



# Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

August 22, 2024



## FROM THE OFFICE OF: Principal Santee

Good morning, Raider Families,

We hope the start of the school year has gone as smoothly as possible for you. We are excited to be up and running with our new schedule and all the excitement that a new year brings. This week will kick off many of the fall sport scrimmages and begin some competitions. Friday's are spirit wear days at Glenbard South! Students should plan to wear their Blue, Red, and White colors every Friday through the school year. This Friday, August 23rd, we ask that all students and staff wear our 2024-25 Raider t-shirt to celebrate Blue and White Night. We even have a special gift for every student that wears their shirt this Friday! More information about this below.

We encourage families to be checking PowerSchool for grade updates. We want our students to start the school year off on the right foot. Turning in all formative assessments is a key to success! Please engage your student in a conversation as soon as possible if they are missing any assignments. In most cases, late work is accepted, often until the end of the unit. Students are also doing a great job following the expectations of keeping cell phones put away during all instructional classes. We appreciate your support in limiting the distractions during classes.

There is a lot of important information in the newsletter, including important safety updates around drop off and pick up, as well as bus information. We are looking forward to seeing you on campus soon, whether that be for Blue and White night, Open House, or other games or events. You are an integral part of our Raider community. Join us soon!

As always, reach out with any questions or concerns.

With Raider Pride,  
**Principal Santee**

**Be sure to follow me for school updates and pictures of Raider life @**

X: @GBSraiders @santee\_jc

Instagram: @principal\_santee



**FROM THE OFFICE OF:**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION**

**Mr. Sean Byrne**

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# Open House



We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 29 for Open House. Parents with students in Zero-hour PE will meet with their teacher at 5:45. First Period will begin promptly at 6:00. Friday, August 30 is a 1:00 pm dismissal for all students.

We will have an optional parent meeting, prior to Open House, starting at 5:00. At this meeting we will discuss ACT testing this school year and AP/Dual Credit courses. We want to make sure you have information and the tools necessary to support your student. This meeting will take place in the Commons.

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## 2024-25 Testing Dates

- Friday, October 25, 2024 (non attendance day): Optional PSAT/NMSQT for 11th grade students
    - Students may use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up for the optional PSAT/NMSQT
  - Tuesday, October 29, 2024: preACT
    - 11th grade only; no classes for 9th, 10th, and 12th grades
  - Wednesday, April 9, 2025: preACT
    - 9th and 10th grades only; no classes for 11th and 12th grades
  - Thursday, April 10, 2025: School-day ACT
    - 11th grade only; no classes for 9th, 10th, and 12th grades
  - May, 2025: AP Testing (Multiple dates; specific dates found on the [College Board Website](#))
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## Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 23 and 24.

- Both school days will be early release days for students (1:00 dismissal).
- Registration for Parent-teacher conferences will be done in Power PTC, which is accessed through PowerSchool. Families will be sent information about specific registration dates as soon as it is available.



- **Wednesday, October 23**, conferences will be virtual (on Zoom) from 4 - 8 pm.
  - **Thursday, October 24**, conferences will be in person in classrooms, from 2 - 6 pm.
  - **Friday, October 25 is a non-attendance day for all students.**
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## Congratulations to our AP Scholars!





Each year, the College Board awards “AP Scholar Awards” to recognize high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement on AP Exams. Glenbard South is excited to celebrate the students listed below for the honors as noted. Students can print a copy of their award certificate(s) online, and the awards are reflected on all score reports sent to colleges after awards are conferred.

