



# Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

April 22, 2025

## FROM THE OFFICE OF: Principal Santee

Dear Raider Families,

It's hard to believe we're down to the final four weeks of the school year! This is always an exciting and busy time, with so many important events and milestones ahead — including Underclassmen Awards, Senior Decision Day, AP Exams, Prom, senior counselor meetings, and more.

One of our proud traditions is celebrating our graduating seniors who have earned academic, athletic, and scholarship honors. This year's Senior Awards Ceremony will take place on **May 14th**. Students being recognized will receive an official invitation in the coming days. Please see below for more details on upcoming senior events.

We're also excited to celebrate our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students during grade-level assemblies on **Friday, April 25th during Raider Hour**. These assemblies will highlight departmental awards, academic excellence, and GPA growth over the past year. More information is included below.

Raiders — stay focused, finish strong, and take full advantage of every learning opportunity in and out of the classroom. We're with you every step of the way. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

With Raider Pride,  
Principal Santee





**FROM THE OFFICE OF:**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION**

**Mr. Sean Byrne**

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## **WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES INDUCTEES**

On March 14, Glenbard South held its world languages honor societies' induction ceremony. World Language Department Chair Ms. Cynthia McManus and faculty advisor Mr. Thomas Kallas welcomed several new members to these organizations that recognize excellence in academic studies as well as a commitment to the study of both language and culture. These organizations emphasize community service and leadership.

Students inducted into the Société Honoraire du Français include Alaina Biesenkamp, Corinne Conley, Katherine Costelle, Yesica Cruz Davalos, Axel Delgado, Ibrahima Diagne, Matthew Fischbein, Priscilla Ha, Lauren Hammer, Tyler Jessup, Sergio Luna, Leo OBrill, Kendall Ullrick. The executive board of Simona Geogieva (President), Olivia Weber (Vice President) and Alishbaa Karim (Secretary) hosted this portion of the induction ceremony.

Students inducted into Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica include Olivia Abbott, Abigail Baygood, Francesco Cassata, Anna Cleland, Sydney David, Rheayanna Ferguson, Benjamin Gower, Gabia Judickas, Francesca Lazzaro, Peter Lehr, Augusta Leimonas, Gavin Loftsgaarden, Iman Meah, Lucy Mohorovic, Gabrielle Mohorovic, Dana Muang, David Puchalski, Claire Rogers, Samantha Sadorf, Rumaisa Shaikh, Zoey Tieman, Abigail Van Dusen, Emma Ventura, Alexandra Yates, William Youngblood. The executive board of Natalie Buhle (President), Abigail Edwards (Vice President) and Isabella Serrano (Secretary) hosted this portion of the induction ceremony.

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## **UNDERCLASS AWARDS CEREMONY and SENIOR MEETING**

On Friday, April 25 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.

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## **AP TESTING DAYS: May 5 - 9 and 12 - 16**

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.

AP Exams are administered differently depending on the exam mode: Fully Digital, Hybrid Digital, and Paper. Other subjects, such as AP Art and Design or the AP world language and culture exams, also have unique requirements. Each mode is described in more detail below.

### **Fully Digital AP Exams**

For fully digital exams, students complete multiple-choice and free-response questions on their school-issued iPad, using the Bluebook app, with all responses automatically submitted at the end of the exam.

There are 12 fully digital AP Exams given at Glenbard South in 2025:

- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles\*\*
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- AP Seminar\*\*
- AP United States Government and Politics
- AP United States History

\*\*AP Computer Science Principles and AP Seminar students complete an end-of-course exam in Bluebook, and they also submit their performance tasks through the AP Digital Portfolio for scoring.

### **Hybrid Digital AP Exams**

For hybrid digital exams, students complete multiple-choice questions and view free-response questions on their school-issued iPads using the Bluebook app. Students will handwrite their free-



response answers in paper exam booklets that are returned for scoring.

There are 9 hybrid digital AP Exams given at Glenbard South in 2025:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Statistics

## **Paper AP Exams**

The exam delivery and free-response sections for these subjects remain unchanged for the May 2025 AP Exam Administration.

