

Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

August 16, 2023



Principal

Welcome Back Raiders to the 2023-24 School Year!

Raiders,

We are excited to welcome back our students for the first day, tomorrow, August 17th. This newsletter is filled with important information for the start of the school year for your review.

A few important reminders to be ready for a successful start:

- All students should bring their school-issued IDs to show at Door 1 or Door 4 to enter the school in the morning. Students should take a full screen picture of their ID to keep on their iPads. This can be used as alternative to show this to enter the building. Students that do not have their ID will need to show their iPad with their current schedule to enter the building tomorrow.
- Please be sure to check PowerSchool for updated schedule, there could be changes to periods of classes or room numbers.
- All students should wear their new Raider shirt on Friday, August 18th.

Please take the time to [review this video](#) for more information to all families about our new schedule and what to expect about Raider Hour.

Remember we are here to support your student and family. Please reach out if you have questions any time throughout the year. The teachers want to hear from you if you ever have questions or concerns.

On Friday, August 18th we will host our Blue and White Night for all of our fall sports. Join us to watch and cheer on our scrimmages between 4:30 - 8:30 all around our Raider campus. Hope to see you there!

Wishing you a great start to the year!

With Raider Pride,

Principal Santee





FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen

Bus Route Information

Glenbard contracts with First Student and Hopewell Inc. for bus transportation services. Hopewell provides transportation services for our special education transportation needs. Students that are eligible for bus transportation using First Student buses can find their bus route information on their schedules that get distributed at Back-to-School Week. Additional transportation information can be found on our [website](#).

New Food Service Provider: OrganicLife

Our new food service provider is OrganicLife. They will be open for breakfast and lunch. Student menus are available on Nutrislice which can be found on the school website or using this link:

<https://glenbard87.nutrislice.com/menu>.

Pushcoin

This year we will use Pushcoin for students to purchase lunch. Cash will still be accepted, however, credit/debit cards will no longer be accepted in the lunch line. Students can fund their account and check their lunch balance directly from their iPad following simple instructions.

1. Go to www.pushcoin.com or use the link on the school iPad
2. Select the GOOGLE icon
3. Sign on using your Glenbard email and password
4. Follow these steps for a One-Time Setup Process:
 - Select "Add a Student"
 - Select "I don't have a code"
 - Enter school, student ID #, name, & birthdate & check box
 - Click to confirm student
 1. Choose "Fund Wallet"
 2. Enter the payment source
 - 3. Follow the prompts to add any amount from a checking account or credit/debit card. Please note, e-checks do not charge a service fee, but credit/debit cards do.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne



Open House: August 31

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Thursday, August 31 for Open House**. Zero Hour will begin at 5:45, with First Period beginning at 6:00. Friday, September 2nd is a 12:35 pm dismissal for all students.

NEW THIS YEAR: We will have an optional parent meeting, prior to Open House, starting at 5:00. At this meeting we will discuss our P/SAT testing this year and AP/Dual Credit courses. We want to make sure you have information and the tools necessary to support your student. More information will be shared as we get closer to the date.

All Juniors will be participating in the **PSAT/NMSQT exam on Wednesday, October 11th**. 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 will be held on October 25 and 26. Both school days will be early release days for students (1:10 dismissal). On October 25, conferences will be virtual (on Zoom) from 4 - 8 pm. On October 26, conferences will be in person in classrooms, from 2 - 6 pm. Friday, October 27 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 sent information about specific registration dates as soon as it is available.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

Activities/Athletic Fair

We are excited to see our Raiders on Thursday, August 17th for the first day of school. We have some exciting things happening this year at Glenbard South. We will start Wednesday, **August 23rd** with our Activity/Athletic Fair during ALL lunch periods. All of our students will be invited to the gym during the first half of their lunch period to learn more about what clubs and athletic teams we have to offer. We know that the more students are connected to school their success rate increases both academically as well as socially. Our goal is for all of our students to find a club, activity or sport that they will enjoy being a part of.

Homecoming

Homecoming this year will take place the week of **September 18th**. We will have activities throughout the week that will celebrate our Raider Pride. We will conclude the week with our Homecoming dance on **Saturday, September 23rd**. The students will hear more about all of our plans as we head into September.

School Counseling



Fall 2023: Senior Success Tuesdays



Counselors will be presenting important information weekly. These meetings will take place after school, during PLC time on Tuesdays, from 1:58pm-2:40pm. Bus service is available at 4:30pm and 5:30 pm. Seniors are encouraged to attend all of these meetings. Below is the schedule of session topics. All sessions will be held in the Little Theatre.

