

Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

December 7, 2021



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Principal Message

Greeting Raider families,

December is upon us and is already racing by as we approach the end of the first semester. Our students have worked hard to engage in the multitude of layers of a more “normal” school year. Students have shared the excitement and enthusiasm of being back in school, participating in many clubs and activities, and competing again on the athletic fields and courts, while maintaining good grades, perhaps a job and even helping at home. This can be a lot for anyone and we want you to

remember that we are here to help and support you and each other through this journey.

Final exams are scheduled for December 15th, 16th, and 17th (see more information below). Many of our students have never experienced a final exam. Be sure to take advantage of study sessions, review documents, extra help offered by teachers as well as our ongoing resources like the Math Lab, the Writing Center, resource help from teachers during lunches, after school Homework Club, evening virtual math and English help on Zoom, and the AP Cafe for extra help. Encourage your student to study and ask questions, get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast in order to finish the semester strong!



Remember if you are looking for help, check out our [Raider Resource page](#) for more information which will connect you to our school and other community resources.

I hope you and your family enjoy a restful and rejuvenating winter break!

Best wishes,

Ms. Santee



Point of Raider Pride: Raiders Give Back to our Community

We are very proud of the work Key Club is doing this year. The sense of volunteerism is as strong as ever. In November over 80 volunteer spots were filled for various events within a matter of minutes at the meeting. The first two food drives this year netted a total of 120 bags of food for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. The Key Club also assembled and set up the 300 flags for our Veteran's Day display. The Key Club executive board is filled with kids who are selfless leaders and pitch in however they are needed. These students are engaging for all the right reasons. A big thank you to our Key Club and Key Club sponsor, Mr. Steve Govertsen.

Staying Healthy:

It is important to stay home if you are symptomatic and to get tested before returning to stop the spread of COVID-19.





Remind Students: See something, Say something!

Like so many across the country, we are saddened by the recent tragic events at a school in Michigan and another in Tennessee, and we are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment. Please reinforce the message of “see something, say something” with your son or daughter. Students often hear about a threat or act of violence before it happens. It’s critical that they tell a **trusted adult**, which could be a teacher, counselor, dean, administrator or other school staff member. The Glenbard South School Violence and Bullying Tip Line is for students and others to anonymously report threats of school violence and/or bullying behavior. Please call (630) 534-4230 to make a report.

Please be sure to talk with your son or daughter and review the [student handbook](#) pages related to school safety and expectations in our learning community.

Emergency e-learning days replace snow days



Now that we are into December, it’s a good time to be reminded that Glenbard is approved to use e-learning in place of emergency days when desired. This includes winter storms, water or electrical outages in buildings, etc. An emergency e-learning day would mean there is no in-person learning; buildings are closed; and all learning takes place online. Students should log into Schoology after 8 a.m. to access all lessons and assignments for the day and complete the attendance check-in with their second period teacher.

In the event an emergency e-learning day is necessary, we will communicate the decision via our websites, Glenbard News e-newsletter, automated call, social media and local news outlets.

Unlike the former “snow day,” an emergency e-learning day does not need to be made up at the end of the school year.

Please note that there may still be a need to use emergency days without e-learning if an emergency happens with little warning and there is not enough time to activate the e-learning plan. We would communicate that to staff, students and families.

This is also a good time to be sure you receive automated calls from Glenbard. Watch [this video](#) to see how to add to PowerSchool an email address and phone number that will receive mass-communications from Glenbard. Note: the video does not have sound.

1. Login to PowerSchool at ps.glenbard.org
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



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne

Individual Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Courses

Families had the opportunity to learn about individual Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses at Glenbard South during our **Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Informational Session**. A recording of our presentation can be found [here](#). Please contact my office or your students' school counselor with any questions.

Registration for FREE SAT PREP for Glenbard Juniors extended to December 17, 2021.

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. Class will meet on Tuesday for Glenbard South students. In-person classes will meet from 2:45 to 5:30pm. Virtual classes will meet from 5:45 to 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.

