



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

March 12, 2024

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FROM THE OFFICE OF:

Principal
Ms. Santee



Dear Raider Families,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I am excited to bring you the latest updates and happenings in our school community through our March Newsletter. As we transition into spring and anticipate the upcoming break, there are several important events and opportunities I'd like to highlight.

Firstly, we want to ensure all our students are well-prepared for the upcoming spring testing dates, specifically the P/SAT exams. To support our students in their preparation, we encourage participation in our Raider Scholars program, which provides valuable resources and guidance.

Looking ahead, there is much to anticipate this spring, including the excitement of Prom, underclassmen awards ceremony on April 26th during Raider Hour, and the many senior events coming soon. These events are integral parts of our school's tradition and offer opportunities for students to create lasting memories.

Finally, I want to take a moment to congratulate our students for their outstanding accomplishments this spring. From the impressive performances of our Math team and Scholastic Bowl participants to the dedication shown in Special Olympics earning 3rd place in the State Tournament and our winter athletic sports, our students continue to excel in many arenas.

Remember, we have [the Glenbard District 87 Referendum](#) on the March 19th ballot. Glenbard District 87 is asking voters to consider a facility improvements referendum on the March 19 ballot. It's a community created plan that will improve the quality of all four Glenbard high schools. Learn more by watching [this video](#). Please visit our District website for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, let's make this final stretch of the school year a memorable and successful one for our students.

With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne

Course Requests for 2024-25 School Year

Course Requests for next year are finalized and can be viewed on your [Parent PowerSchool Account \(link\)](#) by selecting "Class Registration." Course descriptions and graduation/college admission requirements can be found in our [Academic Program Guidebook \(link\)](#). Any changes moving forward are on a space available basis through your School Counselor.

Raider Scholars Update

All 9th, 10th and 11th graders will take either the SAT or PSAT in April. A 2018 study by the College Board found that students who spent 6 hours on Official SAT Practice gained, on average, 90 points to their score ([pdf](#)). With approximately 4 weeks until the Spring testing, we want to support all Raiders to prepare for these important exams.

During Raider Hour on Friday, February 9th, all 9th, 10th and 11th graders created a Khan Account, linked to their Glenbard gmail accounts.

We have created some (P)SAT/Khan Academy sessions during Raider Hour: Agency. While these are optional, we hope this can be a meaningful time during the day for students to practice their Khan Academy and have any questions answered as they come up. The upcoming sessions are:

**Friday
March 15**

**Friday
March 22**

**Monday
April 8**

Parents, please ask your student(s) about their Khan Academy account and encourage them to use this free resource at least 60 minutes each week until their April testing date. Every little bit of practice will help your students make progress towards their post-secondary goals.

SPRING TESTING DAYS

- Wednesday, 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.
 - Makeup Testing Date: Thursday April 25, 2024
 - Thursday, 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.
 - Thursday, April 25, 2024: Makeup SAT and PSAT Testing Date
 - Students will be called out of classes if a makeup test is needed.
 - This is a regular attendance day for all other 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 information about exams at Glenbard South: [LINK](#)
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UNDERCLASS AWARDS CEREMONY and SENIOR MEETING

On Friday, April 26th during Raider Hour we will have our annual Underclass Awards Ceremonies. The purpose of these celebrations is to recognize and acknowledge our students for their commitment to excellence, continuous growth and learning in their classes, and participation in athletics and extracurriculars. This is a great time for each class to celebrate the great work of all members of the class. Details and photos will be shared with families after this event.

At the same time, our Senior class will meet with Ms. Kosak (APSS) and the School Counseling team to discuss important dates and deadlines for students before Graduation.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen





Spring Recess will be Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1. The Main Office will be open over break from 7:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 2. Click [HERE](#) for additional important dates to save in your calendar.

Commencement Information

This year's Commencement Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. More information will be shared in a future newsletter with specific information to senior families about rehearsal and tickets. As a reminder, if you have not ordered your cap and gown, please do so immediately. You can contact our cap and gown provider, Herff Jones, at <https://herffjonesil.com/>.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES
Ms. Marina Kosak

GRADUATING SENIOR EVENTS

I know so many of us are excited that spring is about here. It is also the time when we celebrate our seniors and recognize this special milestone. We have some great activities planned for them. All senior families will receive a letter from Principal Santee that outlines some of these special events.

