



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

December 12, 2023

Happy
Holidays

From the office of:
The Principal



Raider Families,

December is upon us and is already racing by as we approach the end of the first semester. Final exams are scheduled for December 20, 21, and 22nd (see more information below). Be sure to encourage your student to take advantage of going for help during Raider hour, attending study sessions, review the materials from throughout the semester, ask for extra help offered by teachers or attend our ongoing resources like the Math Lab, the Writing Center, afterschool Homework Club, 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!

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

Best wishes,

Principal Santee

Final Exams

Glenbard South High School
FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2023-24

	7:35 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:35	10:35 - 10:45	10:45 - 12:10	12:20 - 1:20
Day 1 Wednesday 12/20/23	Period 5 Exam	Break	Period 3 Exam	Break	Period 7 Exam	Resource Period
Day 2 Thursday 12/21/23	Period 6 Exam	Break	Period 2 Exam	Break	Period 8 Exam	Resource Period
Day 3 Friday 12/22/23	Period 4 Exam	Break	Period 1 Exam	Break	Rescheduled/ Make-up Exam & Zero Hour PE	Resource Period

BUS SCHEDULE FOR FINAL EXAMS

(There will be regular morning bus service on all exam days)

	Regular Bus Depart	Activity Bus Depart	Athletic Bus Depart
Day 1 Wednesday 12/20/23	12:20	1:30	3:45
Day 2 Thursday 12/21/23	12:20	1:30	3:45
Day 3 Friday 12/22/23	10:45	No Activity Bus Needed	3:30

Meal Service

Students can purchase breakfast and lunch on exam days in the school cafeteria.

Quiet Study Areas

Supervised quiet study areas will be available to students during their free time in the Commons and the LRC. No students will be allowed in the halls without a pass during the exam periods. All students are to remain in their classes during the entire period.

Technology Center of DuPage

The last day for TCD for 1st semester is December 19, 2023.

You can also reference the Glenbard South [WEBSITE](#) for these important dates.

Raider Holiday Festivities

Hot Chocolate: December 19, 2023

Our administration will be giving out hot chocolate to all students before school on Tuesday, December 19th by the commons. There will be live music compliments of our music department as well to kick off the holiday spirit and to wish all of our students good luck.



Winter spirit week is here!

While finals are approaching we want to make sure that students are keeping a positive spirit, our Student Council is sponsoring our winter spirit week. We will celebrate the week before exams. Our dress up days are sure to be a big hit!

Monday 12/11- Pajama Day

Tuesday 12/12- Grout fit Day

Wednesday 12/13- Dress like a Candy Cane

Thursday 12/14- Holiday Wear Day

Friday 12/15- Raider Pride Day

Pack the Place Save the Date

Be sure to join us on Friday, January 12th for our annual Pack the Place. We will have boys and girls basketball, girls gymnastics, and wrestling competing along with performances by the cheer and dance teams. The band will be on hand to provide musical entertainment as well. We will also have contests and prizes. At halftime of the girls varsity basketball game, we will have our state banner unveiling for our State Runner Up Boys Cross Country team. Wear your Red, White, and Blue and come out and support our Raiders for what will be a great community night.



**SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING**

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.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION
Mr. Taff Nielsen

Final Exam Information

The end of the semester and Final Exams are right around the corner. Please make sure to reference the Glenbard South [WEBSITE](#) for important dates. Students can purchase breakfast and lunch on exam days in the school cafeteria.

8th Grade Visit



FirstView Bus Tracking System

As the weather gets colder, please remember that Glenbard South has implemented FirstView, a First Student bus tracking and communication app for your smartphone or desktop. FirstView allows our students and families the ability to know where their First Student bus is before school and after school. You may register at any time. Use this [LINK](#) to learn more.

Important Dates

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

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION
Mr. Sean Byrne



Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Courses at South

Starting next year, Glenbard South will be offering AP Seminar: English for our students during their sophomore year. This course is a year-long interdisciplinary course that challenges students to think critically about contemporary world issues. Students will develop inquiry skills through writing, reasoning, and collaboration while exploring a variety of topics across multiple disciplines. This course is a natural overlap with D87 standards for English 2 Honors and a great opportunity for our students. Families can find more information [here](#) or view a recording of our AP SEMINAR @ Glenbard South Information Session [here](#).

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.

New courses at Glenbard South include:

- AP Seminar: English

Year-long interdisciplinary course that challenges students to think critically about contemporary world issues from multiple perspectives. 10th Grade; replaces English 2 Honors

- AP Precalculus

Functions and their transformations, compositions and inverses through verbal, graphical, numerical and analytical representations. 12th Grade only.

- Entrepreneurship 1161 (Dual Credit)

Explore the entrepreneurial approach with others as it relates to careers, business, social responsibility, and startup growth.

- Intro To Education 1100 and School Procedure 1101 (Dual Credit)

An introduction to teaching as a profession in the American education system; policies, procedures, and routine activities that are part of the teacher's role.

- Intro to Horticulture and Intro to Sustainable Urban Agriculture (Dual Credit)

The development, production, and use of horticultural crops; the principles of sustainable agriculture for urban production.

