



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

January 17, 2025

RAIDER



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FROM THE OFFICE OF: Principal Santee

Happy New Year, Raider Families,

I hope you have stayed safe and warm in through the first few weeks of 2025. Our students are competing strong in our winter sports programming and starting strong in their courses for the second semester. Thank you for your support for our winter Pack the Place! The school was buzzing with activity and community support.

I am very proud to report that 99% of all 1st semester grades earned by our students were passing grades, and 92% of all grades earned were C or higher. We want our students to keep up the hard work and remember: we are here to support EVERY student. See Mr. Byrne's section below for reminders on all the ways students can receive academic support at South. Reach out to teachers, counselors, Students Services, and Administration for additional support or questions.

We are on this journey together and want the best for every Raider in this school!
Please be sure to read through this newsletter for more important information.

As many of you are already aware, I want to share that I am honored to have been selected as the next Superintendent of Glenbard District 87 starting July 1, 2025. While it is a sad realization that I will no longer have the privilege of serving as Principal of South, I will remain at the heart of Glenbard South along with the other Glenbards. We have begun the interview process for my replacement and I am very confident we will have an incredible leader to continue our work here. Thank you for all of your support.

With Raider Pride,

Principal Santee



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

School-day Supports for All Students

Our new schedule allows multiple times during the school day for all students to meet with teachers and their peers to make sure everyone is finding success in their classes. As we begin Semester Two, we encourage you to talk with your student about how they are using this time during the school day to its fullest potential.

1 - Raider Hour

As we began during the last school year, each Monday and Friday, our students experience Raider Hour between periods 2 and 3.

- Approximately one third of these days are **Advisory Sessions** (indicated in blue on the calendar below), where students meet with two Advisory Teachers to go over important SEL Lessons, attend a Pep Rally, or participate in other school culture lessons.
- The other (approximately) two thirds of these days are **Agency Sessions** (indicated in red on the calendar below), where students are able to use the D87 App to schedule time to meet with available teachers.
- As we begin Semester Two, we encourage you to talk to your student about using this time to meet with the teachers of the courses where they need the most support. If their teacher is not available, often another teacher of the same content can help. Students can schedule their sessions up to four sessions in advance, so all are encouraged to plan ahead so they are able to get the help and support they need.

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2 - Collaboration Hour

On Block Days, all students will eat lunch during 7th Period (Wednesday) or 8th Period (Thursday). This means that their typical lunch period (4, 5, or 6) is a Collaboration Hour. This 90-minute period, once per week, is an invaluable time for students to catch up, get ahead, or work with a teacher for extra support.

All Freshmen and Sophomores are required to stay on campus and can choose to work quietly in a study hall environment, meet with a teacher (by appointment), or work with peers in the LRC, AP Cafe, Math Lab, or Writing Center. Juniors and Seniors with parent permission are given off campus privileges, as long as they are passing all of their classes. Grades are reviewed every three weeks. However, Juniors and Seniors are always welcome to stay on campus to work with a teacher or their peers.

SPRING TESTING DAYS

April 10, 2025: All Juniors at Glenbard South will take the School-day ACT with Essay. This exam will be administered digitally, on student iPads.

- This is a non-attendance day for 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students.

April 9, 2025: All 9th and 10th grade students at Glenbard South will take the pre-ACT. This exam will be administered digitally, on student iPads.

- This is a non-attendance day for 11th, and 12th grade students

May 5–9 and May 12–16: AP Exams administered at Glenbard South.

- 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.



FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATION

Mr. Taff Nielsen



Commencement Information - Save the Date

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. We are in the process of finalizing the senior end-of-the-year events and more information will be shared in a future newsletter.



Important Dates For Your Calendar

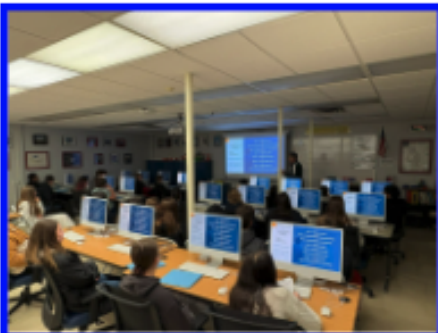
Click [HERE](#) for important dates to save in your calendar.



CLASS ★ OF ★ 2029

Future Raiders

Glenbard South recently hosted students from our feeder schools at the Annual 8th Grade Visit. Students were treated to a day of learning and exploring all the wonderful opportunities in store for their future years as a Raider!