Here is a message from our Glenbard South Boosters that sponsor our Senior Farewell Funfest, one of the memorable events we hold for our seniors,

Senior Parents: We are currently planning for the Senior Fun fest that takes place on their last day of school (May 17th) and we need your help to make it amazing. This class missed out on all their 8th grade celebrations and special Freshmen activities due to Covid so we are trying to do something extra special for them. We are asking for donations to help support the Boosters' budget. We are suggesting \$50 per student, but any amount you can give would be appreciated. All money donated will go directly to this senior class event. Thank you in advance for your support!

Senior Slideshow

The Senior Slideshow will be shown during the end of the year celebrations. Please remind your senior to send in their pictures for this wonderful tradition. On the class of 2024 Schoology page there is a Google Form for students to upload their photos. They have been asked to submit a baby/toddler picture, a picture of their favorite high school memory and the last picture should be something that represents their future (i.e. college wear, future profession, etc.) Pictures are due by the end of the day on Friday, March 22nd.

PROM

We are excited to announce that our 2024 Prom will be held on Saturday, May 18th. We will "float the night away" on The Spirit of Navy Pier. Juniors and seniors will be able to pick up the prom packets in the Hub starting Wed. March 20th. The packet contains all of the information needed. However, I would like to let parents know that tickets will go on sale the week of April 15th with the final sales date the 19th.. Tickets will be \$150 per person and you will have the option to pay with cash, check or online through PushCoin. All students are required to ride the chartered buses to prom, there are no exceptions. We are looking forward to a fantastic evening!

Live Life Well Week

We celebrated our annual "Live Life Well Week" the week of February 19th. This year's theme was "It's not about being the best in the world but it's about being the best FOR the world". Each day an activity was planned to help students in different areas to help them grow in different aspects. On Wednesday the students heard a speaker, A'ric Jackson who sent a message about being good to yourself and each other. Our events included rock painting to give to someone to say, "thank you for being my rock" and a mindfulness day as well. We ended the week with Fun Friday that demonstrated the importance of team work and learning from each other while having "fun". Lunch time activities on Friday included ping-pong, bags, giant Jenga and connect-4. Thank you to all of our students who participated and made this a successful week.

Congratulations to our Math Team

Congrats to the Glenbard South Math Team on first place finishes in the Glenbard Math Invitational, the Upstate 8 Conference Math meet, and Regionals. The entire team has qualified for the State Math competition and will be in Bloomington the weekend of April 6th to compete against the other best Mathletes in the state. Congratulations to our head Coach David Jodelka and assistants Elizabeth Anderson and Haresh Harpalani. The following students placed at the Regional competition and will represent Glenbard South at the state level:

Algebra 1 Top Scores: Will Pope (6th), Priscilla Ha (4th), Simon Kubik (1st), **Team finish: 1st place**

Geometry Top Scores: Aryeri Funez-Sanchez (10th), Ben Gower/Maggie McIntyre/Sasha Bystrukhina (t-3rd), **Team finish: 1st place**

Algebra 2 Top Scores: Ella Pope (6th), Ashrith Valluri (4th), Andrew Lullo (1st), **Team finish: 1st place**

Precalculus Top Scores: Lucas Newman/Ryan Pratt (t-7th), **Team finish: 4th place**

Freshman/Sophomore 8-person team (Sasha Bystrukhina, Simon Kubik, Maggie McIntyre, Azam Muneer, Aryeri Funez-Sanchez, Ben Gower, Gavin Loftsgaarden, Alex Long) - **4th place**

Junior/Senior 8-person team (Grace Bittlingmaier, Andrew Lullo, Ella Pope, Ashrith Valluri, Aaron Berntsen, Lucas Newman, Emily Puchalski, Isha Shah) - **2nd place**

Calculator team (Simon Kubik, Will Pope, Alex Long, Ashrith Valluri, Grace Bittlingmaier, Andrew Lullo, Ryan Pratt, Emily Puchalski) - **1st place**

Freshman/Sophomore 2-person team: Michael McIntyre and Azam Muneer - **3rd place**



Congratulations to our Upstate 8 Conference Scholastic Bowl Champions

Our Raiders Scholastic Bowl team won the UEC conference title at East Aurora High School on February 24th. We are proud of these students who represented Glenbard South. Our team is coached by Mr. Michael Douglas and Dr. Caicina Jones. Congratulations to Anaya Afzal, Adam Bernsten, Aaron Bernsten, Grace Bittlingmaier, Zach Cooper, Ibrahima Diagne, Lauren Hammer, Alishbaa Karim, Soren Loest, Andrew Lullo, Aniyah Nelson, William Pope, Quinlin Pounders, Belinda Ramos, Isha Shah, Ayush Shah, Riven Wisniewski and Margaret McIntyre. Way to go Raiders!