<b>AP Scholar</b>	<b>AP Scholar with Honor</b>	<b>AP Scholar with Distinction</b>
<i>Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams</i>	<i>Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams</i>	<i>Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.</i>
Abigail L. Anderson	Zoyaa Baig	Sofia K. Alcala
Alexandria J. Arquilla	Ava K. Benes	Aaron Berntsen
Haris Basha	Audrey F. Biancalana	Jack T. Biancalana
Victoria A. Behling	Natalie E. Buhle	Grace E. Bittlingmaier
Adam B. Berntsen	Danielle K. Bulthuis	Beau J. Bixler
Rebekah R. Brzezinski	Briana R. Coppolino	Anne M. Boguslavsky
Emily F. Cascio	Dominic J. Costello	Elizabeth J. Boguslavsky
Michael J. Champagne	Matthew M. Delgado	Amelia J. Buhle
Sameer Chaudhry	Maxine Domecka	Courtney L. Cardamone
Joslyn D. Czerwinski	Kara Donham	Anthony S. Colby
Haylee A. Davis	Sarah O. Goodin	Abigail M. Donaker
Dylan P. Del Alcazar	Lexia Hagedorn	Margaret G. Falkenberg
Milan Djurcic	Isabella Hernandez	Andrew Ford Taggart
Elise A. Fey	Kiley E. Hiller	Lorenza A. Foster-Simbulan
Michael K. Fischbein	Diana J. Kalvelage	Jaden J. Frederick
Skylar Fischer	Alishbaa Karim	Ekaterina I. Georgieva
Aubrey M. Galuza	Ella R. Larramore	Simona Georgieva
Kaitlyn Haas	Nathan M. Le	Katherine Haas
Benjamin D. Heim	Alexander Y. Long	Erika E. Hartman
Mirabelle C. Hines	Iman I. Meah	Amina Z. Irfanullah
Jordan M. Ibalio	Namit Mehta	Asma Z. Irfanullah
Ian L. Jang	Julia M. Noak	Jaden R. Juengel
Francesca Jarvis	Musa K. Saeed	Safa Kamal
Sarah M. Jeschke	Oladeji A. Solola	Jonas Kling
Simona Juknyte	Eva S. Vogel	Tia Y. Knuth
Mohsin Khaleel	Olivia R. Weber	Taylor A. Koenig
Faliha Khan	Haley M. Wong	Miles L. Kubik
Sydney L. Kiley		Andrew M. Lullo
Phinees K. Kula		Lily C. Manzanero

Laura C. Lozano		Michelle M. Marecki
Saiyid R. Maududi		Matilda S. McLaren
Lauren Musto		Lucas D. Newman
Van B. Nawl		Zachary K. Nielsen
Justin J. Olague		Annika R. Norquist
Diesel A. Oleksak		Liliana S. Olson
Mayrin Ortiz		Jonathan K. Park
Logan W. Price		Emma C. Pekkarinen
Nathaniel K. Puzon		Mary K. Pinkelman
Ali M. Razfar		Christian X. Pogorzelski
Alexandra E. Rupp		Ella L. Pope
<del>Angielos</del> Salca		Quinlin M. Pounders
Jackson Schwander		Ryan M. Pratt
Olivia M. Seaman		Emily V. Puchalski
Isabella R. Serrano		Paul C. Quint
Dhruv K. Shah		Belinda L. Ramos
Joy U. Shim		Leah D. Rupp
Yousef A. Siddiqui		Erik O. Schmall
Andrew Slaughter		Reid K. Sebahar
Sean J. Stewart		Isha S. Shah
Ashrith Valluri		Mohammad A. Sharif
Luke R. Van Tholen		Muhammadomar A. Siddiqui
Julianna C. Webb		Kaitlyn R. Urbanowicz
Annika J. Wise		Benjamin T. Zima

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



## Bus Update

### Dear Families

We are aware that some families experienced delays with buses recently. We sincerely



apologize for the inconvenience. We are working with our bus transportation provider, Safeway Transportation Services, and reinforcing our expectations for quality and reliable service. While the typical beginning of the school year

adjustments as drivers

get acclimated with new routes is expected, we understand what that means to families.

