



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

September 23, 2024



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

Greetings, Raider families,

The heart of the fall school season is upon even though it still feels like the heat of summer. Students are very busy with their classes and with all the sports and activities. Homecoming week is next week and with it all the fun activities for the week. Please read below for the many important details on events approaching in the coming weeks.

As always, reach out with questions, suggestions, or concerns.

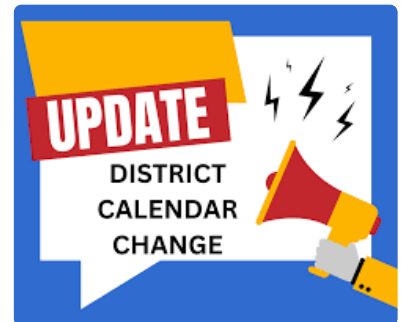
With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



Reminder: Calendar Change this year

October 14, 2024 is a regular class day

November 5, 2024 is a non-attendance day for Election Day



Safety Drills at Glenbard South: Upcoming Lockdown/Violent Intruder Drill

The safety and security of our students and staff are a priority. One of the most critical factors in safety is the culture and climate of our schools that foster an environment where students are comfortable reporting a concern to a trusted adult. We remind our students that our faculty and staff are trusted adults they can go

to if they have a concern. We routinely emphasize the importance of "if you see something, say something." We urge anyone who sees or hears anything that could represent a potential school safety issue to immediately notify a teacher, staff member, or administrator. It is paramount that we all remain vigilant regarding the safety of our students and staff. Below is an outline of the many preventative and ongoing measures we take as a school community to continually monitor and improve the safety of our school community:

- We regularly consult with a third party agency to complete a comprehensive school safety study. We just completed one in January of 2023, and made the changes suggested through this process.
- We have building and district level safety teams that address school safety and mental health that meet quarterly (at a minimum) every year to review our procedures and improve our practices.
- We have a threat assessment team at the building level that meets to discuss any student mental health concern, involve the parents, and partner with first responders whenever needed.
- We complete all required state safety drills and also have made many tutorial videos to help students and staff feel comfortable to know what to do in an emergency.

- We partner with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department and their rapid deployment unit for training. They have trained in our school in the past and have provided training for Glenbard South staff.
- We have a School Resource Officer present during school hours and have security throughout the building and at the only accessible entrance during school hours.
- We have limited entry into the building for all students to two doors before school.
- We have improved our camera systems and door monitoring to know when any door is opened during school hours and have limited entry outside of school hours. We have also upgraded all outdoor lighting to improve visibility.
- We have also moved to requiring all students, staff and visitors to present ID to enter the building. All adults must be wearing an ID in the building. All students are scanned in and out of the building at all times.
- As we begin to plan for our future construction plans, our secure vestibule and main office will be separated from student spaces and only accessible from the main entrance. In addition, all door hardware will be replaced and upgraded. Currently all classrooms use multiple measures to be able to secure the learning environment.

We are always reflecting on our practices with the goal of providing a safe and productive school learning environment. Part of staying safe is being prepared for emergencies. In order to maintain a safe environment, we must routinely practice safety drills and procedures. Glenbard South conducts all required drills in accordance and partnership with the Regional Office of Education, the Dupage County Sheriff's Office and the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department. During the first week of school we also had students and staff view our new [emergency actions video](#) for important procedures.

Next we will complete a Lockdown/Violent Intruder Drill and Fire Drill on September 30, 2024. During the Lockdown Drill, students will review and practice procedures in the event of a lockdown or school evacuation. During the drill administrators will partner with Dupage County Sheriff to check rooms for noise or any unlocked doors. Once the building has been checked, an all-clear will be announced and classes will return to normal. A canine unit will likely also be on site. Please talk with your student about the importance of taking all drills seriously in order to help keep Glenbard South as safe. Thank you for your partnership.

If you have any questions about our drills or school safety, please do not hesitate to contact me at jessica_santee@glenbard.org or our Assistant Principal for Operations, Mr. Taff Nielsen at taff_nielsen@glenbard.org, or call the main office at 630-469-6500.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne



Raider Open House

Thank you to all of our Raider families who were able to join us for **Raider Open House on 8/30/24**. Please take a moment to [provide feedback](#) on the evening as well as general feedback on how the year is going so far for your student(s). Many families joined us for an optional session on the **ACT, Dual Credit, and AP Classes**. Please see the slides for discussion [here](#), and feel free to reach out to Mr. Byrne with any questions.