Please contact jamie_wilson@glenbard.org with any questions.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



Finals Exams Schedule - 1st Semester 2021-2022

	7:35 – 9:00	9:00 – 9:10	9:10 – 10:35	10:35 – 10:45	10:45 – 12:10	12:20 – 1:20
Wednesday, December 15	Period 5 Exam	Break	Period 3 Exam	Break	Period 7 Exam	Resource Period
Thursday, December 16	Period 6 Exam	Break	Period 2 Exam	Break	Period 8 Exam	Resource Period
Friday, December 17	Period 4 Exam	Break	Period 1 Exam	Break	Rescheduled/ Makeup Exams, Zero Hour	Resource Period

Bus Information during Finals Exams

- Arrival at Start of School: There will be regular morning bus service on all exam days.
- End of School Day: (See Below)

	End Of Day Bus Depart South	Directions Bus Depart TCD	Activity Bus Depart South	Athletic Bus Depart South
Wednesday, December 15	12:20pm	11:45am	1:30pm	3:30pm
Thursday, December 16	12:20pm	11:45am	1:30pm	3:30pm
Friday, December 17	10:45am	10:10am	12:20pm	3:30pm

Other Final Exam Information

Final Exam Make-up

Students who have an excused absence from an exam may make arrangements with their teacher to make up the exam on Friday during the Exam Make-up Session. Students may also arrange with teachers to make up exams during Resource Periods.

Rescheduled Final Exams

Students who have three exams on December 15 or December 16, may elect to change or move one of their exams to the Rescheduled/Makeup time slot on December 17. This change should be arranged as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than December 8, 2021.

Pre-Arranged Absence During Final Exams

If a student is planning on being absent for final exams, the student must meet with the Assistant Principal for Instruction in advance to receive approval. This change should be arranged as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than December 8, 2021.

Study Areas During Final Exams

Quiet study areas are available to students during the day in the Commons and Library (LRC). Each space is supervised.

Study Hall and Lunch Periods During Final Exams

Students are encouraged to attend study hall to prepare for any upcoming exams. Students must attend study hall unless excused by a parent or guardian. Please contact the Attendance Office with any questions. (630)469-6500.

Cafeteria Service During Final Exams

The "Bridge" in the cafeteria will be open all three days of exams for breakfast in the morning and snacks during passing periods.

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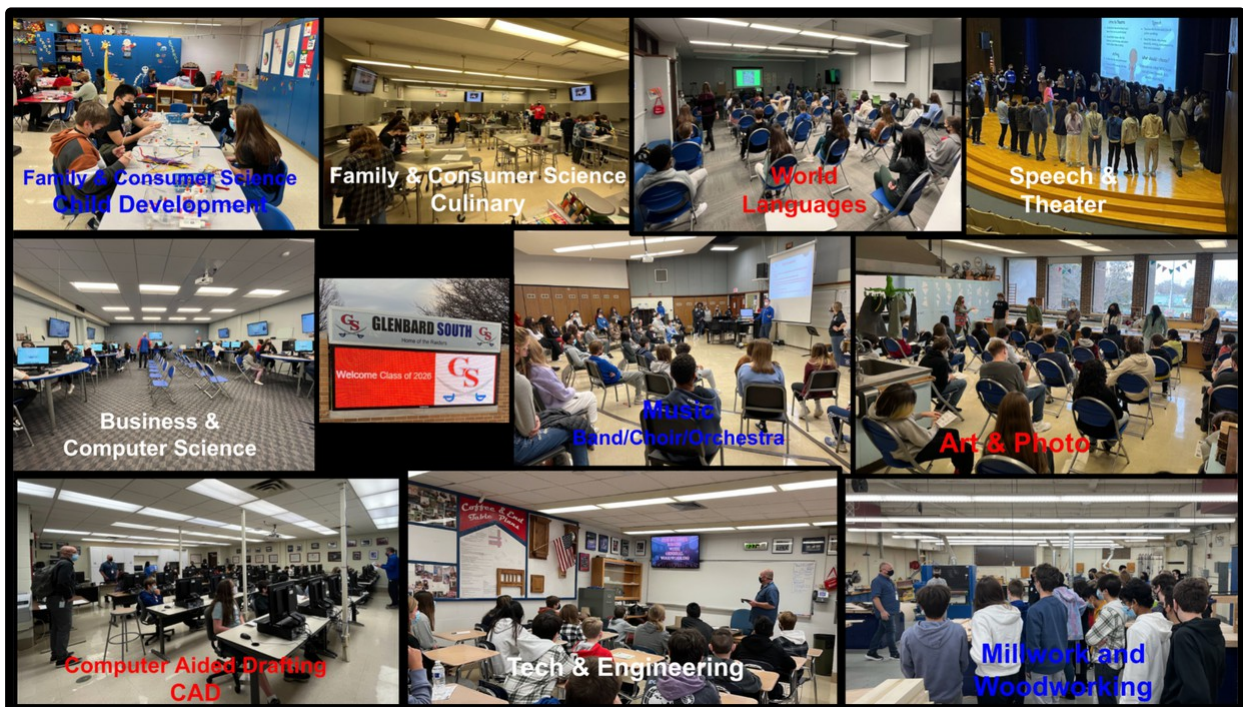
The last day of student attendance for 1st semester at TCD will be **Thursday, December 16th**. Students will report to Study Hall unless excused by a parent/guardian.