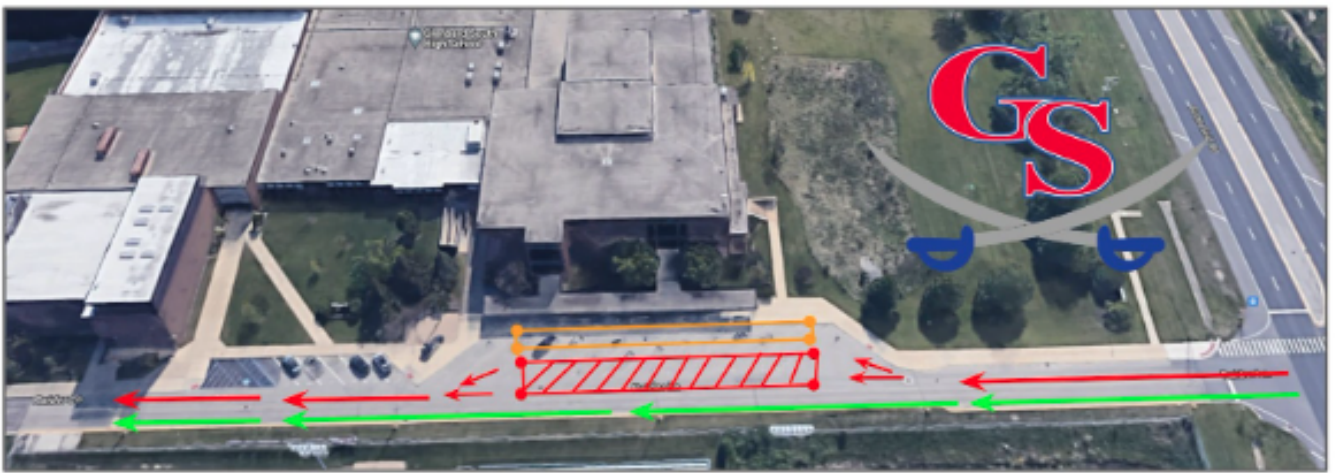
There are a variety of factors contributing to this situation, including new drivers, new buses and new equipment (technology, etc.) We're also aware of issues with the bus app, which will allow users to see real-time updates on their bus location. Safeway has its technical team working to ensure all buses have GPS technology that aligns and communicates consistently with the app.

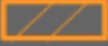


We continue to work with Safeway to ensure there is improved on-time service. We have established a log of all known issues and expect that Safeway will resolve these issues quickly. We acknowledge that in some cases this has been very disruptive to families, and resolving this is a top priority for our team. We appreciate your patience.

## **Student Morning Drop Off Information**

Each school day, we have a traffic pattern in place between 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM. The morning traffic pattern is "one-way". Please enter Glenbard South from Butterfield Rd. and exit using Park Blvd. Students should be dropped off in the designated area. Do not drop off students on Butterfield Rd. Once vehicles enter the drop off area, they will be held until students are clear. The next group of vehicles will pull forward and the process will repeat until all students/staff are safely dropped off to school. Maintaining the safety of our students as they are dropped off, is a priority. Please be patient and arrive early to avoid traffic. For safety reasons, do not drop off your student outside of the drop off area, this includes the visitor parking spaces and directly in front of the main entrance to the building. DuPage County Sheriff will be on site to assist with a smooth morning drop off. The lane closest to the stadium should only be used to drive thru or park.





-  The lane closest to the school is reserved for bus drop off only.
-  The 2 middle lanes are for student drop off. Staff will be on site to provide safe crossing for students. Cars cannot move until students are clear from the area.
-  The lane closest to the stadium is for driving thru and parking in the student/staff parking lot. For safety reasons, students should not be dropped off in this lane of traffic.

Students can enter the building at Door #1 (Bus/Student Drop off area) or Door #4 (Main Entrance). Students must show their school ID when entering the building.

## End of School Day Student Pick Up Information

At the end of the school day, if you are picking your student up, please meet your student in the designated student pick up area on the northeast side of the building.



# Senior Portraits and Yearbook Photos

Prestige Photography is coming to Glenbard South High School for senior portraits. You can go online and schedule your appointment today! PHOTO DATES are August 26, 27, and 28.



1. Simply go online at [www.prestigeportraits.com](http://www.prestigeportraits.com) or call 800-736-4775
2. Enter the State and City of the school: (Illinois / Glen Ellyn)
3. Follow the prompts to view and confirm your appointment details

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## Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior Yearbook Retakes



Photos will be taken during the school day on October 15. This will be the last chance for students to get a photo for the yearbook!



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

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## Homecoming 2024

Mark your calendars...Homecoming is right around the corner. We will be celebrating Homecoming the week of September 23rd. Some of our activities will include our annual Games Night on Monday 9/23, Evening Pep Rally on Wednesday 9/25 and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday 9/28. We will have more information about ticket sales, themes and times once we get closer.





## Class Schoology



Please ask your student if they are on their Class Schoology page. We have 4 different pages for each of the 4 grades and it is imperative that your student checks that regularly. We put announcements on there of which some may have deadlines. Ask your student if they are able to see that page. If they are not able to do so they should talk to the our Tech desk about getting added.

