



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

December 12, 2024

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

Raider families,

We have one more week of 1st semester. The final exam schedule is below for December 18-20. Students are welcome to attend school during lunch, collaboration hour, or study hall during final exams to access the commons or library as a place to study but they are not required to be here at those times. Grades will be finalized for semester one on Thursday, January 9th. Report cards will be emailed home on January 10th. Please encourage your student to take time to review and prepare so they can finish the semester strong. We have two more Raider Hour sessions to schedule to see a teacher for extra help this Friday and next Monday! Make the most of it, Raiders!



Classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 7th**. Students should be sure to check their 2nd semester schedule in PowerSchool on January 6th. Schedules may be adjusted over the next two weeks in order to balance the number of students in each section. It is common for students to change teachers of a full year class at the semester. This happens to help maximize student course requests. If you have any questions about this, contact your student's school counselor by email and they will get back to you when we return from break.

Thank you, Raider families. I truly hope you can enjoy some special time with your families and friends over this holiday season.

Best wishes to you all!

With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



Important Dates For Your Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for important dates to save in your calendar.

GLENBARD SOUTH SEMESTER 1 FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Glenbard South High School FIRST 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
Day 1 Wednesday 12/18/24	Period 5 Exam	Break	Period 3 Exam	Break	Period 7 Exam	Resource Period
Day 2 Thursday 12/19/24	Period 6 Exam	Break	Period 2 Exam	Break	Period 8 Exam	Resource Period
Day 3 Friday 12/20/24	Period 4 Exam	Break	Period 1 Exam	Break	Rescheduled/ Make-up Exam & Zero Hour PE	Resource Period

You can find detailed information about final exams [HERE](#). Our Exam schedule can also be found on our website. [LINK](#)

FROM THE OFFICE OF:



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION

Mr. Sean Byrne

Final Exam Study Tips

Thank you to the Principal's Advisory Committee for putting together the following two resources for students to use when preparing for final exams next week.

- 5 Study Strategies To Do Great on Finals: [LINK](#)
- 5 Study Tips for Finals (that aren't studying!): [LINK](#)

New Course offered during Sophomore Year

This year, Glenbard South offered a new course for our students during their sophomore year - **AP Seminar: English**. This course is a year-long interdisciplinary course that challenges students to think critically about contemporary world issues. Students are developing inquiry skills through writing, reasoning, and collaboration while exploring a variety of topics across multiple disciplines. This course is a natural overlap with D87 standards for English 2 Honors and a great opportunity for our students. Our current students and students are enjoying this class tremendously this year and we look forward to welcoming our next group of students next year.

Families had the opportunity to learn about individual Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses at Glenbard South during our **Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Informational Session** on December 3. Slides of our presentation from this session can be found [here](#). Please contact my office or your students' school counselor with any questions.

New courses at Glenbard South include:

- [AP Macroeconomics](#)

While this course is not new, it has not been run at Glenbard South in a number of years. The College Board describes this course as one where "students cultivate their understanding of the principles that apply to an economic system as a whole by using principles and models to describe economic situations and predict and explain outcomes with graphs, charts, and data as they explore concepts like economic measurements, markets, macroeconomic models, and macroeconomic policies." More information can be found [here](#). This course is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

The following courses were new to Glenbard South last year (starting in the 2024-25 school year):

- AP Seminar: English

Year-long interdisciplinary course that challenges students to think critically about contemporary world issues from multiple perspectives. 10th Grade; replaces English 2 Honors

- AP Precalculus

Functions and their transformations, compositions and inverses through verbal, graphical, numerical and analytical representations. 12th Grade only.

- Entrepreneurship 1161 (Dual Credit)

Explore the entrepreneurial approach with others as it relates to careers, business, social responsibility, and startup growth.

- Fundamentals Of Speech Communication 1100 (Dual Credit)

This college-level oral communication course combines communication theory with the practice of oral communication skills. This is a dual credit course through the College of Dupage and is designed to fulfill general education requirements. Speech 1100 is offered at no cost and is transferable to many colleges and universities through a COD transcript. This course fulfills the speech requirement for graduation. This course is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

- Intro To Education 1100 and School Procedure 1101 (Dual Credit)

An introduction to teaching as a profession in the American education system; policies, procedures, and routine activities that are part of the teacher's role.

- Intro to Horticulture and Intro to Sustainable Urban Agriculture (Dual Credit)

The development, production, and use of horticultural crops; the principles of sustainable agriculture for urban production.