Athletics during Final Exams

Athletic practices can start at 1:30pm on December 15th, 16th and 17th.

8th Grade Visit

On December 3, we welcomed our incoming 8th Grade class from Glen Crest, Glenn Westlake and our neighboring private schools. The students learned about our wonderful course offerings, how to get involved in sports and activities and the importance of building relationships . Welcome to the class of 2026.



School IDs are required to be carried by all students. ID cards are required for riding the school bus, entry into athletic events, purchasing food in our student cafeteria and for entering and exiting the building during the school day. Any student that needs a new school ID should go to our Raider HUB during the school day. Bus drivers will be requiring IDs at the start of semester two.

Commencement for Class of 2022

This year's Commencement Ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2022 will be on Friday, May 20th, 2022. More information will be provided next semester.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

Recognizing Raiders: The Raider Wheel

We know that so many of our Raiders are doing great things. We want to make sure that we are recognizing our students who continue to make good choices. At Glenbard South we have several different opportunities for our students to be recognized. One of the events that our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) team hosts at the end of each quarter is our "Raider Wheel". Students who have no tardies, no behavior referrals, no unexcused absences and are passing all of their classes receive a ticket to spin the "Raider Wheel" at lunch. At the end of first quarter on October 22nd we held our first "Raider Wheel" event. More than 300 students received tickets to spin the wheel for great prizes (t-shirts, pens, popsicles, etc.) Our next "Raider Wheel" event will be on Friday, January 7, 2022. Students who meet the criteria will receive their ticket upon returning from winter break. Keep up the great work Raiders!

Raider Class Act

On Wednesday, November 3rd we celebrated our first Raider Class Act Award recipients. This is a special award that recognizes students quarterly who are a positive force within the school community, students who demonstrate leadership, citizenship, personal growth or random acts of kindness. Students are nominated by teachers and staff. Congratulations to these Raiders for being amazing members of our school community. Their pictures are also on display in our Commons Hallway.

Kadin Ezell	Thaddeus Scharf
Anna Cleland	Emma Seaman
Alexander Mills	Paul Orizaba
Ryan Dodd	Brandon Lim
Lucas Beltran	Alexandra Villareal
Anna Goldman	Matthew Kohl
Iman Meah	

Mentor Day

Our junior students recently had the opportunity to participate in a job shadowing event in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Rotary Club. Seventeen students were selected based on their responses to a survey sent out in September and matched with a business professional in their career of interest. This field trip allowed students to meet with the professionals at their place of business and observe them, ask questions, and learn more about various professions. Here is the list of participating businesses:

- District 89 - Accounting
- Wight & Co. - Architecture and Construction Engineering
- TMC2 - Computer Consulting
- Belke & Borello, DDS - Dentistry
- Park View Elementary, Briar Glen Elementary, Westfield Elementary - Elementary Education
- Glenbard Wastewater Authority - Environmental Engineering
- Stam Chocolaterie - Entrepreneurship
- Village of Glen Ellyn - Government
- McSwain, Nagle and Geise - Lawyer
- McGrath and Sheehan - Lawyer
- Nelson Performance Development - Executive Coaching
- District 41 - Public Relations
- Choices Counseling - Therapist
- Danada Veterinary Hospital - Veterinarian

Comments from our students:

- "Participating in Mentor Day helped me to clarify the field I am interested in."
- "I learned a lot about what it takes to be successful in the field."