## School Counseling

Seniors will be required to attend an overview session on September 6th. After that date, seniors are encouraged to sign up during Raider Agency for all of the following optional workshops.



### Fall 2024: Senior Success Raider Hour Series



Counselors will be presenting important information during Agency Days. These meetings will take place during Raider Hour. Seniors are encouraged to attend all of these meetings. Signing up for these sessions is optional with the exception of the first session on September 6th which is mandatory for all seniors. Below is the schedule of session topics. All sessions will be held in the Auditorium.

Date	Topic
September 6, 2024	Senior Success Overview and What Every Senior Must Know
September 9, 2024	<a href="#">Finding Your College Fit</a>
September 16, 2024	<a href="#">Building Your List of Schools in SchoolLinks</a>
September 23, 2024	<a href="#">Overview of the Common Application</a>
October 4, 2024	Common Application Workshop
October 7, 2024	College of DuPage Information Session
October 11, 2024	College of DuPage Application Workshop
November 15, 2024	FAFSA* preview and Local Scholarship Info
November 18, 2024	College of DuPage Information Session
November 22, 2024	College of DuPage Application Workshop

\*FAFSA is a graduation requirement

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics



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## Blue and White Night

Blue White Night-Join us on Friday for our annual Blue White Night. This is the kickoff to our fall sports season. Come see our fall Raiders in action as they prepare for their seasons. Concession will be open along with spirit wear for sale. This is a great night to show your Raider Pride!

### *BLUE/WHITE SCRIMMAGE NIGHT* **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2024**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Scrimmage	Volleyball (Freshman)	Raider Gym	4:30PM	5:30PM
Scrimmage	Volleyball (Varsity/JV)	Raider Gym	5:45PM	6:45PM
Scrimmage	Girls Tennis	Tennis Courts	4:30PM	5:30PM
Scrimmage	Boys Soccer (F/S)	Upper East Field	4:30PM	5:45PM
Scrimmage	Football (F/FS) Vs Wheaton North	Raider Stadium	4:30PM	5:45PM
Performance	Cheerleading (JV)	Raider Stadium	Halftime of F/S Scrimmage	
Time Trial	Cross Country (B)	Raider Stadium	5:45PM	6:00PM
Time Trial	Cross Country (G)	Raider Stadium	6:00PM	6:15PM
Scrimmage	Boys Soccer (JV/V)	Raider Stadium	6:15PM	7:30PM
Demonstration	Boys/Girls Golf	Raider Stadium	6:00PM	7:30PM
Recognition	All Fall Sports	Raider Stadium	7:35PM	7:40PM
Performance	National Anthem	Raider Stadium	7:40PM	7:43PM
Scrimmage	Football (Varsity) vs. Wheaton North	Raider Stadium	7:45PM	9:00PM
Performance	Cheerleading/Dance	Raider Stadium	Halftime of V FB Scrimmage	

\*Golf Demonstration will include putting greens, chipping nets and an oversized golf drive activity for all guests to enjoy.

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# Pediatric Cancer Awareness Week

Pediatric Cancer Awareness Week-Glenbard South Athletics will be partnering with Cal's Angels to promote awareness for pediatric cancer the week of September 2-September 6. Our varsity teams will wear yellow items in their contests and practices during that week and t-shirts will be sold that week during lunches as the home football game that week will be a Gold Out to promote the cause. Please join us in supporting a great cause that whole week as we have many home events.



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## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction-Glenbard South will induct its 3rd Hall of Fame Class on Thursday, September 12th at the Carlisle in Lombard. Tickets are available for purchase using the link: <https://gofan.co/event/1533699?schoolId=IL15488>. Doors open at 5:00PM. This is a great event to celebrate some of the very best who have represented Glenbard South and the athletic program over our proud history.

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## Superintendent-Dr. Larson

### Larson discusses new school day structure

Welcome to a new school year. We are thrilled to see our students and excited about some big changes this year.

Our four high schools have adopted a hybrid block schedule twice a week, and we moved our start and dismissal times later each day. These changes are part of our focus on providing students with a high-quality learning experience that meets their needs and prepares them for life after high school.



