Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

January 24, 2023

Principal Message

Greetings, Raiders,

The start of 2023 and second semester have been filled with excitement in the Raider hallways.



Here are just a few of the many highlights:

- Our juniors are a couple of weeks into their SAT prep journey with our evening course, doing the final preparation for the exam in April.
- We definitely "Packed the Place" on January 13th and proudly supported our Winter athletes.
- Our Dance team has qualified for the IHSA State Competition and will be competing this Friday.
- Ryan Kalebic was the sectional bowling champion and will be competing at the IHSA State Bowling competition.
- Our orchestra joined the New Philharmonic concert at College of DuPage this past weekend at the MAC.
- Our theatre program has determined the cast for Anastasia and has begun to dive into rehearsals. Save the date for the show: April 20th-22nd.
- Our speech team and chess team have had a great deal of success in their tournaments that we hosted at Glenbard South over the past two weekends.
- Our Girls Basketball team is on fire with an outstanding record of 17-5 and going strong, with 7 more regular season games to go!
- Coach Hardtke, with his Boys Basketball team has tied the all-time winning record for Wins as the Head Basketball coach at Glenbard South, with 245 all-time wins. Be sure to come out for a game to see history made with 8 more regular season games to go!

Our students finished strong in the first semester, with 98.7% of all grades earned were passing grades and 92.6% of all grades were C or higher for our student body. We want our students to keep up the hard work and remember, we are here to support your student. Reach out to teachers, counselors, Students Services, and Administration with questions. WE are in this together and want the best for every Raider in this school!

Please support our Boosters and sign up for events below. We have Trivia Night and our Golf Outing coming up! Funds raised directly support our students through athletics, the arts, activities, academic clubs, and more.

With Raider Pride, Principal Santee







FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES
Ms. Marina Kosak



Winter Formal Dance

Our Student Council is planning a Winter Formal Dance that will be held in the Commons on Saturday, February 25th from 7-9 pm. The theme is, "Out of this World Winter Formal". Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale beginning February 13th. This is a tradition that we would like to bring back to Glenbard South and are hoping to see our students come out on the 25th to enjoy some time with their fellow Raiders.



Parking

Just a quick reminder that any student who drives to school must have a Glenbard South permit to park on campus. Students are assigned spots and must adhere to that parking space. If you have any questions please have your student stop by the Deans' Office to ask. Thank you for your cooperation!

Valentine for Vets

We will be continuing with our South tradition of writing and sending Valentine cards to our veterans. Students will have the opportunity to create their own design during their lunch period on Wednesday, February 1st. It is a way for our students to say thank you to our veterans who have served our country.



How to apply for NHS

== 2nd Semester of Junior year ==

National Honor Society is based on four tenets: Leadership, Scholarship, Character and Service. All of these things play a role in determining your eligibility. Most importantly work hard to maintain a strong GPA all four years and get involved in volunteer opportunities prior to applying.

Step 1: January-Mid February

To be eligible to receive an application you must have maintained a GPA of 3.44 or above through the first semester of your junior year. After finals, the sponsor receives a list of eligible candidates. Copies of the application are prepared for distribution to students' 2nd or 3rd period classes. Most applications are delivered by the 2nd week in February. If you feel your student is eligible but has not received an application by this time please contact the sponsor to check on your individual case.

Step 2: Mid-February - Mid-March

Once the student has their application, it is their job to turn it in when it is completed by the due date listed on the application. No late applications are accepted! In addition to filling out their membership information packet they must solicit 4 teacher or coach recommendations. AGAIN- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE TURNED IN ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE INDICATED. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

It's not to late to get involved!

Does it seem like your student has some time on their hands with the beginning of the new semester? It is never too late to join an extracurricular activity or club. We have clubs that span so many different interests. You and your student can see all of our clubs and activity offerings by visiting our website. If they have any questions please have them contact Ms. Kosak (APSS) or Dr. Chaloka (Assistant Activity Director).