Elective Course Offerings at South

During Raider Hour Advisory on Friday, December 1, all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students viewed an **Electives Presentation** describing the elective opportunities in our elective departments. [This video](#) highlights many of the great elective classes offered here at Glenbard South. Remember that our core departments also offer a wide variety of elective courses. All courses offered at Glenbard South are described in the Academic Program Guide, linked [here](#). Please talk to your student's School Counselor during the enrollment process if you have any questions.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

Mentor Day Recap

Glenbard South and Glenbard West, in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Rotary Club, offered a job shadow opportunity for our Junior students on Thursday, November 2nd. A job shadow allows a student the chance to observe a professional on the job, giving them a real world glimpse into a profession. Job Shadows took place in the morning, with the luncheon after. Our students came away with some valuable knowledge of possible future professions and wonderful local contacts in their field. Thank you to our community members who gave their time to this wonderful tradition. And a special thank you to our College and Career Resource Coordinator, Ms. Anne Lange for her behind the scenes work here at Glenbard South to make sure our students had a successful day.

This year's participants for Mentor Day included: Elise Fey, Emerson Girling, Jack Machaj, Evan Sounthala, Alishbaa Karim, Simona Georgiva, Ella Pope, Abigail Donaker, Omar Siddiqui, Asma Irfanullah, Elizabeth Boguslavsky, Annie Boguslavsky, Yanna Chavez, Delaney Spontak, Brooke Buenafe and Abby Edwards. Thank you for representing Glenbard South in a positive way in our community.

Gratitude Day

On Wednesday, November 15th we held our annual "Gratitude Day" in the Commons after school. This is a tradition that we have and is celebrated during World Kindness Week. Students were able to come in and make cards to staff members to thank them. Once they finished their cards they got to enjoy some time with friends and staff with some pizza. This year we had some special guests. One of them was Marlie, a therapy dog that came in to visit with our students and staff. (insert pic here from Jenn)

Thank you to our Parent volunteer members of the West Nation ACTS: Advocating Character Through Service Committee for helping out for this special event.



School Counseling

Enrollment Information For Next Year

Parents, we value your input in this process. You best understand your own student's interests and postsecondary goals. You also see how the overall academic rigor of his or her schedule affects their daily functioning. Selecting the right courses not only prepares students for life after high school, but also creates opportunities for students to challenge their academic abilities.

Families should complete the following checklist within the timeline below:

December 1st

- All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will review the online enrollment process and receive course enrollment forms during Raider Hour Advisory. Please ask your student to share their enrollment form with you. Your signature is required.
- An email went out to families listing all core class recommendations.

December 12th

- All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will return their completed enrollment forms to their 2nd period teachers. Students will be encouraged to take a picture of their enrollment form prior to handing it in. Please note that although we collect these forms at this time, the course requests are not finalized until your student meets with their school counselor in January.

December 4th-January 8th

- Parents and students will be able to edit their core course recommendations and must enter their other course selections into Powerschool.

- Students who have an IEP will have access to view their course selections which will be chosen through an individualized team process.
- Click here for a copy of the [instructions](#) to enroll online in Powerschool. ([Click here for video tutorial](#)). These instructions were also uploaded to your student's resources folder in Schoology.
- For more detailed course descriptions please refer to the online [Glenbard South Academic Program Guidebook](#).

January 10th-January 26th

- After the Powerschool portal closes, students will meet individually with their school counselors to review course selections. School Counselors will reach out to students to set up these meetings when we return from Winter Break.
- It is essential that your student gives careful consideration to their course requests. Any changes after January 26th must be discussed with the student's School Counselor and will be on a space available basis.

Thank you for your support during this enrollment process. Please feel free to contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

Technical Center of Dupage

Juniors and Seniors have the option of requesting a program at TCD as part of their elective choices for enrollment. Parents and interested students should go to www.tcdupage.org page to view current program description. Please watch [this short video](#) if you want to know what TCD is and what it can offer your student. These descriptions and the video will assist students in learning more about the programs at TCD. If your student decides to apply for TCD for next year, please indicate "TCD" on the enrollment form PLUS two programs your student is interested in. Please note that space is limited and that there is an additional online application required. Your counselor will give you the link to the application when you meet with them in January for your enrollment one on one meeting.

On November 30th, counselors took a group of interested sophomores and juniors to TCD to explore the programs they have available. For students who did not get a chance to attend the field trip and for parents that want to explore the facilities themselves, TCD is hosting an Open House on January 18th from 6:30-8pm. No RSVP necessary.

TCD OPEN HOUSE

CELEBRATING CAREER TECH EDUCATION



Thursday, January 18th, 2024

6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m

TCD
TECHNOLOGY CENTER
OF DUPAGE



301 South Swift Road
Addison, IL 60101

For more information about our open house visit:
www.tcdupage.org

Or contact: Izzy Castillo
630-691-7601 or at izzyc@tcdupage.org

FAFSA required for seniors!

A non-academic graduation requirement for seniors 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.