September 11 Remembrance

In 2001, Congress designated September 11th of each year as "Patriot Day" and as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance." On that day we are asked to take a moment to both reflect on those who serve this country and to reflect on the events of that day. Today's lesson will serve as a reminder of the day's events, as well as a call to serve. On September 13, 2024 during Raider Hour, our students participated in a lesson titled "September 11 - Raiders Remember, We Serve." The purpose of this lesson was to remind students of the events of 9/11/01 and encourage all students to serve their communities. We hope your family will consider ways to honor those lives lost on 9/11 by participating in service to your local communities.

RAIDER SPIRIT WALL



THE CLASS OF 2022



Voter Registration



On September 17, Glenbard South participated in National Voter Registration Day. All students who will be 18 on November 5 (and thus eligible to vote) were invited to register to vote during their lunch period.

For more information, including how you and your student can still register to vote, see this [link](#).



PowerSchool

As many of you know, PowerSchool is the student management system for Glenbard 87 and contains all student grade and attendance data. Student registration is also handled through PowerSchool.

Students and parents/guardians can view grades, scores, and schedules in PowerSchool. We encourage all families to review PowerSchool on a regular basis (once or twice a week) to understand their student's progress in class. It is a good idea to check in with your student about how they feel about their progress and empower them to ask for support when needed.

PowerSchool can be accessed through [THIS LINK](#) or on the [Parents/Families](#) tab of the Glenbard South Webpage. A Schoology Parent and Guardian How To document can be found [HERE](#).

24-25 Testing Dates

- 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](#))

Testing Schedule



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.**

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



OrganicLife Food Service

Glenbard District 87 is pleased to partner with OrganicLife as our food service provider. Organic Life menu offerings and nutrition/allergen information [here](#).



Students and families should visit www.pushcoin.com to sign up for the payment option.



Senior Yearbook Photos

The last opportunity for seniors to take their photo for the yearbook will be on November 1, 2024. Please contact www.prestigeportraits.com or call 800-736-4775 with any questions about yearbook photos for your senior student.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

Young Hearts For Life (YH4L)

District 87 and Glenbard South are partnering with YH4L to offer ALL of our students free heart screenings on December 3rd.

YH4L, the largest ECG screening program in the United States, will provide a FREE heart screening called an electrocardiogram (ECG) to identify young adults (age 12-24) at risk for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). More than 60 young adults die each week in the United States from Sudden Cardiac Death. Since 2006, YH4L has screened over 320,000 students and has identified more than 3,400 with previously undiagnosed heart conditions. Please be aware that repeat ECG testing is recommended every two (2) years.



In order to make this happen we not only need for all parents to sign their students up for the free screenings but we also need parent volunteers to make it happen. Please see the following 2 fliers to learn how to both sign up your student and volunteer to help on that day.

YH4L Heart Screening at Glenbard South High School

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Why do young adults need an ECG?

*60 young adults die each week from Sudden Cardiac Arrest in the US

*A simple, non-invasive ECG can detect approximately 70%
of conditions that can cause Sudden Cardiac Arrest;
a sport physical will only detect 4%!

*It's safe, painless, fast and FREE to all GSHS students

Scan Register your student →



Sponsored by: District 87, EKGs for EKG,
Erik "Lonnie" Lonwick Memorial Fund and YH4L Donors

GLENBARD SOUTH HS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the YH4L ECG Screening on

Tuesday, December 3rd



Scan to volunteer

Don't forget to register your student for this free life-saving screening!

Sponsored by: EKGs for EKG, Glenbard South HS, Erik "Lonnie" Lonwick Memorial Fund and YH4L donors



Homecoming 2024, "Enchanted Forest"

We will celebrate Glenbard South's 2024 Homecoming this week, the week of September 22nd. Here is a list of all of the events we will have throughout the week to celebrate our Raider Pride. We hope that students can make it out to some (or all) of the events throughout the week.

Homecoming week:

Sunday 9/22- Senior parking spot painting (1:00pm-3:00pm)-
Cancelled due to rain. Will be rescheduled.

Monday 9/23- Dress up day: **Class Color Day**

- Freshmen: **Blue**
- Sophomores: **Red**
- Juniors: **White**
- Seniors: **Black**
- Games Night 7 pm in Raider Stadium

Tuesday 9/24- Dress up day: **White Lies**

- Hallway decorating (2:30pm-4:00pm)



- Hallway themes
 - Senior: **Tangled**
 - Junior: **Shrek**
 - Sophomore: **Snow White**
 - Freshman: **Into the Woods**

Wednesday 9/25- Dress up day: Dress like your hallway

- Official Girls Flag Football game (not Powder Puff) 5:30pm in Raider Stadium
- Evening Pep Rally 7:00pm

Thursday 9/26-Dress up day: Twin Day

Friday 9/27- Dress up day: Raider Pride Day & Rock, Paper, Scissors passing pds

- School day pep rally (end of the day Raider Hour)

Saturday 9/28- Dance 6:30-9:30pm

Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales:

Buy your tickets at the Hub or through the online store through PushCoin.