Fine Arts Newsletter

Please click on the LINK to view the Fine Arts Winter Newsletter.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION
Mr. Taff Nielsen

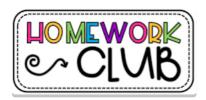
FirstView

Glenbard South High School is excited to announce we are piloting *FirstView*, a bus tracking and communication app for your smartphone or desktop. *FirstView* allows our students and families the ability to know where their bus is before school and after school. You may register at any time. Please go to our website or click on this <u>LINK</u> to learn more.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION Mr. Sean Byrne





Please encourage your Raider to attend Homework Club

Homework Club is an afterschool program and all students are welcome! Students can stop in to get help with assignments, use the time to get organized before leaving for home, or just use it as a quiet place to get some work completed.

Homework Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:15 in the library. There is an activity bus, which departs Glenbard South at 3:30 pm and an athletic bus that leaves school at 5:30 pm.

Important Upcoming Testing Dates

Families should keep these dates in mind for future planning. These testing dates are important for all assigned students to be in attendance.

- SAT
 - Wednesday, April 12, 2023
 - Juniors Only; No school for other students.
- PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10:
 - Monday, April 17, 2023
 - Freshman and Sophomores Only; No school for other students.
- AP Testing
 - May 1 12, 2023
 - Students registered for these tests when they enrolled in AP Classroom at the beginning of the school year.
 - Each subject is tested on a different day. Please see THIS LINK for specific dates.

More information will be given to students closer to the testing dates.

School Counseling

Enrollment Season is Upon Us!

Counselors are meeting with current freshmen, sophomores and juniors throughout the month of January in a one on one setting. At these meetings, counselors are reviewing students' credits, class selection for next year and signing them up for summer school as needed. The Academic Program Guidebook is available online to help you better understand our course offerings. It is linked here and can be found under the Parents/Families tab.

If you have a junior/senior athlete, or a member of our marching band, and your student plans to apply for a **PE waiver** to take an additional academic class, please make sure they communicate this with their counselor when we meet. Deadline to file for a PE waiver is February 3, 2023.

FAFSA required for seniors!

A non-academic **graduation requirement** for seniors this year is that you either need to file the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> (FAFSA), or the <u>Alternate Application for Illinois Financial Aid</u>, or to submit a FAFSA <u>Non-participation form</u> 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, Avalon Bruno, can help you file your FAFSA. There are appointments available to our students on most Thursdays. Parents may also meet with Avalon, and may 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. (Servicio en Español (773) 823-0570.)

Scholarship Information

The application for the <u>Ed Posh Scholarship</u> is now open and is due by January 31, 2023. A link is also 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, Mr. Hudgins at <u>nicholas_hudgins@glenbard.org</u>

Every year, 50+ local organizations provide scholarships for Glenbard South students. In order to be considered for all of these scholarships, <u>seniors only need to complete ONE application</u>. Glenbard South's Local Scholarship application will be live on Naviance starting Thursday, December 1st. The application is due in its entirety on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 11:59pm. Please find more information including directions and required forms <u>here</u>.

SENIORS:

It is not too late to apply for college!! Many deadlines are between January 1st and February 1st.

Upcoming deadline to some colleges that are popular with our students:

Benedictine - rolling admission (no priority deadline)

Butler - February 1 for regular decision (rolling after)

DePaul - February 1 for regular decision

Dominican University - rolling after priority date of November 15

Elmhurst - rolling after their Early Action of November 1

Indiana (Bloomington) - February 1 for regular decision

Illinois State - rolling as space allows after November 1 priority deadline

Iowa State University - rolling admission

Michigan State University - February 1 for regular decision, rolling admission after

North Central - rolling admission

Purdue - January 15 regular decision

UIC - February 1 regular decision

UIUC - January 5 regular decision

University of Iowa - rolling admission



Valentine for Vets-Volunteers Needed

Valentines for Vets will take place during lunch periods on Feb 1, 2023.

The Village of Glendale Heights delivers beautifully written and decorated valentines collected from the community to Illinois veteran homes and veteran hospitals. Glenbard South students will create valentine cards for veterans during lunch periods on February 1. We need volunteers to hand out supplies and read cards for appropriateness during the lunch periods, and we need one volunteer to deliver the cards to Glendale Village Hall by 3:30pm.