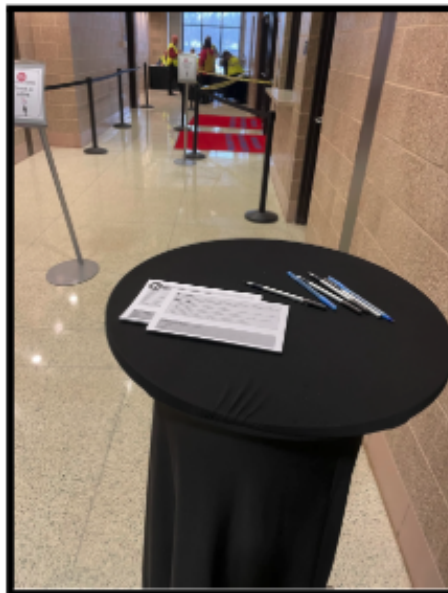


School Safety and Staff Training

Safety at school is the responsibility of everyone. Talk with your students about school safety and encourage them to be observant and report anything suspicious that they see or hear to the school administration or to the police. Door alarms are in place to keep our school safe! Reinforce with your student not to open doors during the school day or to allow strangers to enter the building. Remember...If You See, Hear or Read Something...Say Something!



During the January 6 Institute Day, all Glenbard staff received important training for our response in an emergency and best practice to reunify students with parents/guardians in a school crisis. We were joined by members of the District Office, the Regional Office of Education, the Dupage County Sheriff's Office and the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department.



Donation to the Boosters

We would like to thank Christian Hill for his beautiful woodworking donation to our Glenbard South Boosters. Christian worked closely with our Technology and Engineering teacher, Mr. Jeff Heise, in order to complete the project and submit the 2 cabinets for review for Eagle Scout recognition! The cabinets will showcase our Raider spirit items for years to come.





FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak

Valentines for Vets

The Village of Glendale Heights delivers beautifully written and decorated valentines collected from the community to Illinois veteran homes and veteran hospitals. Glenbard South students will create valentine cards for veterans during lunch periods on February 5. Volunteers review students' cards for appropriateness during the lunch periods and hand out candy. We also need one volunteer to deliver the cards to Glendale Heights Village Hall by 3:30pm. Slots are generally an hour to make it easy to volunteer, but please take two consecutive slots if you are able. [Sign up to Volunteer](#)
Thank you!



Parking:

Just a quick reminder that any student who drives to school must have a Glenbard South permit to park on campus. Students are assigned spots and must adhere to that parking space. If you have any questions please have your student stop by the Deans' Office to ask. Thank you for your cooperation!

Student drop-off in the morning

As a safety reminder please only drop off your student in the designated drop off zone in the mornings. Having your student exit the car outside of that zone is a danger to them as well as other students and drivers. Our School Resource Officer, Detective Green and Dean White are out there in the mornings to ensure that everyone is doing their part to stay safe, please adhere to their instructions during drop off.



It's not too late to get involved

Does it seem like your student has some time on their hands with the beginning of the new semester? It is never too late to join an extracurricular activity or club. We have clubs that span so many different interests. You and your student can see all of our clubs and activity offerings by visiting our website. If they have any questions please have them contact Ms. Kosak (APSS) or Dr. Chaloka (Assistant Activity Director).

Congratulations to GBS Theatre

Congratulations to Andrew Lullo (Projection Crew), Breanne Crawford (Rigging Crew), and Aniyah Nelson (Assistant Producer) on a wildly successful production of "The Prom" at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois this past week!



How to Apply for NHS

== 2nd Semester of Junior year ==

National Honor Society is based on four tenets: Leadership, Scholarship, Character and Service. All of these things play a role in determining your eligibility. Most importantly work hard to maintain a strong GPA all four years and get involved in volunteer opportunities prior to applying.

Step 1 : January-Mid February

To be eligible to receive an application you must have maintained a GPA of 3.44 or above through the first semester of your junior year. After finals, the sponsor receives a list of eligible candidates. Copies of the application are prepared for distribution to students' 2nd or 3rd period classes. Most applications are delivered by the 2nd week in February. If you feel your student is eligible but has not received an application by this time please contact the sponsor to check on your individual case.



Step 2: Mid-February - Mid-March

Once the student has their application, it is their job to turn it in when it is completed by the due date listed on the application. No late applications are accepted! In addition to filling out their membership information packet they must solicit 4 teacher or coach recommendations. AGAIN- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE TURNED IN ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE INDICATED. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

School Counseling

Enrollment Season is Upon Us!

Counselors are meeting with current freshmen, sophomores and juniors throughout the month of January in a one on one setting. At these meetings, counselors are reviewing students' credits, class selection for next year and reviewing option summer school as needed. The Academic Program Guidebook is available on our website to help you better understand our course offerings.

If you have a junior/senior athlete, or a member of our marching band, and your student plans to apply for a **pe waiver** to take an additional academic class, please make sure they communicate this with their counselor when we meet. Deadline to file for a PE waiver is January 31, 2025. The PE waiver form can be found on our website, under students, school counseling.

FAFSA required for seniors!