Date	Topic
August 29, 2023	Finding Your College Fit
September 5, 2023	Building Your List of Schools in Schoolinks
September 12, 2023	Overview of the Common Application
September 19, 2023	How to Pay for College: FSA ID* and Scholarships
September 26, 2023	Essay Writing Workshop
October 3, 2023	What All Seniors Must Do in Schoolinks
October 17, 2023	Local Scholarship Information
October 24, 2023	College Application Workshop
October 31, 2023	College Application Workshop
November 7, 2023	Other Postsecondary Options: Trades & Military
November 14, 2023	College of DuPage Workshop

*FAFSA is a graduation requirement



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS

Mr. Tim Carlson

Blue White Night

Be sure to join us on Friday, August 18th for our annual Blue White Night. This night serves as the preview for the fall sports season for our Raiders. Come out and see our teams scrimmage as they get ready for the fall season. The concession stand will be open along with spirit wear sales. You can also pick up your activity passes on this night as well. See the schedule below for all of the night's festivities. It promises to be a great night to showcase our Raiders for the community.

BLUE/WHITE SCRIMMAGE NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2023

Scrimmage Volleyball (Freshman) Raider Gym 4:30PM 5:15PM
Scrimmage Volleyball (Soph/JV) Raider Gym 5:15PM 6:00PM
Scrimmage Volleyball (Varsity) Raider Gym 6:00PM 6:45PM
Scrimmage Girls Tennis Tennis Courts 4:30PM 5:30PM
Scrimmage Boys Soccer (F/S) Upper East Field 4:30PM 5:45PM
Scrimmage Football (F/FS) Raider Stadium 4:30PM 5:45PM
Performance Cheerleading (JV) Raider Stadium Halftime of F/S Scrimmage
Time Trial Cross Country (B) Raider Stadium 5:45PM 6:00PM
Time Trial Cross Country (G) Raider Stadium 6:00PM 6:15PM
Scrimmage Boys Soccer (JV/V) Raider Stadium 6:15PM 7:30PM
Demonstration Boys/Girls Golf Raider Stadium 6:00PM 7:30PM
Recognition All Fall Sports Raider Stadium 7:35PM 7:45PM
Performance Choir (Natl. Anthem) Raider Stadium 7:45PM 7:48PM
Scrimmage Football (Varsity) Raider Stadium 7:50PM 8:45PM
Performance Cheerleading/Dance Raider Stadium Halftime of V FB Scrimmage

*Golf Demonstration will include putting greens, chipping nets and an oversized golf drive activity for all guests to enjoy.

PE Waivers for 11th/12th grade Athletes and 9-12 Marching Band students

Any 11th and 12th grade student athletes and any 9-12 grade marching band student, without a study hall currently on their schedule can complete a PE Waiver form that allows the student to attend a study hall for the duration of the season. After the season, athletes return to class. Forms are available in the Athletic office. Completed forms must be turned in by **AUGUST 23RD** to Assistant Principal of Student Services, Mrs. Marina Kosak in the main office.

Glenbard Parent Series



Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

Upcoming GPS Speakers

UPCOMING EVENTS



Never Enough: Inspiring Balanced Achievement, Self-Confidence and The Power of Mattering

Jennifer Breheny Wallace
 At noon in conversation with Lori Gottlieb
 At 7 pm in conversation with Julie Lythcott-Haims
 Tuesday, August 29



Suicide Prevention Month Event: Let's Talk About It! Suicide and Other Destructive Self-Harm Behaviors

Matthew Nock, PhD
 Wednesday September 6 at noon and 7 pm



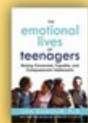
Financial Aid Workshop: Discovering the Best College Fit at the Best Price

Frank Palmasani
 Thursday September 7 at 7 pm



The Emotional Lives of Teens: A Playbook to Thrive in Trying Times

Lisa Damour, PhD
 Wednesday, September 13 at noon and 7 pm



Valuing and Celebrating our Students' Success & The Steps to a Happy, Healthy, High Functioning Life

Dr. Derrick Wells
 IN-PERSON at Glenbard West High School.
 Thursday, September 14 at 6pm



The Path to Loving Ourselves: Self-Compassion and Self Care for Turbulent Times

Shelly Tygielski
 Tuesday, September 19 at noon and 7 pm



Planificar el éxito: en el instituto y más allá: El proceso de solicitud de ingreso en la Universidad
Bilingual Parent Advisory Council/GPS Program in Spanish

Lissete Ochoa and Lizette Ramirez
 Thursday, September 21 at 7pm



COMMUNITY READ
The Promise of a Pencil: The Story of How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change

Adam Braun
 Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm



Boosters

The purpose of the GBS Boosters is to encourage and promote all extracurricular activities at Glenbard South. GBS Boosters supports music, arts, academics (scholarships), and after-school clubs in addition to athletics.

GBS Boosters raise money through membership fees, donations, concessions, Raider Wear sales, and social events throughout the year.

All GBS families, alumni, teachers, staff members, and members of the community are invited to become part of the Boosters.

Please consider becoming a Glenbard South Booster. Click on the link below for more information.



[Become a Member - Gl...](#)

www.gsboosters.org

We invite all community members, alumni, parents, and faculty to join the Glenbard South Boosters.



Glenbard South High School

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