoring - Math Link](#)

Get Extra Help

Does your student need extra help with a class, organizational skills or time management? We have teachers available during all periods, including lunches in our Academic Support Center located in the library. Please encourage your child to use this opportunity if they need that extra help.

All students welcome to a special session of “Going on a Mission- Goal Setting”

On November 10th we will be hosting a special event for all students. For this session students will learn about goal setting through hands-on, fun activities.

WHAT: Going on a Mission --- Goal Setting

Come join us for some games, laughs, FOOD (pizza!) and a chance to practice some goal setting skills with a hands-on crafty activity! Bring your friends and enjoy a fun hour together!

WHO: All students are welcome!

WHEN: Wednesday, November 10th, 2:45pm-3:40pm

WHERE: Library (LRC)

Students can access the activity bus, that leaves campus at 3:45pm

Gratitude Day

On November 17th we will hold our annual “Gratitude Day”. This is an opportunity for any and all students to say thank you to a teacher or staff member that has made a difference in their life. We will have all the supplies needed in the commons after school and will be done in time for the activity bus at 3:45.



Students completing a note can enjoy a slice of pizza as well. This is an opportunity for our student body to come together and express their gratitude to the Glenbard South staff. Please encourage your student to join us.



PBIS News

Congratulations to the following teacher for being nominated Raider staff member of the month!

- **Mari Jourdan**

Congratulations to the following students for being nominated Raider students of the week!

- **Alishba Karin**
- **Aniketh Mangalagiri**
- **Basil Goldman**
- **Brian Jochum**
- **Andrew Lullo**
- **Abby Donaker**
- **Michelle Marecki**
- **Rafay Mauricio**
- **Kaitlyn Urbanowicz**
- **Luis Irizarry-Ramirez**
- **Harper Bryan**
- **Parker McQuery**

Congratulations to the following class for winning our perfect attendance competition recently!

- **Mr. Kallas's 2nd period French 3H class**

School Counselor Corner

Attention Freshmen!

Counselors are looking forward to working with all freshmen during Freshmen Focus on November 3rd, 10th and 17th. Counselors will be introducing students to Naviance. Naviance is a tool used by Glenbard students to explore careers, research colleges and universities, and help students learn about themselves! [Click here](#) to see an electronic brochure that describes all of the cool tools Naviance has to offer. Students will begin exploring careers using an interest inventory and will use what they learn about their interests to choose classes for next year and the following years!

Attention Sophomores!

Counselors are looking forward to working with our sophomores during Sophomore Spotlight on November 2nd, 9th and 16th. School Counselors will work with you to explore careers. It's so important that you take the steps to begin to explore what careers might be best for you based on your interests! We will complete a Myers-Briggs personality assessment and match careers to our

personalities! This assessment reveals information about a student's strengths and blind spots, recommended career paths and college majors!



FAFSA required for seniors!

A non-academic graduation requirement that you need to fulfill this year is 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. Yasmeen Ragab, can help you file your FAFSA. She has virtual office hours available for our families. Please contact Mrs. Duffy at 630-942-6648 or michelle.duffy@glenbard.org to schedule a Google Meet appointment with Ms. Ragab.

Last FAFSA Workshop at South

Virtual FAFSA workshop on November 9th from 5pm-7pm. A link to the meeting was emailed to parents and students, and will be resent the day before the event.

College and Career Planning Continues

College, Military, and Career Visits at Glenbard South: So far this fall, we have hosted about 120 virtual or in-person visits with college and military recruiters and career speakers. These visits will continue throughout the month of November. Attending a visit gives your student a chance to speak directly with the admissions representative who will be evaluating their application and get answers to specific questions. These visits are open to 10-12th grade students.



Check out the link below and sign up in Naviance to attend.

[How to Sign Up for a Visit in Naviance](#)
[College, Military, and Career Speakers by Date](#)

The National College Fair has one more virtual fair date on Sunday, November 14 from 12pm-5pm. There will be about 530 live and interactive Zoom events to learn about individual schools, as well as sessions about financial aid, how to apply to college and many other college admission topics. Click on <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions/330/sessions> to register for this free event.

