



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

May 7, 2024



FROM THE OFFICE OF: Principal Santee

Dear Raider Families,

Our final music concerts, AP exams, GBS Art Show, spring sport senior recognition nights, awards assemblies, Senior celebrations, and more are all underway this week and in the upcoming couple of weeks. We know that May is a very busy month for everyone, so please be sure to read the details below for important information from our team.



This week "Teacher Appreciation Week" is celebrated nationally. I would like to take a moment to thank all of our educators at Glenbard South for the impact they make every day on our students and school community. It is my privilege to see how our staff cares deeply for our students and works to improve every day in order to continue to be the best educators possible. I also would like to thank our Glenbard South Boosters and all the volunteers for all of your support in all we do at Glenbard South, including a shout out of appreciation for the Staff Luncheon they are hosting to close out our staff appreciation week.

We are also doing the work to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. Please review [this video](#) to learn more about our Hybrid Block and logistical details for the school year.

Finish the year strong, Raiders and with Raider Pride! As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

With Raider Pride,

Principal Santee



FROM THE OFFICE OF:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION
Mr. Sean Byrne

League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn Award Winner

Emma Pekkarinen

Congratulations to Senior Emma Pekkarinen who was recently recognized by the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn in the 2024 Charlotte Swett Walter Democracy Challenge. The

Democracy Challenge is a creative expression contest where the students interpret the theme “Gen Z Democracy: Shaping the Future” in creative writing, visual arts, music, dance or film. The League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn's collaboration with both Glen Ellyn High Schools via this Award is a wonderful demonstration of our combined commitment to excellence in student learning.

Emma's essay was titled "Gen Z in Democracy: A Student Journalist's Perspective." Emma shared this reflection on her essay:

My essay shares my own perspective as a student journalist and my experience learning, writing, and advocating for important issues in my community. Journalists play a crucial role in preserving and protecting democracy. Good journalists work to shed light on the issues that impact their communities and provide unbiased reporting. Journalists educate and provide critical knowledge to the public. As a student journalist I have seen how freedom of the press is important to our democracy, and how journalism must be used to educate and empower our communities. Journalists are our defenders of democracy.



Pictured: Winner Emma Pekkarinen (Class of 2024) and Ruben Rodriguez, Glenbard South Social Studies Department Chair at the League of Women Voters Annual Meeting at Glen Oak Country Club.

Junior Zoe Price was also recognized with an Honorable Mention for her Visual Art piece, titled “Always Vote. Zoe shared this reflection:

My piece represents the trajectory of the future of Gen Z democracy by referencing the past and present. In honor of Charlotte Swett Walter, I made her represent the 'modern woman' of Gen Z voting role models. As our generation grows up and matures, we begin to realize the importance of learning from powerful leaders, voters, and citizens who are just like us, looking for a way to better our country through our voices. My piece also references old propaganda that was encouraging older generations to take action to help in war, which at the time was the best way to support America. Now however, instead of encouraging violence and domesticity, this newer 'propaganda' encouraged the new generation of voters to simply 'always vote', the catchphrase of Mrs. Charlotte Swett. The red, white, and blue are intrinsically connected within each and every citizen of America, no matter your roots, which is why I chose those as the leading colors of my piece. In all, Always Vote is a modern propaganda meant for the eyes of generation Z to understand and learn from to create the best possible future for our democracy.



P/SAT Score Reports

For many students, P/SAT scores were released last week; most scores will be available in the next few weeks. We plan to send home detailed score reports to all 9th, 10th and 11th graders early this summer. If students would like access to their scores before then, they can log in to their College Board account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Students who do not yet have a College Board account should choose "create account." Feel free to reach out to the API office with any questions.

AP Exams

Glenbard South will be administering AP Exams during the next two weeks.

- 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: [South AP Testing Information Handout 2024](#)

Final Exam Schedule and Bus Information

Student will take final exams at Glenbard South on May 22, 23, and 24 as described below:

SECOND 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 5/22/24	Period 5 Exam	Break	Period 3 Exam	Break	Period 7 Exam	Resource Period
Day 2 Thursday 5/23/24	Period 6 Exam	Break	Period 2 Exam	Break	Period 8 Exam	Resource Period
Day 3 Friday 5/24/24	Period 4 Exam	Break	Period 1 Exam	Break	Rescheduled & Makeup Exams Online Wellness and Zero Hour PE	Resource Period

BUS SCHEDULE FOR FINAL EXAMS

	<u>Morning Bus</u> <u>Routes</u>	<u>Regular Bus</u> <u>Depart</u>	<u>Activity Bus</u> <u>Depart</u>
Day 1 Wednesday 5/22/24	Normal	12:20	1:30
Day 2 Thursday 5/23/24	Normal	12:20	1:30
Day 3 Friday 5/24/24	Normal	10:45	12:20

A link to the final exam schedule can be found [HERE](#) and also on our website.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



Commencement Reminder

Commencement for the Class of 2024 is on May 23. Please refer to last month's *Senior Newsletter* from Principal Santee for specific information.