The new and revised FAFSA is scheduled to open on December 31st this year! Following is a list of our upcoming FAFSA ID and FAFSA completion workshops.

Tuesday, Jan 16th, 6pm	FSA ID workshop	Virtual via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan 23rd, 2-4pm	FAFSA workshop	Glenbard South LRC
Tuesday, Feb 27, 6-8pm	FAFSA workshop	Virtual via Zoom

LINKS for Workshop

Tuesday, Jan 16th 6PM [ZOOM LINK](#)

Tuesday, Feb 27th 6PM [ZOOM LINK](#)

Our ISAC representative, Krystal Sanchez, can help you file your FAFSA. There are appointments available to our students every other Monday. Parents may also meet with Krystal, 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.) Krystal's email address is krystal.sanchez@illinois.gov

Scholarship Information

The application for the [Ed Posh Scholarship](#) is now open and is due by January 31, 2024. A link is also available on Schoolinks as well as other scholarship opportunities. Check out the scholarship section in Schoolinks under the finances tab. Any questions please contact our school counselor who oversees scholarships, Mr. Hudgins at nicholas_hudgins@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 went live on Friday, December 1st. The application is due in its entirety on Friday, January 19th. Please find more information including directions and required forms [here](#). All local scholarship information can also be found on the [school counseling website](#). Please contact Nicholas Hudgins with any questions or assistance.

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics
Mr. Tim Carlson



Fall All Conference Selections and Medalists

Congratulations to our 2023 Fall Sports Upstate 8 Conference All Conference Selections and Medalists.

Boys Cross Country

Michael Bailey
Tim Jochum
Tom Jochum
Lucas Newman

Football

Jack Anderson
Michael Champagne
Anthony Colby
Jacob Garbett
Zachary Hyzy
Saif Kokoszka
Cecil Tousant
Joe Villa
Cam Williams

Boys Golf

Frankie Abate
Ethan Noellsch
Sean Stewart

Girls Golf

Abby DePorter
Ella Zeman

Boys Soccer

Paul Quint

Girls Tennis

Sa'Naya Allen
Bekah Brzezinski
Skylar Fischer
Lorenza Foster Simbulan
Lexia Hagedorn
Erika Hartman
Augusta Leimonas
Allie Mizwicki
Emily Puchalski
Joy Shim
Emily Zeikus

Girls Volleyball

Nel Adamczyk
Sofia Alcala
Mira Hines
Brooklynn Moore

Glenbard District Information

Glenbard CARES (Community Advocacy, Resilience, Engagement and Supports) Program

In cooperation with the Illinois Department of Health and the DuPage Regional Office of Education, Glenbard Schools has been awarded grant money to improve our students' access to quality mental health services throughout the community. We are happy to announce that the grant is directly funding the Glenbard CARES (Community Advocacy, Resilience, Engagement and Supports) Program and it is anticipated to open and start serving students in January of 2024!

Our staff will be prioritizing this support for students who are low income and/or do not have adequate coverage to access mental health support. We will be making direct connections with these families to explain the process and benefit of mental health support. If a student, parent or guardian would like to request access to support through the CARES Program, they should contact their school counselor directly.

Glenbard Parent Series



Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

GPS Glenbard Parent Series

Upcoming Events



It's Ok to Not Be Okay: Solutions to Help You Heal
Christine Crawford, MD
Tuesday, December 12 at noon and 7 p.m.
NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/82797331561>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/83936821362>



Motivación y el poder de los logros y Celebración de las fiestas/ Motivation and the Power of Achievement and Holiday Celebration
BPAC event presented in Spanish, in-person
Dr. Ferney Ramirez
Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m. at Glenbard North



Dialing Back the Inner-Critic: Compassion and Kindness in Parenting
Lisa Baylis
Tuesday, December 19 at noon and 7 p.m.
NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/86250400057>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/88549457771>



Changeable: The Collaborative Problem-Solving Method to Reduce Anxiety or Challenging Behavior
J. Stuart Ablon
Thursday, January 11 noon-1:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.
NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/81390737924>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/83283592253>



COMMUNITY READ - Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole: Teaching Our Kids the Full Spectrum of Human Emotions
Susan Cain
Thursday, January 18 at noon and 7 p.m.
Zoom links will be posted on our website soon.



The Parenting Map: Step-by-Step Solutions to Consciously Create the Ultimate Parent-Child Relationship
Shefali Tsabary in conversation with Cathy Adams
Tuesday, January 23 at noon and 7 p.m.
Zoom links will be posted on our website soon.



Keys to Successful Parenting / کامیاب والدین کی کلیدیں
Mehak Hafeez
Tuesday, January 30 at 7 p.m.
This program will be presented in Urdu and Hindi only.
<https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/81390737924>



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

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

2024 Floral Symphony



Save The Date!

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ticket information coming soon!



Glenbard South High School

Website: www.glenbardsouthhs.org

Location: [23W200 Butterfield Rd, Glen Ellyn, IL, USA](#)

Phone: [630-469-6500](tel:630-469-6500)

Twitter: [@GBSraiders](https://twitter.com/GBSraiders)



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