

Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

October 10, 2023



From the office of the Principal



Greetings Raider Families,

I would like to update you on **Raider Hour** at Glenbard South. We are seven weeks into the semester and we have had 13 Raider Hour sessions: 8 **advisory** sessions and 5 **agency** sessions. During our **advisory** sessions students attend an assigned homeroom with two staff members leading and approximately 25-27 other students in the same grade level. We have used these sessions for class meetings, school spirit and culture building, a virtual and in-person pep rally, safety information, a fire drill and PSAT information. During our **agency** sessions students sign up to a session of their choice with a teacher or are assigned to an important school counseling curriculum session around post-secondary planning. [This document](#) is a sample of sessions offered to our students on Friday, October 6th. Students are using the Glenbard School District 87 App (GSD87) on their iPad to make their selection for agency days. The app has been custom-built to meet our needs for our new schedule around the district. The app had some functionality issues to start, but updates are being made regularly and it is working better every day.

Here are some important reminders to keep in mind with Raider Hour Expectations:

- It is an **expectation that ALL students select a location** to attend during Raider Hour. Students may schedule up to four sessions of Raider Hour ahead of time.
- A major component of Raider Hour is teaching students how to **prioritize their responsibilities** and to **empower students to make good decisions**. Students should be using this time to make up missed work, retake assessments, ask questions, do additional practice, collaborate or study with others, take advantage of enrichment opportunities, or take the needed time to meet with counselors, social workers, case managers or others.
- Students should **prioritize meeting with a teacher** in any class that they are in need of extra help over going to a study hall session. A **student may be assigned by a teacher** if the teacher knows the student needs help or needs to make something up and hasn't signed up for it on their own. The choice to sign up is a privilege.
- **Attendance is required** the same way that it is for any other class. These are instructional minutes in our students' day. .

I hope we can work together to continue to reinforce these expectations. Our collective experience has been very positive and productive. I would encourage you to ask your student what they have signed up for and ask to see the app so that you can see the offerings available and the general workflow of the process.

Please reach out with any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of the month, and at our final fall sport events.

With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen

Semester 1 Important Dates

Click [HERE](#) for important dates to save in your calendar.

Veterans Day

Glenbard South will once again honor our Veterans on Veterans Day with United States Flags displayed around our property. Please use this [FORM](#) to submit the name and branch of military of the family member you would like to have a United States Flag displayed for at Glenbard South.

Safety Drills at Glenbard South

The safety of Glenbard South students and staff is our top priority each day. Part of staying safe is being prepared for emergencies. In order to maintain a safe environment, we must routinely practice safety drills and procedures. Glenbard South conducts all required drills in accordance and partnership with the Regional Office of Education, the Dupage County Sheriff's Office and the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department.

This year we have already practiced a bus evacuation drill and fire drill. We have also had all students and staff view an important safety video with procedures during the first week of school. Next we will complete a Lockdown/Violent Intruder Drill on November 10, 2023. During this drill, students will review procedures in the event of a lockdown or school evacuation. We will also take time to practice a lockdown drill. During the drill administrators will partner with Dupage County Sheriff to check the building and classrooms to make sure the building is secure. Once the building has been checked, an all-clear will be announced and classes will return to normal. Administrators partnering with Dupage County Sheriff will check rooms for noise or any unlocked doors. Once the building has been checked, an all-clear will be announced and classes will return to normal.

Please talk with your student about the importance of taking all drills seriously in order to help keep Glenbard South as safe. Thank you for your partnership.

OrganicLife Food Service

Glenbard District 87 is pleased to partner with OrganicLife as our new food service provider. Organic Life menu offerings and nutrition/allergen information [here](#).

We encourage you to visit www.pushcoin.com to sign up for the prepayment option with their easy-to-use system.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne



Parent-Teacher Conferences

At 6:00 PM on this Sunday, October 8, the PowerPTC portal will open, allowing you to schedule Parent-teacher conferences for this year. Instructions for how to schedule conferences can be found [here](#). All conferences must be scheduled by 11:59 PM on Sunday, October 22.