There are 3 paper AP Exams given at Glenbard South in 2025:

- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Music Theory

## **AP Computer Science Principles**

AP Computer Science Principles is a fully digital exam. However, students need their printed Personalized Project Reference (PPR) for use on exam day. Students should talk to their AP Computer Science Principles teacher for details.

## **AP Art and Design Exams**

Students submit all work (three portfolio components) for scoring through the AP Digital Portfolio. There is no end-of-course exam. Students should talk to their AP Art and Design teacher for details.

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### **FROM THE OFFICE OF:**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION**

**Mr. Taff Nielsen**





# Commencement Information -

This year's Commencement Ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2025 will be on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. This is an exciting time for our seniors. Please make sure to reference important information in the Raider Class of 2025 special edition Enews available on our Glenbard South website at <https://www.glenbardsouthhs.org/>.



## Final Exam Schedule

Students will take final exams at Glenbard South on May 21, 22, and 23. Final exam information is available on our Glenbard South website at <https://www.glenbardsouthhs.org/>.

### **Glenbard South High School** **SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2024-25**

	8:00 - 9:25	9:25 - 9:35	9:35 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:35	12:45 - 1:45
<b>Day 1</b> Wednesday 5/21/25	<b>Period 5</b> Exam	Break	<b>Period 3</b> Exam	Break	<b>Period 7</b> Exam	Resource Period
<b>Day 2</b> Thursday 5/22/25	<b>Period 6</b> Exam	Break	<b>Period 2</b> Exam	Break	<b>Period 8</b> Exam	Resource Period
<b>Day 3</b> Friday 5/23/25	<b>Period 4</b> Exam	Break	<b>Period 1</b> Exam	Break	Rescheduled/ Make-up Exam & <b>Zero Hour</b> <b>PE</b>	Resource Period

## AFTER SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

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

	Regular Bus Depart	Activity Bus Depart	Athletic Bus Depart
<b>Day 1</b> Wednesday 5/21/25	12:45	1:50	No Bus
<b>Day 2</b> Thursday 5/22/25	12:45	1:50	No Bus
<b>Day 3</b> Friday 5/23/25	11:10	No Bus	No Bus



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

## Prom

Our 2025 Prom will be held on Saturday, May 17th at PinStripes in Oak Brook. All students are required to ride the charter buses to prom, there are no exceptions. Tickets are now on sale through April 25th. All students must turn in a prom packet signed by a parent or guardian when they purchase their tickets. Tickets are available in the HUB \ and can be purchased with cash, check or credit card online via PushCoin. We are looking forward to a wonderful night with our Raiders.



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## Senior Signs

Attention class of 2025 parents, if you or your student ordered a specially designed yard signed, they can be picked up starting Wednesday, April 23rd. The signs can be picked up in the main office. It is best that they be picked up on their way out of the building (at their lunch or end of their day) as they can be bulky to carry around.

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## Senior Fun Fest

Senior Parents,

We are looking for Volunteers to help make the Senior Fun Fest the best day our Seniors will remember. Please if you are able to help out click on the link below to sign-up. We appreciate your help!

[Committees 2024-25: Senior Farewell Fun Fest 2025](#)





# Health

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Dental exam forms for 9th grade students are due by May 15, 2025. The exam should take place between November 15, 2023 and May 15, 2025. Please send any completed dental forms to: [barbara\\_smith@glenbard.org](mailto:barbara_smith@glenbard.org)

All current 11th graders are required to submit proof of a second dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Menactra, Menveo, MenQuadfi or Penbraya). This dose must be completed after the student's 16th birthday and prior to 12th grade entry. Students are not considered fully registered for school and are subject to school exclusion until the proof of vaccine is completed. Proof of immunization may be emailed over the summer to: [barbara\\_smith@glenbard.org](mailto:barbara_smith@glenbard.org)

All incoming 9th grade students must submit a completed Certificate of Child Health examination form with an immunization record prior to the start of school on August 14, 2025. Students who do not submit this required health record will be subject to exclusion on the first day of school. Please submit the completed Certificate of Child Health exam to: [barbara\\_smith@glenbard.org](mailto:barbara_smith@glenbard.org)

Any student that will require medication during the day for the 2025-2026 school year will need to turn in a new medication form completed by a doctor and a parent or guardian. Forms may be accessed here: [Medication Form](#)

Any student that will require a Food Allergy Action Plan, Diabetic Care Plan or Asthma Action plan should turn completed forms into the health office during registration in August, along with any medication or supplies needed during the school year.