Sales Dates: 9/16-9/27:

\$25 Dollars if you buy ahead

\$30 Dollars at the door

If you are bringing a student from another school, be sure to get your guest passes early.

All students and guests must show ID to enter the dance.



September is Suicide Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month – *a time to raise awareness, spread hope and share vital information and resources to people about suicide.*

The following is what we have shared with our students on our tv monitors throughout the building:



September is Suicide Prevention Month



**IF you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide:
TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY!**

WHO can I go to for mental health help at school?

School Social Workers (Ms. Hanson, Ms. Reeves, Ms. Shedbalkar)	Deans of Students (Mr. White, Ms. Chavez)
School Counselors (Ms. Chapa-Resendez, Ms. Munro, Mr. Hudgins, Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Douglas)	Administration (Ms. Santee, Ms. Kosak, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Carlson)
School Psychologist (Dr. Jones)	The School Nurse (Mrs. Smith)



YOU ARE NOT ALONE, ADULTS AT SCHOOL ARE HERE FOR YOU!



From the Health Office



Flu and Covid Vaccine 2024/25 - Now is the perfect time to get your vaccines

Getting the flu and covid vaccines for yourself and your family is very important, especially this time of the year.

It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza or covid virus infection.

Vaccines are recommended for all people ages 6 months or older.

Get both vaccines early to protect you and your family!

Please check out your school's website - Parent tab → Health Services → to see a list of other community resources near you.

Most insurance providers, including Medicare and Medicaid, will allow you to get your vaccines for free. Some providers require a co-pay, check with your insurance plan.

If you have a regular care provider - pediatrician, primary care doctor, clinic - CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Individuals without insurance can go to Walgreens, CVS, Jewel Osco, and children can make appointments through the [DuPage County Vaccine clinic](#). There is a fee for vaccinations without proof of insurance.

[CDC Flu and Covid vaccine recommendations](#)

School Counseling

Resources

Our [School Counseling Webpage](#) is full of valuable resources, including our recent [Open House presentations](#).

Senior Success Series

School counselors have been busy meeting one on one with seniors on their caseloads about their post high school plans. Parents will get an email with a summary of that discussion and important resources. In addition to our individual meetings, school counselors are planning group presentations and workshops on Senior Success Agency Days. The first session on September 6th was mandatory, while others are optional. Seniors are encouraged to sign up in their Glenbard App for all the relevant sessions listed below.



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	Finding Your College Fit
September 16, 2024	Building Your List of Schools in SchoolLinks
September 23, 2024	Overview of the Common Application
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

Parent Workshops

In order to assist parents as they help their students, parents are encouraged to attend the following workshops.

Date	Topic	Location
Thursday, Aug. 29th, open house	Navigating Senior Year	Glenbard South, LRC
Tuesday, Oct. 8, Noon and 7pm	Who Gets in and Why?: A Year Inside College Admissions	Visit GPSParentSeries.org for Zoom links and Program details
Thursday, Nov. 7, Noon and 7pm	The Price You Pay for College	Visit GPSParentSeries.org for Zoom links and Program details
Wednesday, Dec. 11, Noon and 7pm	Seven Steps to College Success: A Roadmap for Students with Disabilities	Visit GPSParentSeries.org for Zoom links and Program details
Monday, Dec. 9, 6pm-7pm	FSA ID workshop	Virtual via Zoom
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6pm-8pm	FAFSA* workshop	Virtual via Zoom
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 6pm-7pm	FSA ID workshop	Virtual via Zoom
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025 3pm-5pm	FAFSA* workshop	In Person, Glenbard South, LRC

Freshmen Small Group Meetings

School counselors will meet and check in with small groups of freshmen on their caseloads during Collaboration Hour in September. We will make sure that students know who their counselor is and how school counselors can help them.

Free College Applications Fall 2024

Below are colleges with free college application periods. This is not an exhaustive list, but these are the ones that have been shared by colleges:



- University of Illinois Springfield: Free before 12/1
- Western Illinois University: Month of October
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale 9/1-10/31
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville free until 12/1 (will work on a case-by-case basis beyond this date)

Always Free:

- Eastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Governors State University

Other Resources:

- [NACAC Fee Waiver](#)
- [Colleges with Paid Tuition Commitments For Students with Financial Need](#)
- [IACAC State Articulation Chat 9_11_24.pdf](#)

College and Military Visits at Glenbard South:

Glenbard South routinely hosts college and military representatives to meet with our students. Attending a visit gives your student a chance to speak directly with the admissions representative who will be evaluating their application and get answers to specific questions. These visits are open to 10-12th grade students. Some upcoming visits in October include: DePaul, Illinois State, Purdue, University of Chicago, and University of Iowa, as well as the Marines and Illinois National Guard.