As a reminder, parent-teacher conferences will be held at Glenbard South on October 25 and 26. Both school days will be early release days for students (1:10 dismissal). On Wednesday, October 25, conferences will be virtual (on Zoom) from 4 to 8pm. On Thursday, October 26, conferences will be in person in classrooms from 2 - 6 pm. Friday, October 27 is a non-attendance day for all students.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

We had a fabulous time celebrating our recent Homecoming week. While we have thanked all of the staff that helped out I would like to also say thank you to our students and families for making it a real success. We had great attendance throughout the whole week, culminating in our Homecoming dance on Saturday night. The students were always so energetic and appreciative of all of our planned activities. We owe a lot to our students for helping to make it not only a successful week but a fun one as well.

Gratitude Day

On November 15th after school we will celebrate our annual "Gratitude Day". This is always a fun event where students come together and make special cards to those staff members who have made a difference. We encourage all students to attend. We partner with the Boosters and I know they would appreciate it if you are able to volunteer after school for this popular event. Here is the link to the Booster sign-up [Sign Up Genius - Gratitude Day](#).



Congratulations

Glenbard South and Directions student Ayaan Mamda was celebrated on 9/21 for earning the Student of the Month award at the Technology Center of DuPage for his performance and commitment to the Early Childhood Education and Care Program. We are extremely proud of him and his work in the Early Childhood program.



Fine Arts College and Career Night

On Tuesday, October 10th, Glenbard is partnering with the College of DuPage for a Fine Arts College and Career Night.

This is an event taking place the same night at College of DuPage's larger [college fair](#), where over 200 colleges will be represented in their PE Arena. Click on this link and see the "Participating Colleges and Universities" tab. That event is from 6-8pm.

Glenbard is hosting a Fine Arts specific event that night which overlaps the general college fair, and the schedule that night looks as follows:

- **5:30pm- 6:15pm-** Keynote address by a Glenbard South/COD graduate in the fine arts field (David Govertsen, an opera singer in Chicago). He will be telling students about his experience getting into the professional world of fine arts
- **6:15pm-7pm-** Breakout rooms by discipline, where students can ask questions about their area/field of interest with local college fine arts professors (music, visual arts, theatre, and motion picture/television rooms)
- **7pm-8pm-** Students can go and explore the College Fair in the adjacent PE arena



GLENBARD DISTRICT 87



FINE ARTS COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT

Tuesday, October 10
College of DuPage
McAninch Arts Center
In conjunction with COD's College Fair

5:30-6:15pm - Keynote Address / Belushi Hall

6:15-7:00pm - Breakout Sessions by Discipline

(Music, Visual Art, Theatre, Motion Picture/TV)

7:00-8:00pm - College Fair in PE Arena

Featuring

David Govertsen, Keynote Speaker
Professional Singer and
Glenbard South/COD Alumnus



Breakout Sessions with
Local Fine Arts College Faculty



General College of DuPage
College Fair Information



Health Office Information

FIGHT THE FLU

The best defense is a good offense. Get your flu shot. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season. You can find locations that offer that flu vaccine here: [Flu vaccine finder](#) or contact your primary care physician.

COVID vaccines continue to be one of the best and safest ways to protect ourselves and our loved ones against severe COVID illness. Updated COVID vaccines are designed to target the variants currently circulating. The CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get an updated COVID vaccine to protect against potentially serious outcomes of COVID illness this fall and winter. Please use this link for more information: [Updated COVID vaccine information](#)

School Counseling

College of DuPage (COD) Application Workshop - Tuesday, November 14th, during all lunch periods and PLC

Counselors hosted a large COD workshop during Raider aHour on September 29th. Many of our students took advantage of following all of the steps and applying to COD. Some were able to submit their application on that day. Others saved their progress to go home and finish on their own. However, if your senior still plans to apply to COD, we will be hosting an application workshop with a representative from COD at South. Please email your student's school counselor if you would like to make sure your student gets a pass to this important event. COD is waiving the \$20 application fee for the 2023-24 academic year. The Fall 2024 promo code for the \$20 waiver is 2023HSW.