## School Counseling

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### Seniors: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

1. As a reminder, a non-academic graduation requirement for seniors is that they either need to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or complete the **FAFSA Non-Participation Form**. The non-participation digital form is now available [here](#). Please note that if you fill out the Non-participation form, you can change your mind and apply for FAFSA later. 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. It is ideal for both students and parents to be in attendance for FAFSA completion.
3. Please bring your 2023 tax forms, W-2s, and social security numbers for you and your student.
4. Please also have a final list of colleges your senior is applying to.

### **Final In-Person FAFSA Workshop of the Semester**

The College of DuPage will be hosting an in-person **FAFSA Workshop** on:

📅 **April 22, 2025**

🕒 **6:00 PM**

📍 **Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2024**

This is a great opportunity for families to receive assistance with completing the FAFSA. If your student still needs to file, we encourage you to attend.

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## **Senior Exit Meetings**

Our school counselors are meeting individually with each senior to review post-secondary plans and conduct exit interviews. We are also assisting students in SchoolLinks to ensure their final transcripts are sent to the appropriate college. As seniors make their final college decisions, we are here to support families by comparing award letters and exploring their options during this exciting time.

Additionally, all seniors are required to complete the Senior Graduation Survey in SchoolLinks. Some students may be asked to complete it while waiting for their counselor, and our office staff is available to provide assistance as needed. We appreciate your support as we help our seniors take these important next steps!

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## **Parent Guide for College Admissions: Next Steps**

As we move further into spring, here are the key priorities for seniors and juniors to keep in mind in the coming months:

### **Seniors**

- ✓ **Finalizing Decisions** – With May 1st (National College Decision Day) approaching, your student should be ready to submit their college decision and deposit. If they are still undecided, encourage one last campus visit or a conversation with an admissions representative to help them decide.
- ✓ **Handling Waitlists** – If your student is on a waitlist, they should follow up with the admissions office to express continued interest and provide any updates on achievements or new grades.
- ✓ **Preparing for the Transition** – Once a decision is made, check for important next steps like housing applications, orientation sign-ups, and financial aid paperwork. Encourage your student to explore summer jobs or volunteer opportunities to prepare for their next chapter.

## Juniors

- ✓ College List & Visits – Now is the time to finalize a list of reach, target, and safety schools. If possible, plan campus visits to help your student refine their preferences.
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation – Encourage your student to ask teachers, coaches, or mentors for recommendation letters before the school year ends. Securing these early can help reduce stress in the fall.
- ✓ Summer Planning – Summer experiences, such as internships, jobs, or volunteer work, can strengthen college applications and provide great material for essays and interviews. Now is the time to secure opportunities! [Here is a link](#) to resources we have available on our webpage. By staying proactive, both seniors and juniors can set themselves up for success in the college admissions process. Encourage your student to stay on track, ask questions, and take advantage of available resources!

## Making the Most of Your College Visits

In our last newsletter, we highlighted the many benefits of visiting college campuses. Now that spring is here, it's a great time to start planning these visits and making the most of each experience. Whether your student is just beginning their college search or finalizing their decision, here are some ways to ensure a productive and insightful visit:

- ✓ Schedule a Campus Tour – Many colleges offer both in-person and virtual tours. Be sure to sign up in advance to secure a spot.
- ✓ Sit in on a Class – If possible, have your student attend a class in their intended major to get a feel for the academic environment.
- ✓ Explore Student Life – Dining halls, residence halls, and student centers are great places to observe campus culture and see if it's a good fit.
- ✓ Meet with Admissions & Financial Aid – Encourage your student to ask questions about scholarships, financial aid, and admission requirements.
- ✓ Take Notes & Compare – After each visit, jot down impressions of the campus, student interactions, and overall feel. This can be helpful when making a final decision.

