



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

January 19, 2024

**From the office of:
The Principal**

Happy New Year, Raider Families,

I hope you have stayed safe and warm in these first few weeks of 2024 with the winter snow storms and freezing temperatures. Nevertheless, despite two e-learning days in the past week, we continue to schedule and reschedule all the impacted events. Our students are deep into winter sports and getting rolling in their courses for the second semester. As a school, I am very proud to report that 98% of all 1st semester grades earned by our students were passing grades, and 71% of all grades earned were A's and B's. We want our students to keep up the hard work and remember, we are here to support EVERY student. Reach out to teachers, counselors, Students Services, and Administration for additional support or questions. WE are on this journey together and want the best for every Raider in this school!



Please be sure to read through this newsletter for more important information.

With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



Robotics Team



IHSA All-State Theatre Fest



Boys Basketball and Cheerleading Senior Night



Boys Wrestling Senior Night



Welcome to the Class of 2028



Upstate Eight Girls Wrestling Conference Meet



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

Commencement Information

This year's Commencement Ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2024 will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. We are in the process of finalizing the senior end-of-the-year events and more information will be shared in a future newsletter.



Important Dates

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

Firstview Bus Tracking System

Please remember that Glenbard South has implemented FirstView to track our buses. 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.

School Safety

Safety at school is the responsibility of everyone. Please talk with your students about school safety and encourage them to be observant and report anything suspicious that they see or hear to the school administration or to the police. Reinforce not to open doors during the school day or to allow strangers to enter the building. Remember...If You See Something, Say Something! Thank you for continuing to partner with Glenbard South to keep our building safe.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Student arrival and dismissal both before and after school can be a stressful time due to high volume traffic and weather conditions. Hundreds of vehicles move through our lot each day. When the weather conditions are bad, greater delays are expected. Please plan accordingly. Also, do not use Butterfield Rd. to pick up or drop off students. Our School Resource Officer and the Dupage County Sheriff will be monitoring the situation closely.



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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45 - 3:30 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.

SPRING TESTING DAYS

- April 10, 2024: All Juniors at Glenbard South will take the School-day SAT with Essay. This exam will be administered digitally, on student iPads.
 - This is a non-attendance day for 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students.

- April 11, 2024: All 9th and 10th grade students at Glenbard South will take the PSAT. This exam will be administered digitally, on student iPads.
 - This is a non-attendance day for 11th, and 12th grade students.
- May 6–10 and May 13–17: AP Exams administered at Glenbard South.
 - Each exam is administered on a different day, based on a schedule set by the College Board. Students registered for the exam in the Fall through AP Classroom. Please see [this link](#) for specific dates for each exam.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

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 7th. It is a way for our students to say thank you to our veterans who have served our country. This tradition is held in conjunction with our Advocating Character Through Service (ACTS) Committee and our Glenbard South Boosters. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help on 2/7 with this project. Please sign up here if you are available to help. [Valentines for Vets Volunteer Sign Up](#)



It's not too 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).

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.

School Counseling

Enrollment Season is Upon Us!

Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors should have turned in their enrollment forms before final exams. Please check with your student to make sure they completed this important task. If they did not, we will still accept your student's completed enrollment form!

Counselors are meeting with students one on one throughout the month of January. 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 for next year. It is linked [here](#) and can be found on our website.

If you have a junior/senior athlete, or a member of our marching band in any grade, and plan to apply for a pe waiver to take an additional academic class, please fill out the Google form that can be found linked [here](#) and on our website, under the students tab, then school counseling. Deadline to file for a PE waiver is February 2, 2024.

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 23rd, 2-4pm	FAFSA workshop	Glenbard South LRC
Tuesday, Feb 27, 6pm	FAFSA workshop	Virtual via Zoom ZOOM LINK

LINKS for Workshop

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



Spring Sports Start Dates

Spring sports will be starting soon. See below for the start dates for each of the spring sports that we offer.

Girls Track: January 16th

Boys Track: January 22nd

Boys Gymnastics: February 12th (No-IHSA sport)

Badminton: February 26th

Baseball: February 26th

Boys Lacrosse (Co-op w/GN and GE): February 26th

Girls Soccer: February 26th

Softball: February 26th

Boys Tennis: February 26th

Boys Volleyball: March 4th

Glenbard Parent Series

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PARENT SERIES

Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

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Upcoming Events



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.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/85350099951>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/88575132040>



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.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/89839524734>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/85753278593>



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>



Beautiful Boy: Everything a Father Learned Through His Son's Addiction

David Sheff in conversation with Jessica Lahey
Wednesday, January 31 at noon and 7 p.m.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/87974013857>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/84006677252>



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT - All Children Must Thrive: Nurturing Connection and Belonging

Tyrone Howard, PhD
Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/86890620441>



Parents Don't Know Everything: What Experts are Saying about the Future of College and Careers

Marc Perna
Tuesday, February 6 at noon and 7 p.m.

Zoom links will be posted on our website soon.



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 raises 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.



Winter Social: Bingo Night on February 10th

HOORAY FOR *Hollywood*

- ★ *Tasty Bites*
- ★ *50/50 Raffle*
- ★ *Musical Clues*
- ★ *Silent Auction*
- ★ *Wine Pull*

TV & MOVIE TRIVIA

SATURDAY, FEB. 10TH
7:00 - 10:30 PM
FIRST CONG. CHURCH GLEN ELLYN

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/GBSTrivia>

Glenbard South Boosters Annual Golf Outing: Sign up early!



BOOSTER WEBSITE

REGISTRATION FORM



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



WIN PRIZES!

- First Place
- Second Place
- Mens Long Drive
- Women's Long Drive
- Closest To Pin

SCHEDULE

- 11:00 AM-12:45PM: Registration and Lunch Pick-Up
- 12:45-1:00PM: Call To Carts
- 1:00PM: Shotgun Start
- 6:00-8:00PM: Dinner, Awards, Online Silent Auction

VILLAGE LINKS OF GLEN ELLYN

REGISTER JAN 1ST

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2024

WWW.GSBOOSTERS.ORG

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$125 (JAN 1-MAR 31)/REG. REGISTRATION: \$140 (APR 1-MAY 23)

2024 Floral Symphony



Save The Date!

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Ticket information coming soon!



Become a Member - Glenbard South Boosters

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

🔗 gsboosters.org



Glenbard South High School

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