Third Place at State!!!!

A shout out to our **Special Olympics Basketball team**. After a great send off Friday morning at Glenbard South our coaches and students headed down to Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington to compete in the Illinois Special Olympics state tournament. Our team played fantastic and we are proud of them coming home with some medals. Way to go Raiders! Congratulations to our players: Payton Perry, Luke Perry, Liam Senn, Mia Foster Simbulan, Faith Bell, Katie Taylor, Carina Rosta and Maliki Gregory. Our team is coached by Ms. Katie Bridgman and Mr. Sean Hyland..



Click [LINK](#) to read the Winter Fine Arts Newsletter!



School Counseling

College of DuPage

College of DuPage will be at Glenbard South on a couple advisory dates to conduct application workshops and to go over next steps with our seniors who have already applied. If you plan to apply and follow up on next steps from home, please refer to this checklist to [apply to COD](#).

College of DuPage's most popular merit based scholarship has eligibility requirements based on GPA and student essays. This year the [Scholars Award scholarship](#) has a letter or recommendation requirement. Student' applications by a scholarship committee. Students with GPA's of a 3.5 or higher have an opportunity to be awarded the Presidential Scholarship which is one of the three levels of scholarships within the Scholars Award:

1. Presidential Scholars Award

Covers up to 64 credit hours of in-district tuition at College of DuPage for two consecutive academic years.

2. Board of Trustees Scholars Award

\$2,500 award (\$1,250 per semester). Renewed annually for up to four semesters.

3. Deans Scholars Award

\$1,000 award (\$500 per semester). Renewed annually for up to four semesters.

Deadline for the [Engineering Pathways program](#) is fast approaching on April 5th.

FAFSA required for seniors!

A non-academic graduation requirement is to either complete the FAFSA or if you do NOT intend to complete the FAFSA, please complete the FAFSA Non-Participation Form. [Here is a PDF of the instruction sheet](#) for filling out the non-participation form.

Some tips for a successful FAFSA completion:

1. For those of you that have not created a FSA ID, please use [this linked document](#) to create it. It is advised that it is created at least 2 days prior to the filing the FAFSA. Both parents and students need their own FSA ID.
 2. Both students and parents have a section of the online application to fill out.
 3. Access to your 2022 tax forms, W-2s, and social security numbers for both you and your student.
 4. Final list of colleges your senior is applying to.
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Career and College Curriculum with Sophomores

Glenbard South's school counseling department will present our Sophomore Spotlight curriculum to our sophomores during two back to back agency days during our Raider Hour during the month of March. We will connect the work they did as freshmen that identified a personality type with career interests and college majors. The presentations and additional career resources are featured on our [School Counseling website](#).

Parent Guide for College Admissions: Month by Month timeline

Seniors:

March – If [waitlisted](#), help your child cope with this news by being proactive. They can email their admissions officer at the college to let them know they're still interested and would like to keep their place on the waitlist.

April – If your child is still undecided on where to attend, sneak in one last college visit to help them make their final choice. Give them the nudge to make summer plans if they haven't already. Some options include a part-time job, a [summer abroad](#), or volunteering.

May – May 1 is [National College Decision Day!](#) Your child needs to submit their decision by this date as well as their non-refundable deposit. If they change their mind over the summer or make it off the waitlist, they will lose this deposit – but it's worth it if your child has made a choice that will make them happier.

Juniors:

March – Give your child the goal of finding teachers, coaches, and mentors to write [letters of recommendation](#) before the month's end. It's also time to schedule spring and summer college visits!

April – Nail down summer plans. Here are a few options: a part-time job, summer camp, or volunteering. Summer experiences will look great on their college applications and give them some real-world experience to reference in essays or admissions interviews. [Summer opportunities are available on our Glenbard South webpage.](#)

May – Start finalizing the college list. A helpful strategy is to narrow down schools into three categories: [reach, target, and safety schools.](#)

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics
Mr. Tim Carlson



Congratulations-All State Academic Team Winner



We are proud to announce that senior Ben Zima has been named to the IHSA All State Academic Team. Ben was one of 26 seniors from around the state from over 500 nominees selected for this prestigious award. Ben will be honored at a banquet on Monday, April 8th in Bloomington along with the other members of the 2024 IHSA All State Academic Team.