I am confident that our hybrid block schedule and changes to start and dismissal times will enhance our students' learning experience and best prepare them for their future.

### What is Changing

Starting this school year, we are implementing a **hybrid block schedule** on most **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The schedule features:

- Four 90-minute periods.



- Students will attend their odd period classes on Wednesday and their even period courses on Thursdays.
- 40-minute lunch periods will occur during the third block.

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays** retain the same schedule as this past year: eight periods per day, with Glenbard Hour (student support time) on Mondays and Fridays. Each high school will now feature three lunch periods.

We also **moved school start and dismissal times 30 minutes later each day** of the week:

- **New start time = 8 a.m. New dismissal time = 3 p.m.**
- The length of the school day does not change.
- Early dismissal on Tuesdays will continue for teachers to participate in Professional Learning Communities. This is a time that teachers collaborate to discuss ways to achieve better results for the students they serve in common subject areas.
- Research indicates a later start time has physiological benefits for adolescents that lead to better engagement and increased student learning.

### **Hybrid Block and Deep Learning Experiences**

We are excited to launch a hybrid block schedule that provides our students with **deeper learning experiences**. This schedule will also intentionally develop our Profile of a Graduate competencies within the classroom. Our vision of a Profile of a Graduate is a student who communicates, thinks critically, creates, collaborates, embraces diversity and is self-empowered.

The increased opportunities for deep learning drove our decision to adopt the 90-minute block. This extra time in each class will **benefit our students in numerous ways**:

- Deep learning and authentic experiences for all students;
- Additional time for projects, labs and other hands-on activities;
- Experiences in classes that mirror college and work scenarios;
- Focus on fewer subjects per day on hybrid block days (four classes instead of eight);
- Less starting and stopping, transition time between classes;
- Less time on refocusing and warming up to a new subject and class;
- More time for collaboration between students.

### **Planning and Preparation**

Changes of this magnitude require patience and persistence. Students, teachers and staff are going through an adjustment period as they navigate the new schedule. However, our teachers and administrators put in the work to make this a successful transition.

Throughout the 2023-24 school year, our talented educators participated in our **numerous professional development offerings**. These sessions prepared them to effectively plan and teach for deep learning in a block period. They learned about topics such as: student-led discussion and activities; student supports within the class; student choice; and teaching about our Profile of a Graduate. This focused professional

development will continue this school year.

I am proud of our students, faculty and staff, and eager to see the innovative work they do in this new school day structure.



**LINK TO BROCHURE ON NEW WEBSITE:**

<https://gpsparentseries.org/#brochure>

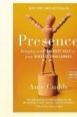
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## **GPS Glenbard Parent Series**

### Upcoming Events



**Presence: Using Body Language and the Mind to Boost Confidence, Performance Under Stress and Social Bravery**  
Dr. Amy Cuddy in conversation with Rosalind Wiseman  
Monday, August 26 at noon and 7 p.m.



**How to Raise a Healthy Gamer: Navigate Power Struggles and Build Better Screen Habits (to Transform Your Relationship With Your Kid)**  
Alok Kanojia, MD  
Tuesday, August 27 at noon and 7 p.m.



**Solutions for Fear, Worry and Anxiety in Young Children**  
Dr. Ann-Louise Lockhart  
Wednesday, August 28 at noon and 7 p.m.



**Good Inside: A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want to Be**  
Dr. Becky Kennedy in conversation with Lori Gottlieb  
Wednesday, September 4 at noon and 7 p.m.



**HYBRID EVENT – Anxiety and Stress Reduction Strategies for Teens and Adults**  
Dr. Ali Mattu  
Wednesday, September 11 at noon and 7 p.m.  
**In person in the Silverleaf Room at the Culinary and Hospitality Center at College of DuPage and on Zoom at noon, and on Zoom at 7 p.m.**



**B-PAC: Lecciones de Vida para Criar a un Adolescente del Siglo XXI / Life Lessons for Raising a 21st Century Teen**  
Dr. Hector Montenegro  
Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m.



**COMMUNITY READ EVENT – Crying in H Mart: A Memoir**  
Michelle Zauner in conversation with Kelly Corrigan  
Wednesday, September 18 at 7 p.m.



## 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](http://gsboosters.org)



## Glenbard South High School

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## Maria Mazza

Maria is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