During Raider Hour Advisory on Friday, December 2, all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students viewed an **Electives Presentation** describing the elective opportunities in our elective departments. [This video](#) highlights many of the great elective classes offered here at Glenbard South. Remember that our core departments also offer a wide variety of elective courses. All courses offered at Glenbard South are described in the Academic Program Guide, linked [here](#). Please talk to your student's School Counselor during the enrollment process if you have any questions.

ACT PREP COURSE

While registration for the District 87 FREE ACT Prep course for Glenbard Juniors is officially closed, there are a limited number of seats remaining. The ACT Prep course is provided by Academic Approach, a leading test preparation provider. Scoring well on the ACT affords students with post-secondary opportunities, including scholarships and admission to competitive colleges and universities.

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Please contact Mr. Byrne asap if you would like to register for the course.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



8th Grade Visit

On December 13, we will welcome our incoming 8th Grade students from Glen Crest, Glenn Westlake and our neighboring private schools. The students will learn about our wonderful course offerings, how to get involved in sports and activities and the importance of building relationships.

Welcome to the class of 2029.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak



World Kindness Day/Gratitude Day

On Wednesday, November 20th we held our annual "Gratitude Day" in the Commons after school. This is a tradition that we have and is celebrated during World Kindness Week. Students were able

to come in and make cards to staff members to thank them. Once they finished their cards they got to enjoy some time with friends and staff with some pizza. This year we had some special guests.



Thank you to our Parent volunteer members of the West Nation ACTS: Advocating Character Through Service Committee for helping out for this special event. A special shout out to Lynn Lullo for all of her efforts in making this a successful event.

(insert pics...I am looking for them)

Theater

Congratulations to our theater department on yet another successful weekend of performances. December 6-8 we were treated to "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" on stage in our Little Theater. Our Raiders took us back in time to the 1940s as they told the popular story of George Bailey and the importance of giving and being kind.

The next production from our Theater department will be the spring musical, "Cinderella" and will be presented April 25-27. More information to come soon!

A reminder from our Fine Arts Department: we will have our annual Carols and Cocoa on December 14th from 9am-12pm. Come and enjoy some pancakes along with some holiday music. Also, there will be a Jazz Band concert on Monday, December 16th beginning at 7:30 pm.

Pack the Place Spirit Week



It is hard to believe but as soon as we are back in January we will have a spirit week to get all of our Raiders excited for Pack the Place Week. To kick off the week we will have a spirit week with the following dress up days:

Tuesday 1/7: Twin Day

Wednesday 1/8: White Out

Thursday 1/9: Age Day (based on your grade)

Friday 1/10: Raider Pride Day

We will end our Friday with an all school pep rally to get everyone excited for the Pack the Place events that will be taking place later that evening at Glenbard South.

School Counseling

Enrollment Information For Next Year

Parents, we value your input in this process. You best understand your own student's interests and postsecondary goals. You also see how the overall academic rigor of his or her schedule affects their daily functioning. Selecting the right courses not only prepares students for life after high school, but also creates opportunities for students to challenge their academic abilities.

Families should complete the following checklist within the timeline below:

December 2nd

- All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors reviewed the online enrollment process and received course enrollment forms during Raider Hour Advisory. Please ask your student to share their enrollment form with you. Your signature is required.
- An email went out to families listing all core class recommendations.

December 17th

- All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will return their completed enrollment forms to their 2nd period teachers. Students will be encouraged to take a picture of their enrollment form prior to handing it in. Please note that although we collect these forms at this time, the course requests are not finalized until your student meets with their school counselor in January.

December 2nd-January 6th

- **Parents and students will be able to edit their core course recommendations and must enter their other course selections into Powerschool.**
- Students who have an IEP will have access to view their course selections which will be chosen through an individualized team process.
- Click here for a copy of the [instructions](#) to enroll online in Powerschool. ([Click here for video tutorial](#)). These instructions were also uploaded to your student's resources folder in Schoology.
- For more detailed course descriptions please refer to the online [Glenbard South Academic Program Guidebook](#).

January 8th-January 24th

- After the Powerschool portal closes, students will meet individually with their school counselors to review course selections. School Counselors will reach out to students to set up these meetings when we return from Winter Break.
- It is essential that your student gives careful consideration to their course requests. Any changes after January 24th must be discussed with the student's School Counselor and will be on a space available basis.

Thank you for your support during this enrollment process. Please feel free to contact your student's school counselor with any questions.



Technical Center of DuPage!