The **IACAC Virtual College Exploration series** held this fall has compiled 375 recordings of presentations from various colleges and universities. These include college-specific as well as general college knowledge sessions. Check them out at your convenience. <https://www.iacac.org/speakers-bureau/request/> Scroll down and under the Sessions tab click on Watch Recording.

Career Speaker Spotlight: This year, Glenbard South is inviting various professionals to speak with our students about their careers. So far we have hosted Mr. John Wilharm, Business Unit Executive at IBM, and Mrs. Lainie Kennedy, Vice President, Human Resources for Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush. In

November, Mr. Brad Donati, Marketing and Community Director at The Forge and Mrs. Kristin Seaman, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice will be sharing their work experiences with our students. All grades are welcome to attend. Please look in Schoology for more information. If you are interested in giving a 30 minute presentation about your career, please contact Anne Lange at anne_lange@glenbard.org

Career Planning Resources

Naviance has many career planning resources that students are encouraged to explore to aid in career planning. Another resource is **Career One Stop**, a website sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. It includes interest and skills assessments, career profiles, videos, and projections for various occupations. Check it out at: <https://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/explore-careers.aspx>

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS
Mr. Tim Carlson



Winter Sports Start Dates

Some winter sports are up and running and we still have some that have yet to start. If you are interested in any of the upcoming sports, please make sure you are registered in PowerSchool and have a current physical.

Boys Basketball-November 8
Girls Gymnastics-November 8
Wrestling-November 8
Girls Bowling (Co-op with Glenbard East)-November 15
Boys Swimming (Co-op with Glenbard West)-November 22

State Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following Raider student-athletes who qualified for IHSA State Final events this fall:

Lorenza FosterSimbulan-Girls Tennis

Kylie DeNardo-Girls Cross Country

Boys Varsity Cross Country- Ethan Woods, Caleb Walter, Ryan Chung, Matthew King, Jaden Frederick, Tim Jochum, Ben Zima, Luke VanTholen, Lucas Galas, Param Sridhar and Lucas Newman.

Conference Champs

Congratulations to the varsity girls tennis team and the varsity boys cross country team on winning the Upstate 8 Conference Championship this fall. Great Job Raiders!

Booster Fundraiser



November 12

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

GLENBARD SOUTH BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER



Stop by **Skinny Sweet Frozen Yogurt** on Friday, November 12 from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM for a delicious treat to support Glenbard South Booster Club. We are located at the Market Plaza in Glen Ellyn next to Little Caesars and Staples. Be sure to bring this flyer!

Glenbard Parent Series

UPCOMING EVENTS



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



Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy Little Humans
 Michaela Doucleff
 Wednesday, November 3 at noon & 7 pm
Early Child event, for parents of children ages 3 to 9



Preparing for Success on the SAT
 Dr. Matthew Pietrafetta
 Tuesday, November 9 at 7 pm



What Do You Say? How to Talk with Kids to Build Stress Tolerance, Motivation and a Happy Home
 Dr. William Stixrud and Ned Johnson
 Wednesday, November 17 at noon and 7 pm



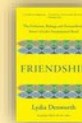
Positive Thinking for Teens: Tools to Improve Mood, Build Self-Esteem and Motivation
 Katie Hurley
 Wednesday, December 1 at noon & 7 pm



Find Your Future at College Night with Distinguished Panel
 Thursday, December 2 at 7pm
Presented in English and Spanish
 Host by the Equity and Inclusion Committee and in Partnership with the Equity Student Achievement Committee



Friendship: The Evolution, Biology and Extraordinary Power of Life's Fundamental Bond
 Linda Dentworth
 Tuesday, December 7 at 7 pm



B-PAC/GPS PROGRAMS 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

Habits that Form Healthy Relationships
 Dr. Ferney Ramirez
 Thursday, November 18 at 7pm


Practical Parent Tools for Challenging Times
 Dr. Ferney Ramirez
 Thursday, December 16 at 7pm



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