Glenbard Parent Series



Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

GPS Glenbard Parent Series

Upcoming Events



The Science of Why We're Socially Awkward, and Why That's Awesome: Social Skill Building

Dr. Ty Tashiro
Wednesday, March 13 at noon and 7 p.m.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/81317497567>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/82866931356>



The School of Hard Talks: Motivational Interviewing for Better Conversations and Stronger Relationships

Dr. Emily Kline
Tuesday, March 19 at noon and 7 p.m.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/84649203929>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/89390839928>



La relación padre-hijo: Equilibrar el amor y la autoridad / The Parent Child Relationship: Balancing Love and Authority

Dr. Mario Guzman
Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m.

BPAC event presented in Spanish, in-person at Glenbard West



Understanding Social Anxiety and the Complexity of Teen Relationships

Lynn Lyons
Thursday, April 4 at noon and 7 p.m.

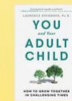
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7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/89050327558>



You and Your "Almost" Adult Child: How to Grow Together in Challenging Times

Dr. Laurence Steinberg
Wednesday, April 10 at noon and 7 p.m.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/87208592799>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/87248843483>



Raising Kids Who Feel Safe, Seen & Secure: The Power of Showing Up

Dr. Tina Payne Bryson
Tuesday, April 16 at noon and 7 p.m.

NOON: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/87698218587>
7 p.m.: <https://glenbard.zoom.us/j/87123217679>



Please visit our website for links and program details:
GlenbardGPS.org

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.



Become a Member - Glenbard South Boosters

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

gsboosters.org

Floral Symphony

A 31-YEAR TRADITION!

A fundraiser
benefitting the
Glenbard South
High School
Music Program

Tuesday, March 12
2024 ■ 7:00 PM

Doors open and student music performances begin at **6:30 pm** at **Glenbard South High School**.

\$20 IN ADVANCE
\$25 AT THE DOOR

March GIVEBACK EVENT

Shop for a Great Cause

Purchase delicious Fannie May treats and 30%* of net proceeds will be donated to GBS Boosters



Fannie May

PREMIUM CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1920

FUNDRAISING



March 16th
March 17th



3/16: 10AM-6PM
3/17: 11AM-5PM



620 E. Roosevelt Rd
Glen Ellyn

[Click here for flyer](#)

Fannie May

PREMIUM CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1920

FUNDRAISING

IN-STORE
EVENT

Shop for a Great Cause

When you bring this flyer in and purchase delicious Fannie May® treats, 30%* of net proceeds will be donated to our organization.

Organization: Glenbard South Boosters

Date: Saturday 3/16 and Sunday 3/17

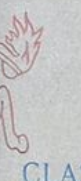
Time: 3/16: 10 am- 6pm and 3/17: 11am -5pm

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*Exclusive of applicable taxes and shipping charges. Items may vary and are subject to availability. Offer only valid at the Fannie May store listed above during the designated time and day. This offer cannot be combined with other offers, promotions or discounts. Offer not applicable on all products including gift cards. Void where prohibited.
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GLENBARD SOUTH PLANT SALE

NOW through March 22nd



The graphic features a green background with a collage of colorful flowers in the top left. A central white circle contains the text 'On Sale NOW!'. To the right, a list of items is provided, and two circular images show examples of plants. At the bottom, a white banner displays the website and pickup information.

Glenbard South
PLANT Sale

- Combination Planters
- Hanging Baskets
- Planters
- Veggies, Herbs, Fruit
- Accent Plants
- Premium Annuals
- Flats
- Flower Pouches

SHOP MARCH 10 - 22

📍 Pick up: Sat. April 29th

gsboosters.org/plantsale

early bird sale
8% OFF!
ORDER BETWEEN MARCH 10-13

Happy spring, Raiders! If you're feeling a bit disoriented with the time change ... same.

We've got some exciting news to help you embrace the season. The GBS Boosters plant sale is currently underway, offering a fantastic selection of flowers to usher in spring. Our sale has everything you need to jumpstart your summer garden. Take a look at the incredible variety of items available at unbeatable prices!

Early Bird Sale happening now through March 13th. Use the code **PLANTS** to receive 8% off your order. [PLANT SALE](#)

Glenbard South Boosters Annual Golf Outing: Sign up early!

Glenbard South Boosters

GOLF OUTING!



Tickets on
sale
NOW!

**MONDAY
JUNE 3, 2024**

Village Links of Glen Ellyn



Glenbard South High School

Website: www.glenbardsouthhs.org

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

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



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