Senior Photos for the Class of 2025

This year families can self-schedule their photo appointments! Families will receive a Prestige postcard in the mail with instructions on how to schedule an appointment (www.prestigeportraits.com). Appointments will be first come first serve.

Prestige
Photography



Class of 2025 Seniors!

Prestige Photography has been chosen as
your senior photographer.

How to prepare for your senior picture session:

1. You will receive a notification within 4 weeks.
2. Once you receive the notification, go online to prestigeportraits.com to schedule your appointment.
3. For tips about your upcoming session and outfit inspiration, visit prestigeportraits.com.

**To be included in the yearbook, you must be photographed by
Prestige Photography.*

Senior Photo Dates:

Dates: June 24, 25, 26, 27

Senior Photo Makeups Dates:

Dates: August 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Back to School Dates for the 2024-2025 School Year - Save the Date

Tuesday, August 6

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Wednesday, August 7

Freshmen Orientation/Raider Rush and Freshmen Parent Night with BBQ

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak



PROM

Just a reminder that our 2024 Prom "Float the Night Away" on The Spirit of Chicago is just around the corner. On Saturday, May 18th those students who have purchased tickets for the dance must be at Glenbard South at 4:45 pm to board the buses. The buses will leave promptly at 5:00 pm. We should return to school around 11:15pm. (Every student MUST ride the bus to and from the venue.)

A few reminders for your students:

-Wear comfortable shoes. We will have to walk to the end of Navy Pier to get on the boat. The boat also does not allow anyone to go barefoot. (Students have been told this but we encourage the reminders.)

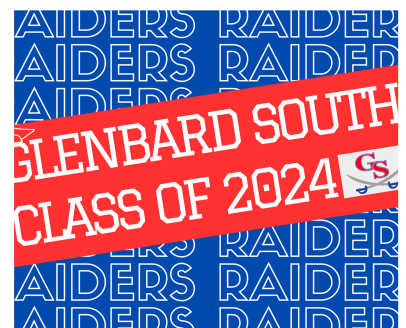
-Bag search. If the students bring a bag, the ship personnel will do a bag inspection prior to boarding.

We are excited that this will be one of the largest Proms we have hosted here at Glenbard South and we know it will be a wonderful time for everyone.



Senior Class of 2024 Yard/Window Signs

Attention class of 2024 parents. Has your senior picked up their Senior yard sign yet? They are FREE! These specially designed yard signs are for ALL members of the class of 2024 and can be picked up in the main office. It is best that they pick them up on their way out of the building.



Is your Powerschool Information up to date?

We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged in your student's education. Therefore, I want to encourage all families to make sure your contact information is updated in PowerSchool so that you can receive information via SchoolMessenger, our primary family notification system (mass calls and emails). Specifically, this information must be added to the "Glenbard Notification

Information (Automated)" section of the Demographic Verification page in your Parent PowerSchool account (pictured below) for each of your students.


Glenbard Notification Information (Automated)

Glenbard uses a Mass Notification System to communicate important school information to you such as school closings, school news or other time sensitive updates via phone, email, and/or text. Please complete the section below so we have current, complete contact information for you. If you do not complete the section below, we will contact the Primary Phone number listed in the previous section.

	On File	Update (if required)
Primary Email		Provide an Update
Secondary Email		Provide an Update
Primary Phone		Provide an Update
Secondary Phone		Provide an Update
Additional Phone		Provide an Update

Parent/Guardian Contacts (Personal Contacts) [Add Contact](#)

In the event that we need to reach a parent/guardian or other trusted contact for any situation with a student we ask that you provide your contact information in this section. Please note your student must have at least one custody contact and one emergency contact.

[Add Info Here](#) 

Ice Cream Social Raider Wheel



Raider Wheel Ice Cream Social celebration will be coming up on Monday, May 20th.

Students who have earned a ticket for a chance to spin the Raider Wheel all 4 quarters this school year will be invited to attend an ice cream social. The ice cream social will take place during all lunch periods and we will have a variety of ice cream bars for the students to select from. Ice cream will be served in the Commons. Students will be able to eat outside in the courtyard

(weather permitting).

Summer School

Summer School Registration for the 1st semester is open through May 15th; the 2nd semester is open through June 3, 2024.