Visiting colleges is an exciting step in the process and can provide valuable clarity for your student. Start local, explore options, and take advantage of upcoming open houses or admitted student days!

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ATHLETICS  
MR. TIM CARLSON





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## Summer Camp Registration



Summer camp registration is available through the Glen Ellyn Park District. The link below will take you to the online information. You can also register in person at any of the Glen Ellyn Park District buildings (Main St., Spring Ave., and Ackerman). Please note that due to construction this summer many of our indoor

camps will be held at off campus facilities. Those locations will be noted on the registration information.

<https://gepark.org/2025/02/exciting-news-glenbard-west-and-south-summer-camp-schedules-released/>

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## GPS Glenbard Parent Series

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[LINK TO BROCHURE ON NEW WEBSITE:](#)

Upcoming Events



**This is So Awkward: Helping Kids Manage Today's T(w)een Culture – Modern Puberty Explained**  
Cara Natterson MD & Vanessa Kroll Bennett  
Wednesday, April 23 at noon and 7 p.m.



**Stop Calling them Soft Skills: The Essential Skills Employers Seek**  
Trevor Muir  
Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m.



**HYBRID EVENT – Suicide Signs and Symptoms: Let's Talk About It**  
Dr. Jonathan Singer  
Thursday, May 1 at noon and 7 p.m.  
Evening program held over Zoom and at the Carol Stream Public Library with a Community Resource Fair with health assessments & giveaways at 6:30 p.m.



**Early Childhood Event – Everyday Principles to Grow Happy, Healthy and Smart Young Children**  
Dr. Ronald Ferguson  
Tuesday, May 6 at noon and 7 p.m.



**Start the Year with Back-to-School Organizational Skills for School Success**  
Sarah Ward and Kristen Jacobsen  
Thursday, August 21 at noon and 7 p.m.