Senior Success small groups during Raider Agency

School counselors are hosting small senior groups to answer any remaining questions your seniors may still have about the college application process. Seniors can sign up during their Raider Agency days of Oct 6th, Oct 13th and Oct 16th. Following a week of activities focused on post secondary plans, seniors have been meeting with counselors in small groups to address any remaining questions about college applications.

Parent Meetings with Juniors and Counselors

Stay tuned to your email. Parents of juniors will receive a letter inviting them to meet with their student's school counselor. These optional meetings will focus on reviewing transcripts, checking credits and graduation requirements, discussing SAT testing, and post-secondary plans for your junior. If you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's school counselor, **please email Mrs. Duffy at michelle.duffy@glenbard.org for an appointment; please include your availability for the meeting in your email.** She will be scheduling 30 minute appointments during the months of November and December, before winter break, during regular school hours. These meetings can take place either in person or virtual.

FAFSA workshops

Glenbard South is hosting a series of FAFSA workshops, both in person and virtual. .

The first event is a virtual FSA ID workshop. Both students and parents need an FSA ID number. This unique digital ID is how you sign your student's electronic FAFSA. It must be created 24-48 hours before filing your actual FAFSA.

The in-person FAFSA workshop is scheduled on Tuesday, January 23rd, from 2pm-4pm. The virtual FAFSA workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th, at 6pm. The Zoom links will be sent to

parents and students via email and Schoology.

There are some changes that are happening to the FAFSA form. Here is an [article](#) that helps explain the changes

TCD Explore Day

The Technology Center of DuPage is hosting an Explore Day for our students on Thursday, November 30th during the school day. TCD is our advanced career and technical elective education program for juniors and seniors, offering 18 different in-depth and hands-on programs. Check out the list of options [here](#) and pick up the permission form from the school counseling office. This is TCD:

https://youtu.be/Q42pIBQ_CUI

College and Career Planning Continues

College, Military, and Career Visits at Glenbard South: Glenbard South routinely hosts college and military representatives to meet with our students. 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. Some upcoming visits in October include: DePaul, Illinois State, North Central, Purdue, and the University of Kansas, as well as the Army, Navy and Illinois National Guard.

Check out the links below and sign up in SchoolLinks to attend.

[How to Sign Up for a Visit in SchoolLinks](#)

[College and Military Speakers by Date](#)

Illinois Regional College Fair

College of DuPage will host over 190 colleges and universities at the Illinois Regional College Fair on Tuesday, October 10 from 6-8pm. Check [here](#) for more information and to register for this free event.

Specialty Virtual College Fairs

GoToCollegeFairs is hosting two virtual fairs in October, the Learning Differences College Fair on Thursday, October 12 and the First Generation College Fair on Wednesday, October 25. These events also include live education sessions on topics relevant to the college search. Check [here](#) for more information and to register for these free events.

Career Planning Resources

SchoolLinks 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 [this link](#). Please stop in the Career Center and speak to Ms. Lange for assistance with career exploration.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS

Mr. Tim Carlson

Winter Sports Start Dates

Winter sports will be starting soon. Start dates are listed below. Please remember that in order to participate in tryouts, a student must be registered in PowerSchool and have an updated physical on file in the athletic office.