Comments from the mentors:

- "All 3 students were dressed for success, so polite and very enthusiastic about learning more about what we do."
- "They were all very engaging and professional. Thank you for always including us in your mentor day. We get as much out of the event as your students".

We are so grateful for the professionals who took time out of their workday to meet with our students and provide this valuable experience!

Illinois Youth Survey

On January 13th we will be administering the Illinois Youth Survey to all of our 10th and 12th graders during their PE classes. This is an anonymous survey completed every 2 years. The results will provide us an insight to the needs of our students in several different areas, mental health, lifestyle choices and their feelings on school. It will provide us data that will allow us to implement the most needed interventions in our school. If you are a parent of a 10th or 12th grader be on the lookout for more information at the end of December. Thank you in advance to all of our students who will participate so that we can continue to make Glenbard South a place where students want to come to learn.



PBIS News

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

Christa Gifford and Dave Jodelka

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

Monserrath Chaney, Kaniyah White, Avery Scharf, Carter London, Hans Herrera, Sara Heidorn, Gabi Allaway, Trevor Burnett, Sam Rolsten, Nathan Plaso, Arifa Ridah, and Zach Cooper

School Counselor Corner

Enrollment Information for the 2022-23 School Year

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors will receive individualized enrollment sheets with core course recommendations, along with PowerSchool instructions during the week of December 6th.

- Enrollment forms require parent signature and will be collected on Tuesday, December 14th.
- The official course selection will occur in the electronic PowerSchool portal. Instructions to enroll in the Powerschool portal will be distributed to students, including a link for a screencast guiding you through the Powerschool Portal to choose your student's classes for next year.
- The Powerschool Portal opened on December 6th and will remain open until January 3rd. 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 Academic Program Guidebook is updated every year and a QR code on the enrollment forms will lead you to the most up to date version. [THIS LINK](#) will also take you directly to the Academic Program Guidebook.
- 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.



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Juniors and Seniors have the option of requesting a program at TCD as part of their elective choices for enrollment. Parents and interested students can [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 2022-2023 school year. Application is required and space is limited. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

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 [Non-participation form](#) to your counselor. Please note that if you fill out the Non-participation form, you can change your mind and apply for FAFSA later.

Our ISAC representative, Ms. Yasmeen Ragab, can help you file your FAFSA. She has appointments available to our students. Please contact Mrs. Duffy at 630-942-6648 or michelle.duffy@glenbard.org to schedule a Zoom meeting appointment if needed. You can also text ISAC College Q&A with questions about FAFSA, college, and more: (630) 216-4910



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. Douglas at ashley.douglas@glenbard.org

Every year, 50+ local organizations provide scholarships for Glenbard South students. In order to be considered for all of these scholarships, seniors only need to complete ONE application. Glenbard South's Local Scholarship application will be live on Naviance starting Monday, December 6th. The application is due in its entirety on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 3pm. Please find more information including directions and required forms [here](#).

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS
Mr. Tim Carlson



Fall Sports All Conference Athletes

Congratulations to the following fall student-athletes who earned Upstate 8 All Conference honors!



Girls Cross Country	Girls Golf	Girls Tennis	Girls Volleyball
Kylie DeNardo	Bailey Cloutier	Sa Naya Allen	Brittany Miller
Lauren Price	Paige Kennedy	Christina Fredrick	Caroline Stachnik
	Christina Stuart	Claire Pohlman	
		Maddie Puzon	
		Lorenza Foster-Simbulan	
		Audrey Sweeney	

Boys Cross Country	Football	Boys Golf	Boys Soccer
Ryan Chung	Zach Blazek	Ricky Cyrus	Joseph Kim
Jaden Frederick	Trevor Burnett	Nick Ingraffia	
Tim Jochum	Michael Champagne	Brock Lange	
Matthew King	Dominic D'Ambra	Brian Uvodich	
Caleb Walter	Owen DiFranco	Francis Valli	
	Brandon Lim		
	Connor Murphy		
	Sam Scullion		
	Cam Williams		