Summer School Semester 1: June 3rd-June 26th, 2024 (no classes on 6/19, no classes on Fridays)

Summer School Semester 2: July 8th-July 30th, 2024 (no classes on Fridays)



There are a variety of classes offered in Summer School, both Credit Recovery and "Get Ahead" classes for .5 credit. The "Get Ahead" classes are Consumer Management, US Government & Politics, and Speech. These classes are offered during both semesters of Summer School. Registration is located on the Glenbard South website under "Parents," then select "Summer School Registration. The cost for each class is \$350. Limited bus service is available for all students.

Incoming freshmen may enroll in "Bridge" classes at no cost during the first semester. However, during the 2nd semester, they may also enroll in the "Get Ahead" classes.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on Summer School Registration.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions. Thank you!

School Counseling

School counselors continue to monitor grades and will continue reaching out to students and teachers. If your student is missing assignments or retakes to complete, please reach out to your students' teacher directly. They are best able to help students prioritize missing work. They want to help! We are all here to support and help your students be successful.

SENIORS



School counselors have been busy meeting one on one with all of our seniors over the past several weeks. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure there is a solid postsecondary plan in place after graduation. With only a couple weeks left of school, it is of utmost importance that seniors attend these mandatory exit meetings when they are scheduled. At these exit meetings, seniors identify what college they want their final transcripts sent to in Schoolinks. It is an exciting time for our seniors!

School counselors will administer final exams to seniors in danger of failing a course needed for graduation on May 15th, starting 2nd period, in the Theater. Teachers will notify parents if their senior is at risk of failing their class. School counselors can let you know if that class is needed for graduation. Seniors may be required to take other final exams, but those schedules will be arranged with teachers.

Seniors must complete two surveys in Schoolinks, the South Graduation Survey and they must create an alumni account in Schoolinks as well. Our office staff is available to help them with this task. The exit meeting, in addition to completing the two surveys in Schoolinks, must be done before cap and gown pickup.

College of DuPage

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

FAFSA required for seniors!

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

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics
Mr. Tim Carlson



Join us on Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00PM in the Theater as we recognize the members of the Class of 2024 who will be going on to continue their athletic journey at the collegiate level.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration is still available for the Raider Summer Athletic Camps. Camp registration is through the Glen Ellyn Park District. Use the link below to get signed up.

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/gepark/activity/search?onlineSiteId=0&activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=glenbard%20south&viewMode=list



Fall Sports Start Date for 24-25 School Year

For families planning ahead, the start of fall sports for next school year will be Monday, August 12th. More information will be forthcoming with start times, locations and registration information.

Glenbard Parent Series

GPS GLENBARD
PARENT SERIES 

Navigating Healthy Families

Check us out at GlenbardGPS.ORG

GPS Glenbard Parent Series

GPS Parent Series
Navigating Healthy Families

Suggested Reading 2024-25

Our students have their summer reading. Here are suggestions for parents!
Join us at our weekly virtual events -- FREE and open to all. Visit GPSParentSeries.org

RAISING EMPOWERED CHILDREN	The 3 Principles of Parenting	Parenting	HOW TO RAISE A HEALTHY GAMER	The Braintrust	Good Inside	Emotional Agility
Drive or Push?	PRINCE OF PERSIA	DRIVEN TO DEFECTION	How to Parent a Child with Special Needs	RESCUING OUR SONS	How to Help Your Kids Succeed in College	HOW TO GET IN AND STAY AHEAD IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
7 STEPS TO COLLEGE SUCCESS	OVER THE INFLUENCE	WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?	The ADDICTION	THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR COLLEGE	We All Fall Down	THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB
Mark Twain's Guide to College Admissions	BRIGHT KIDS	ERASING THE FINISH LINE	AUTISM	Inside the Mind of a Genius	BORN FOR LOVE	DREAM LAND
How to Parent a Child with Special Needs	HOW TO RAISE AN ADULT	The Gift of All Things	School Code Companion	CHILDHOOD NARCISSISM	LOVE EVERY DAY	
ADMISSIONS	PEAK MIND	FORMULA	this is so awkward	PARENTING THE TEEN IN THE AGE OF ANXIETY	HIGH	Parenting Outside the Lines

Navigation icons: Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Download, Home, Add



ATTEND FOR FREE → RECEIVE

Big News!

Helping families thrive in present times.

World renowned authors & speakers present research-based information on cutting-edge topics to support positive youth development. Our programs strengthen family connections and help children of every age thrive. GPS is open to all, and CEU credits are available for school staff.

Search speaker or topic of interest... SEARCH

New Website Sneak Peek!



New website launching Monday 15!



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.

Glenbard South Boosters Annual Golf Outing: Sign up early!

Glenbard South Boosters

Tickets on sale
NOW!

**GOLF
OUTING!**

**MONDAY
JUNE 3, 2024**

Village Links of Glen Ellyn



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

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)



Maria Mazza

Maria is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