Boys Bowling (Co-op with East)-October 23rd

Competitive Cheerleading-October 23rd

Competitive Dance-October 23rd

Girls Basketball-October 30th

Boys Basketball-November 6th

Girls Gymnastics-November 6th

Boys Wrestling-November 6th

Girls Wrestling-November 6th

Girls Bowling (Co-op with East)-November 13th

Boys Swimming (Co-op with West)-November 20th

Additional Livestream Platform for Athletic Events

In addition to our livestreams on the NFHS Network, we will also be live streaming regular season events in the stadium and gym via our HUDL Focus camera. You can access our HUDL channel at:

[https://fan.hudl.com/glenbardsouth.](https://fan.hudl.com/glenbardsouth)

Superintendent



Glenbard Parent Series' free programs provide support for families

As adults, we seek guidance and advice about financial planning, our health and more, but it is not as common for adults to seek advice about raising children.

We are fortunate to have the Glenbard Parent Series (GPS), which provides a wealth of resources for families through free webinars. GPS hosts dozens of programs throughout the year, all aimed at helping children of every age thrive.

The programs feature national experts and local educators sharing information and strategies about issues that families face.

Each month, GPS presents several free programs during the afternoon and evening. No registration is required for these programs. The majority of the programs are webinars.

Student and Community Projects Coordinator Gilda Ross does a tremendous job coordinating GPS and lining up esteemed experts. These guest speakers discuss everything from teaching young people resilience to preparing for college to understanding anxiety, depression and addiction to managing stress and more.

There are webinars for families with teens, middle school children and children as young as age 3. Here are a few examples of GPS events this semester:

- What Happened to You: Conversations on Trauma, Resilience, and Healing A shift from 'What is Wrong with You'
- Confronting Cyberbullying and Careless, Unwise Social Media Use in Tech-Savvy Kids
- The Power of Mindfulness to Increase Calm and Joy in Young Children
- How to Support Your Child's Health and Wellbeing
- Congratulations, You're Having a Teen!: The Guidebook You Always Wanted!
- 8 Failures/Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success

Programs include events hosted by the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee/Glenbard Parent Series-Spanish; Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee/GPS in Gujarati; and Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee/GPS in Urdu and Hindi; and Families United in Support of Excellence and Equity of all Students, Especially Those That Identity as African American or Black (FUSE).

Check out the schedule of GPS events at glenbardgps.org and plan to attend the programs that meet your needs. There's no need to go it alone when support from GPS is just a click away.

Glenbard Parent Series

GPS GLENBARD PARENT SERIES

Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

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Additional information and links to our virtual programs can be found on our web site: GlenbardGPS.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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|  | What Happened to You: Conversations on Trauma, Resilience and Healing <i>A shift from "What is wrong with you?"</i> Bruce Perry, MD PhD Wednesday, October 11 at noon and 7pm |  |
|  | Confronting Cyber Bullying and Unwise Social Media Use in Tech Savvy Kids Dr. Sameer Hinduja Wednesday, October 18 at noon and 7pm |  |
|  | Cómo apoyar la salud y el bienestar de su hijo/ How to Support Your Child's Health and Wellbeing <i>Bilingual Parent Advisory Council/GPS Program in Spanish</i> Ana Belaval, journalist & TV personality Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm |  |
|  | Can't Do or Won't Do? Executive Functioning Skill Building to Solve Behavior Challenges Sasha Long Wednesday, November 1 at noon and 7pm |  |
|  | The Power of Mindfulness to Increase Calm and Joy in Young Children <i>Early Childhood Event</i> Shauna Shapiro, PhD Thursday, November 2 at noon and 7 pm |  |
|  | Congratulations, You're Having a Teen! The Guidebook You Always Wanted! <i>Special two hour event</i> Ken Ginsburg, MD Thursday, November 9 at noon and 7pm |  |
|  | Update on Social Media and Teen Mental Health Mitch Prinstein PhD and Eva Telzer PhD Tuesday, November 14 at noon and 7 pm |  |
|  | Consejos de comunicación para hablar con los adolescentes/Communication Tips for Talking to Teens <i>BPAC event presented in Spanish only</i> Dr. Fernely Ramirez Thursday, November 16 at 6pm in person at Glenbard East |  |


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 - Glenbard South Boosters](#)

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www.gsboosters.org

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



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