Pack the Place

Save the date for **Friday, January 7th** as we celebrate Pack the Place. We have boys and girls basketball games plus wrestling and girls gymnastics meets. In addition, our cheer and dance teams will be performing. Our inaugural Raider Athletic Hall of Fame class will be introduced at Pack the Place as well. Don't miss out on all the fun including our popular Dash for Cash, Chuck a Duck and more. Below is the contest schedule for Pack the Place:

- 5:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball vs Glenbard East
- 6:00PM Wrestling vs Larkin
- 6:00PM Girls Gymnastics vs Fenton
- 7:00PM Boys Varsity Basketball vs Glenbard East

Inaugural Raider Athletic Hall of Fame Class

Glenbard South is proud to announce the inaugural class of the new Raider Athletic Hall of Fame. These inductees will be honored on Thursday, January 6th at the induction ceremony and then they will be presented to the South community at the Pack the Place games the next night.

Greg Bloedorn, Class of 1991

Tim Costo, Class of 1987

Julie Fonda, Class of 1996

Janice Johnson, Class of 1982

John Kading, Class of 1992

Preston, Knauf, Class of 1983

Madlyn Morreale, Class of 1982

Kelly O'Brien, Class of 1987

Garret Payne, Class of 2011

Amy Svoboda, Class of 1985

Austin Teitsma, Class of 2010

Micah VanDenend, Class of 2002

The 2001 Boys' Cross Country State Champions

Superintendent Office

Superintendent shares his gratitude

In this season of gratitude, we have much to be grateful for in Glenbard District 87. When I think about what I'm grateful for on a professional level, the first thing that comes to mind is I am deeply grateful that our students are learning in-person and working with our talented, caring faculty and staff.

I am grateful for the following experiences for our students:

- Students are participating in engaging lessons that involve lively discussion, critical thinking and progress toward clearly communicated learning targets.
- Students working in quality labs are conducting science experiments that leverage curiosity.
- Students are collaborating to generate original ideas, solutions and products in imaginative ways in our media centers.
- Theatre and music students are performing in front of an audience again.
- Student athletes are developing skills, learning about teamwork and pursuing an area of interest in our comprehensive athletic programs.
- Students involved in clubs and activities are engaged in service projects and developing leadership skills.

We have so much to be grateful for in Glenbard. Here are just a few more examples:

- Creative, hardworking and resilient students
- Supportive families and community members who partner with us to prepare students for life after high school.
- Robust resources available in quality public libraries in our community and their knowledgeable, helpful staff.
- Comprehensive recreation facilities throughout the community and their collaborative, innovative staff.

A grateful attitude is essential these days. If we are intentional about expressing gratitude, we can see a change in our attitude and our ability to deal with stress and frequent change.

Consider taking a few minutes to create a gratitude list or start a gratitude journal. You can jot down specific reasons why you are grateful for a neighbor, friend, coworker or relative. Or, if you'd rather use pictures to illustrate your gratitude, your gratitude list or journal might have sketches.

I am grateful to be part of a school district that has supportive community members who want the best for students. I hope you and your family have time to enjoy this season, and that your gratitude list continues to grow.

Booster Fundraiser

GBS Booster Club Fundraiser Wednesday, December 8



**Enjoy a dinner that tastes like it was made in Italy
while you support the Glenbard South Boosters.**

Here's how:

Dine in the restaurant at 476 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn

Order by phone at 630-469-4146

Order online at www.dinnermadeinitaly.com

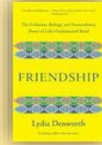
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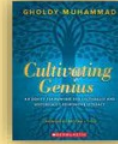
UPCOMING EVENTS



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



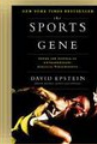
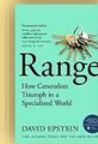
Cultivating Genius and Joy at Home to Ensure All Children Thrive
 Dr. Gholdy Muhammad
 Wednesday, January 2 at 7 pm



13 Things Mentally Strong Kids Do
 Amy Morin
 Wednesday, January 19 at noon and 7pm



Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World
 David Epstein
 Wednesday, January 26 at 7 pm



Preparing to Achieve: Full Life Ahead
 Dr. Michael Allen
 Wednesday, February 2 at 7 pm



B-PAC/GPS PROGRAMS IN SPANISH



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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