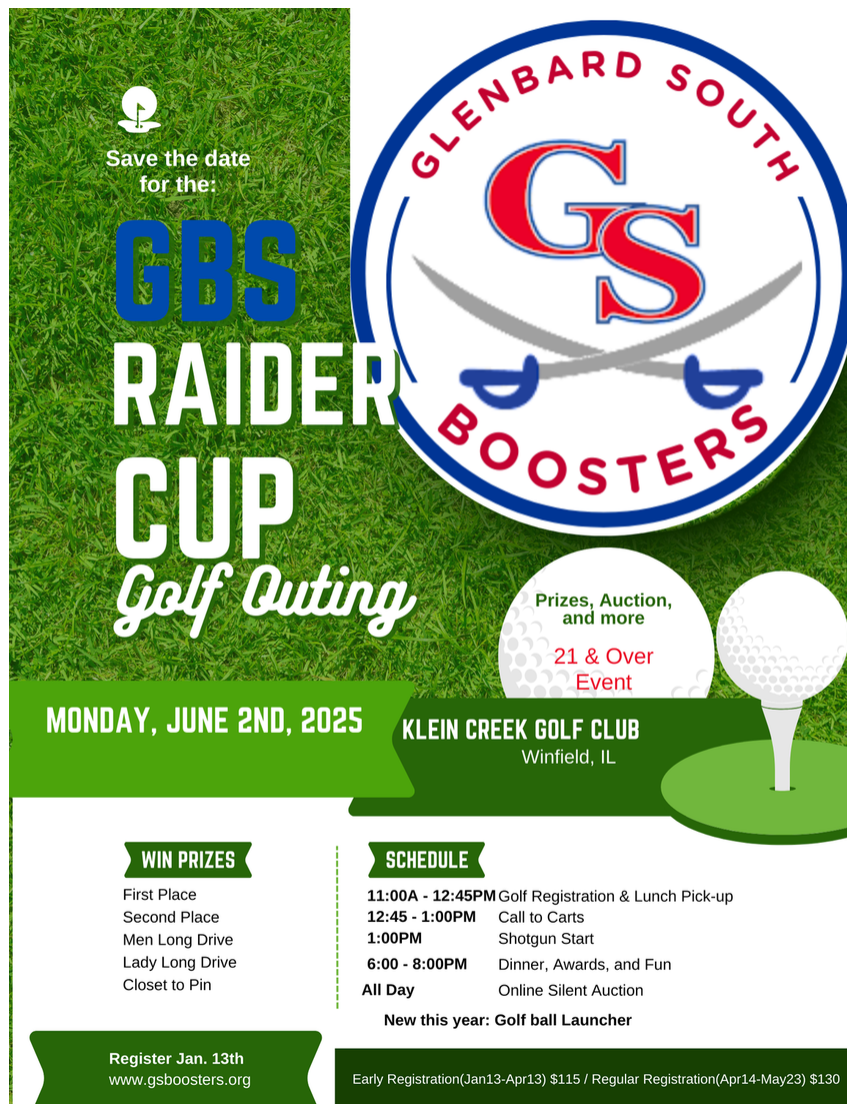


**How Parents Can Support Students to Dream Big, Aim High and Succeed**  
Susan Dominus in conversation with Dr. Lisa Damour, author of "Under Pressure"  
Tuesday, August 26 at noon and 7 p.m.




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Boosters



Save the date  
for the:

# GBS RAIDER CUP *Golf Outing*



Prizes, Auction,  
and more  
**21 & Over  
Event**

**MONDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2025** **KLEIN CREEK GOLF CLUB**  
Winfield, IL

**WIN PRIZES**

- First Place
- Second Place
- Men Long Drive
- Lady Long Drive
- Closet to Pin

**SCHEDULE**

- 11:00A - 12:45PM** Golf Registration & Lunch Pick-up
- 12:45 - 1:00PM** Call to Carts
- 1:00PM** Shotgun Start
- 6:00 - 8:00PM** Dinner, Awards, and Fun
- All Day** Online Silent Auction

**New this year: Golf ball Launcher**

Register Jan. 13th  
[www.gsboosters.org](http://www.gsboosters.org)

Early Registration(Jan13-Apr13) \$115 / Regular Registration(Apr14-May23) \$130

## Join the Glenbard South Boosters Team ... We Need You!

Be part of the moments they'll always remember... JOIN OUR TEAM!

Make meaningful memories with your student and support the Raider community!

We're looking for volunteers to join the Glenbard South Boosters Board or lead a committee. Roles are flexible, manageable, and impactful. Just a few hours a month can make a big difference!

### Why Volunteer?

- ☑ Low time commitment, high impact
- ☑ Current open roles include:
  - ☑ 1st VP of Volunteers
  - ☑ Raider Wear Chair
  - ☑ Fall Social/Special Events Chair

- ☑ Flexible roles — all can be co-chaired with a friend
- ☑ No experience needed — just heart and a willingness to help
- ☑ Meet other Raider families and be part of your student's high school journey

Interested? Fill out our quick form and we'll follow up with more details.

We'd love to have you on the team!

JOIN OUR TEAM: <https://www.gsboosters.org/volunteer-form>





# GBS Boosters

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY

### BELOW IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE EVENTS AND COMMITTEES HOSTED, PARTICIPATED IN, OR SUPPORTED BY GBS BOOSTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Freshman Parent Night & BBQ •  
Blue and White Night • local  
restaurant and giveback nights  
• Fall Mum Sale + Spring Plant  
Sale • Raider Pride Night • Fall  
Social Wine Bingo Night •  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation  
Breakfast • Gratitude Day



• Pack the Place • Winter Social  
Trivia Night • Valentine's for  
Vets • Floral Symphony •  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
• Senior Farewell Fest • Annual  
Golf Outing • Volunteer  
Appreciation Night  
(Winter/Spring).

 [gsboosters.org/joinnow](https://gsboosters.org/joinnow)



#### Become a Member - Glenbard South Boosters

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

 [gsboosters.org](https://gsboosters.org)



#### Glenbard South High School

Website: [www.glenbardsouthhs.org](https://www.glenbardsouthhs.org)

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

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