Juniors and Seniors have the option of requesting a program at TCD as part of their elective choices for enrollment. Parents and interested students should go to www.tcdupage.org page to view current program description. Please watch [this short video](#) if you want to know what TCD is and what it can offer your student.

These descriptions and the video will assist students in learning more about the programs at TCD. If your student decides to apply for TCD for next year, please indicate "TCD" on the enrollment form PLUS two programs your student is interested in. Please note that space is limited and that there is an additional online application required. Your counselor will give you the link to the application when you meet with them in January for your enrollment one on one meeting.

On December 5th, counselors took a group of interested sophomores and juniors to TCD to explore the programs they have available. For students who did not get a chance to attend the field trip and for parents that want to explore the facilities themselves, **TCD is hosting an Open House on January 16th from 6:30-8pm.** No RSVP necessary.

FAFSA

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](#).

On Monday, December 9th, Glenbard South hosted a virtual FSA ID workshop for students and families. The FSA ID is the first step in completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), and is the creation of a username and password. If you missed the workshop, you are still able to create an FSA ID on your own. Please allow at least 24 hours before filing FAFSA. See below for the zoom links to future workshop dates and times.

Monday, Dec.9th, 6-7pm	FSA ID workshop	Virtual via Zoom ZOOM LINK
Tuesday, Dec.17th, 6-8pm	FAFSA workshop	Virtual via Zoom ZOOM LINK
Wednesday, Feb.19th, 6-7pm	FSA ID workshop	Virtual via Zoom ZOOM LINK
Thursday, Feb. 27th 3-5pm	FAFSA Workshop	Glenbard South LRC IN PERSON



Local Scholarships

Every year, 50+ local organizations provide scholarships for Glenbard South students. Seniors only need to complete ONE application to be considered for all of these scholarships. Glenbard South's Local Scholarship application went live on Friday, November 1st. The application is due in its entirety on Friday, January 19th. Please find more information including directions

and required forms [here](#) and on SchoolLinks. All local scholarship information can also be found on the [school counseling website](#). Please contact our school counselors who oversee scholarships with any questions, Mr. Hudgins at nicholas_hudgins@glenbard.org or Mrs. Douglas at ashley_douglas@glenbard.org.

The application for the [Ed Posh Scholarship](#) is now open and is due by January 31, 2025. A link is also available on SchoolLinks as well as other scholarship opportunities. Check out the scholarship section in SchoolLinks under the finances tab. Please contact our school counselors who oversee scholarships with any questions, Mr. Hudgins at nicholas_hudgins@glenbard.org or Mrs. Douglas at ashley_douglas@glenbard.org.

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics

Mr. Tim Carlson



Pack the Place

Be sure to join us on Friday, January 10th for Pack the Place 2025. It is a night full of activities and promises to be fun for everyone. Come on out and support our Raiders!

Here is the schedule of events:

5:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball vs Ridgewood, Girls JV Basketball vs Ridgewood

5:30PM Wrestling vs Elmwood Park

6:00PM Girls Gymnastics vs Morton

7:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball vs Ridgewood, Boys Sophomore Basketball vs Ridgewood.

Plus, performances by Raider Cheer and Dance along with the Pep Band.

GPS Glenbard Parent Series



LINK TO BROCHURE ON NEW WEBSITE:

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

Upcoming Events



Strengthening T(we)en Socialization Skills for Better Interpersonal Relationships
Dr. Timothy Wahlberg
Tuesday, December 17 at noon and 7 p.m.



Bright Kids Who Couldn't Care Less: Tools for Tackling Motivation
Dr. Ellen Braaten
Thursday, January 9 at noon and 7 p.m.



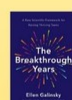
What Happened to You; A Shift from "What is Wrong with You?"
Bruce Perry, MD
Wednesday, January 15 at noon and 7 p.m.



The Adverse Childhood Experiences Guided Journal: A Workshop for Parents
Donna Jackson Nakazawa
Thursday, January 16 at noon and 7 p.m.



The Breakthrough Years: A New Scientific Framework for Raising Thriving Teens
Ellen Galinsky
Wednesday, January 22 at noon and 7 p.m.



The Changing Landscape of the Drug Epidemic: Fentanyl Poisoning, Meth and More
Sam Quinones
Wednesday, January 29 at noon and 7 p.m.



The Way of Play: Little Moments – Big Connections
Tina Payne Bryson and Georgie Wisen-Vincent
Thursday, January 30 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



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