Check out the links below and sign up in SchoolLinks to attend.

[How to Sign Up for a Visit in SchoolLinks](#)

[College and Military Speakers by Date](#)

[Questions to Ask a College Representative](#)

[Questions to Ask a Military Recruiter](#)

Illinois Regional College Fair

College of DuPage will host over 180 colleges and universities at the Illinois Regional College Fair on Tuesday, October 15 from 6-8pm. Check [here](#) for more information and to register for this free event.

Raider Career Chats

During agency days throughout the school year, Glenbard South alumni will be visiting with our students and sharing their career journeys, giving students a glimpse into different professions. Students sign up for these Career Chats in the Raider app. Upcoming careers include: business, information systems, finance, engineering, social media, education, and medicine.

Career Planning Resources

SchoolLinks has many career planning resources that students are encouraged to explore to aid in career planning. Another resource is Career One Stop, a website sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. It includes interest and skills assessments, career profiles, videos, and projections for various occupations. Check it out at [this link](#). Please stop in the Career Center and speak to Ms. Lange for assistance with career exploration.

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics

Mr. Tim Carlson



Homecoming Football Game

On the night of the Homecoming football game, there will be just one game that night. The Varsity will host Elmwood Park at 7:00PM. The Frosh-Soph game has been moved to Monday, September 30th at 5:00PM here at South.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Larson



Larson urges families to tap into the resources of GPS Parent Series



I cannot say enough good things about the [GPS Parent Series](#). This amazing free

resource offers a weekly lineup of highly acclaimed speakers talking about topics for every age and stage of development. Student and Community Projects Coordinator Gilda Ross does a great job bringing in nationally recognized experts for the GPS programs. These speakers recognize the exceptional caliber of GPS and want to be a part of it.

GPS is committed to enhancing the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of children by providing tips, tools and teaching to parents, guardians, students, school staff, professionals and the community at large. I encourage you to tune into one or more of GPS' free programs. Most of the programs are webinars, and some events are presented in person.

GPS programs cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Instilling character qualities such as resilience, empathy, compassion and grit
- Technology and screen time
- Substance use/abuse trends
- Issues unique to elementary, middle and high school
- College and career readiness
- Typical and neurodivergent brain development
- Emotional and physical wellbeing
- Early childhood development.

This year, GPS has a lineup of more than 50 authors and experts. The webinars are offered at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Some programs also are offered in person and as a hybrid event. GPS also offers programming presented in Spanish, Gujarati and Urdu.

I encourage you to visit GPSParentSeries.org to view the list of upcoming speakers, add GPS events to your calendar and register to receive weekly reminders.

Tell your friends and family about GPS and encourage them to check out a GPS event. GPS programs are convenient and loaded with information to help young people and

their families. In partnership with families, we are empowering students and preparing them for their future.

GPS Parent Series

Navigating Healthy Families

LINK TO BROCHURE ON NEW WEBSITE:

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

GPS Glenbard Parent Series



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

Upcoming Events

	COMMUNITY READ EVENT – <i>Crying in H Mart: A Memoir</i> Michelle Zauner in conversation with Kelly Corrigan Wednesday, September 18 at 7 p.m.	
	HYBRID EVENT -- <i>Prevention Starts With All: The Chris Herren Story</i> Chris Herren, former NBA player Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. In person at the McAninch Arts Center (MAC) at College of DuPage and on Zoom	
	Far From the Tree: The Many Ways of Unconditional Love and Acceptance Dr. Andrew Solomon Tuesday, September 24 at noon and 7 p.m.	
	Driven to Distraction: The New Science to Shift from Deficits to Strengths – ADHD & More Dr. Edward Hallowell Monday, September 30 at noon and 7 p.m.	
	Who Gets In And Why: A Year Inside College Admissions Jeffrey Selinger Tuesday, October 8 at noon and 7 p.m.	
	Rescuing Our Teens: 8 Solutions to Our Crisis of Disaffected Youth Dr. John Duffy Thursday, October 17 at noon and 7 p.m.	
	Teen Anxiety and School Anxiety: Dealing with Resistance and Refusal Dr. Laura Koehler Tuesday, October 22 at noon and 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.

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



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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