A non-academic **graduation requirement** for seniors this year is that you either need to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), or the [Alternate Application for Illinois Financial Aid](#). Please note that if you fill out the Non-participation form, you can change your mind and apply for FAFSA later.

Seniors

It is not too late to apply for college!! Many deadlines are between January 1st and February 1st.

Upcoming deadline to some colleges that are popular with our students:

Benedictine - rolling admission (no priority deadline)

Butler - February 1 for regular decision (rolling after)

DePaul - February 1 for regular decision

Dominican University - rolling after priority date of November 15

Elmhurst - rolling after their Early Action of November 1

Indiana (Bloomington) - February 1 for regular decision

Illinois State - rolling as space allows after November 1 priority deadline

Iowa State University - rolling admission

Michigan State University - February 1 for regular decision, rolling admission after

North Central - rolling admission

Purdue - January 15 regular decision

UIC - February 1 regular decision

UIUC - January 5 regular decision

University of Iowa - rolling admission



From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics

Mr. Tim Carlson



Thanks For A Great Pack the Place

We want to thank the Raider community for a great Pack the Place 2025. There were many events taking place and it was nice to see so many people supporting our students throughout the night. The money we raised from the evening will be donated to Cal's Angels in support of pediatric cancer research. (I have attached pictures below from the event)



Spring Sports Start Dates

Badminton: Monday, March 3rd

Baseball: Monday, March 3rd

Boys Gymnastics: Monday, February 17th (No longer an IHSA sponsored sport)

Lacrosse: Monday, March 3rd

Girls Soccer: Monday, March 3rd

Softball: Monday, March 3rd

Boys Tennis: Monday, March 3rd

Boys Track: Monday, January 27th

Girls Track: Wednesday, January 22nd

Boys Volleyball: Monday, March 10th



GPS Glenbard Parent Series

GPS *Parent Series*

Navigating Healthy Families

LINK TO BROCHURE ON NEW WEBSITE:

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



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

Upcoming Events



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



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



The Way of Play: Little Moments – Big Connections
Tina Payne Bryson and Georgie Wisen-Vincent
Thursday, Jan. 30 at noon and 7 p.m.



Future Proof: Positioning Students for the Changing Tide of Work
Emma Goldberg
Tuesday, Feb. 4 at noon and 7 p.m.



B-PAC in Spanish: Positive Parenting Mindsets – A Guide to Mental Endurance
Dr. Edith Treviño
Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.



Digital Thriving: Technology and the Future of Happiness in a Hyperconnected World
Amy Blankson
Thursday, Feb. 13 at noon and 7 p.m.



Peak Mind: Enhance Your Attention, Focus, and Performance to Become Your Best Self
Dr. Amishi Jha
Tuesday, Feb. 18 at noon and 7 p.m.



Boosters

Mark Your Calendars: Winter Social 90s Trivia Night!

Get ready to kick it old school at our 90s Winter Parents Social and Trivia Night! Join us for trivia fun with 90s musical clues, prizes, raffles, and exclusive GBS items. Dress in your best 90s gear and bring your crew for a night that's all that and a bag of chips!

Get Tickets Today!

gsboosters.org/wintersocial

Have items to donate for our raffle or auction? Contact Stephanie Herlien at glenbardmembership@gmail.com to support GBS students.

Let's make this event totally fly! Don't miss out!

JOIN THE BOOSTERS
at our
Winter Social

90's TRIVIA

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY

TOTALLY 90's TRIVIA!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GE

7:00 - 10:30 PM
LIGHT BITES & REFRESHMENTS
TRIVIA WITH 90's MUSIC CLUES
RAFFLES, AUCTIONS & MORE!

TICKETS

GSBOOSTERS.ORG/WINTERSOCIAL

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

Calling all Raider parents! Make a difference at Glenbard South by stepping into a shadow role for next year or taking on one of our many smaller positions.

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to shadow and potentially fill board positions, as well as to assist with key roles like managing concessions, serving as football ambassadors, handling Raider Wear merchandise, supporting ACTS planning, and organizing parent socials.

Shadowing opportunities are available now! Step behind the scenes, learn the ropes, and see how you can be part of the Boosters team. Whether you're ready to take on a leadership role or prefer to lend a hand with smaller tasks, every contribution makes a big impact.

Let's make next year a success as we boost our students ... one event at a time!
Learn more at: gsboosters.org/get-involved

CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THE BOOSTERS MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN?

Shadows NEEDED

- FOOTBALL AMBASSADORS
- CONCESSIONS MANAGER
- TREASURER
- 1ST VP, VOLUNTEERS
- ACTS CHAIR
- RAIDER WEAR CHAIR
- FALL SOCIAL/WINTER SOCIAL



THESE POSITIONS CAN BE CO-CHAIRED WITH A FRIEND!

Join Our Team!



SHADOW A CURRENT MEMBER TO LEARN THE ROPES AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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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