Please click on the link to sign up to help. Thank you! <u>Valentines for Vets</u>

The ACTS Committee – Advocating Character Through Service

Contact Lynn Lullo (lynn.lullo@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Booster Trivia Night: Sign up right away!



Golf Outing Information



Booster Membership

Glenbard South Boosters





REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR TODAY!

Become a Boosters Member www.gsboosters.org/joinnow

The purpose of the GBS Boosters is to encourage and promote all extracurricular activities to enrich the student experience at Glenbard South. Boosters raise funds through membership fees, donations, concessions, Raider Wear sales, and social events throughout the year. Members can also purchase annual activity and parking passes.

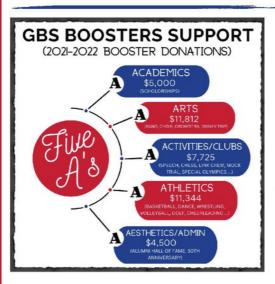








Glenbard D87 Family Activity Pass admits parents/guardians and siblings, 8th grade and younger, to all Glenbard home athletic contests and concerts. Current students are admitted free with student IDs School musicals, plays and IHSA tournaments are not included.



Become a Boosters Sponsor

www.gsboosters.org/sponsorships

When you donate to the Boosters, your name will appear on the Boosters website and will be publicized at events throughout the year. A 50 l(c){3) tax receipt will be provided if requested.



Become a Boosters Volunteer

www.gsboosters.org/get-involved

Participate in your student's high school world and get to know other students, parents, teachers, and administrators!



GLENBARD SOUTH BOOSTERS

Glenbard Parent Series





Glenbard Parent Series

www.glenbardgps.org

Join other parents, high school and middle school students, and professionals to learn about issues facing today's youth. The Glenbard Parent Series engages top experts, parents and school staff to become proactive and informed in pursuit of the mutual goal to strengthen our communities. Programs are free and open to the public.



Navigating Healthy Families













to our virtual programs can be found on our web site: GlenbardGPS.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Strategies to Foster Kids' Social Skills Michelle Garcia Winner, Founder of "Social Thinking" Wednesday, January 25 at noon and 7pm



Additional information and links





BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT Motivating, Supporting and Expanding the Capacity of all Students Zaretta Hammond Wednesday February 1 at 7pm





Essential Communication and Life Skills: A Kid's Guide to Growing Up Dr. Catherine Newman

Wednesday, February 8 at noon and 7pm







Take in the Good: Skills for Staying Positive, **Reducing Stress and Living Your Best Life** Gina Biegel Wednesday, February 15 at noon and 7pm





Relaciones Actuales entre Adolescentes/ **Teen Relationships Today** BPAC event presented in Spanish Ana Mandujano, YWCA Educator Thursday, February 16 at 6pm





LIVE LIFE WELL WEEK EVENT The Grownup's Guide to the Human Teenager: How to **Decode Their Behavior and Develop Their Trust** Thursday, February 23 at noon and 7pm







Start Them Off Right: Partnerships that Build Early **Childhood Success**

For parents of children ages 2 to 7 years old Dr. Iheoma Iruka with Dr. Junlei Li and Michaeleen Doucheff Tuesday, Februray 28 at noon and 7pm





Live Your Excellence: Bring Your Best Self to Work and Home Every Day Jimmy Casas Thursday, March 2 at 7pm







Growing Up Public: Helping Kids Navigate On-Line Privacy and Reputation

Dr. Devorah Heitner Tuesday, March 7 at noon and 7pm



Strategies to Foster Social Skills





Michelle Garcia Winner

Noon, CST Wednesday, Jan. 25 and

7:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, Jan. 25

Link at GlenbardGPS.org

Celebrating Black History Month

Motivating, Supporting and Expanding the Capacity of All Students

Zaretta Hammond 7:00 p.m. CST Wednesday, Feb. 1 Link at GlenbardGPS.org





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