



Glenbard South Principal Newsletter

February 14th, 2025

.HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day

FROM THE OFFICE OF: Principal Santee

Raider community,

Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day Weekend. Please read below for many important updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my excitement for the appointment of Mr. Sean Byrne as the next Principal of Glenbard South, effective July 1, 2025. I am confident he will be an excellent leader for our school and will continue to support every student, family and all of our staff on their journey together. I am thrilled to continue our work together for this amazing community.

With Raider Pride,
Principal Santee



Day of Service: Join us at Ackerman on Monday, 2/17 at 11:00am-1:00 pm!



Project ♥ Linus

**FROM THE OFFICE OF:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF INSTRUCTION**



Mr. Sean Byrne

ACT Review Materials available for Glenbard Students

We are excited to share that all students grades 9 - 11 have access to Albert, an online learning tool, to support their preparation for the school-day ACT and preACT in April, 2025. Albert helps your student practice ACT® type questions and get immediate feedback.

Your student received instructions through an email to their Glenbard Gmail address. Most students have already used Albert in their classes, but if they need any support, [this document](#) will show them how to access their account.

School-day Supports for All Students

- Each Monday and Friday, our students experience Raider Hour between periods 2 and 3.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - 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.

February 2025					March 2025					April 2025					May 2025				
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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.



Here Comes the Bus

Glenbard South High School has implemented **Here Comes the Bus**, a bus tracking and communication app for your smartphone or desktop. **Here Comes the Bus** will allow our students and families the ability to know where their bus is before school and after school. You may register at any time. Please take a moment to review the information below.

District 87

HERE COMES THE BUS APP RESOLUTION INFO

D.87 Parent Information Contacts

- (224) 523-4804
- HCTB@safewayfirst.com

Google Form for App Assistance

- <https://forms.gle/BbjzkZr9Zhw4yDGS9>
- OR scan the QR code below

Here Comes the Bus

A school bus tracking and safety app for parents

App Features

- Track real-time location of your child's bus
- Reduce wait times, get notified when the bus is near or the schedule has changed
- Know when your child arrives at school or at home

Instructions For Parents:

1. Download Here Comes the Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school district code **30226** and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Click to confirm you are registering for your school district
7. Complete the registration by clicking "Activate My Account" in the verification email

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

For more information, visit: <https://herecomesthebus.com/>

Here Comes the Bus

Una aplicación de seguimiento y seguridad del autobús escolar para los padres

Características de la aplicación

- Sigue en tiempo real la ubicación del autobús de su hijo
- Reduce las esperas, recibe una notificación cuando el autobús está cerca o si cambia el horario
- Conoce cuándo su hijo llega al colegio o a casa

Instrucciones para los padres

1. Descargue la aplicación Here Comes the Bus o visite herecomesthebus.com
2. Haga clic en el botón "Registro"
3. Introduzca el código del distrito escolar **30226** y haga clic en "Siguiente" y después en "Confirmar"
4. Rellene la casilla "Perfil de usuario"
5. En "Mis alumnos", haga clic en "Añadir". Introduzca el apellido de su hijo y su número de identificación de estudiante
6. Haga clic para confirmar que lo está registrando para su distrito escolar
7. Complete el registro haciendo clic en "Actívalo My Account" en el email de verificación

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Para más información, visita: <https://herecomesthebus.com/>

FROM THE OFFICE OF:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Marina Kosak



Valentines for Vets

On Wednesday, February 5th we held our annual tradition of “Valentines for Vets”. During all lunch periods students were invited to make Valentine Day cards for veterans to thank them for their service. A shout out to our students who participated. And a special shout out to Lynn Lullo. For the past 4 years Lynn has headed up this endeavor here at Glenbard South. Thank you for your time and commitment to helping to make South a better place.





Live Life Well Week














The week of February 17th is Glenbard District 87's annual "Live Life Well Week". This year's theme is: "Talk to yourself like someone you Love". Our students will have daily activities that will allow them to look at different ways to be thoughtful and show gratitude to our community while maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The week always starts off with "President's Day of Service" held at the Ackerman Center in Glen Ellyn from 11:30am to 1:00 pm. All Glenbard students are invited to come and make blankets for kids with cancer. From there we will have different activities held throughout the week at South.

LLWW SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2025

Embrace Joy and Kindness to Live Life Well

Talk to
YOURSELF
like someone you
LOVE

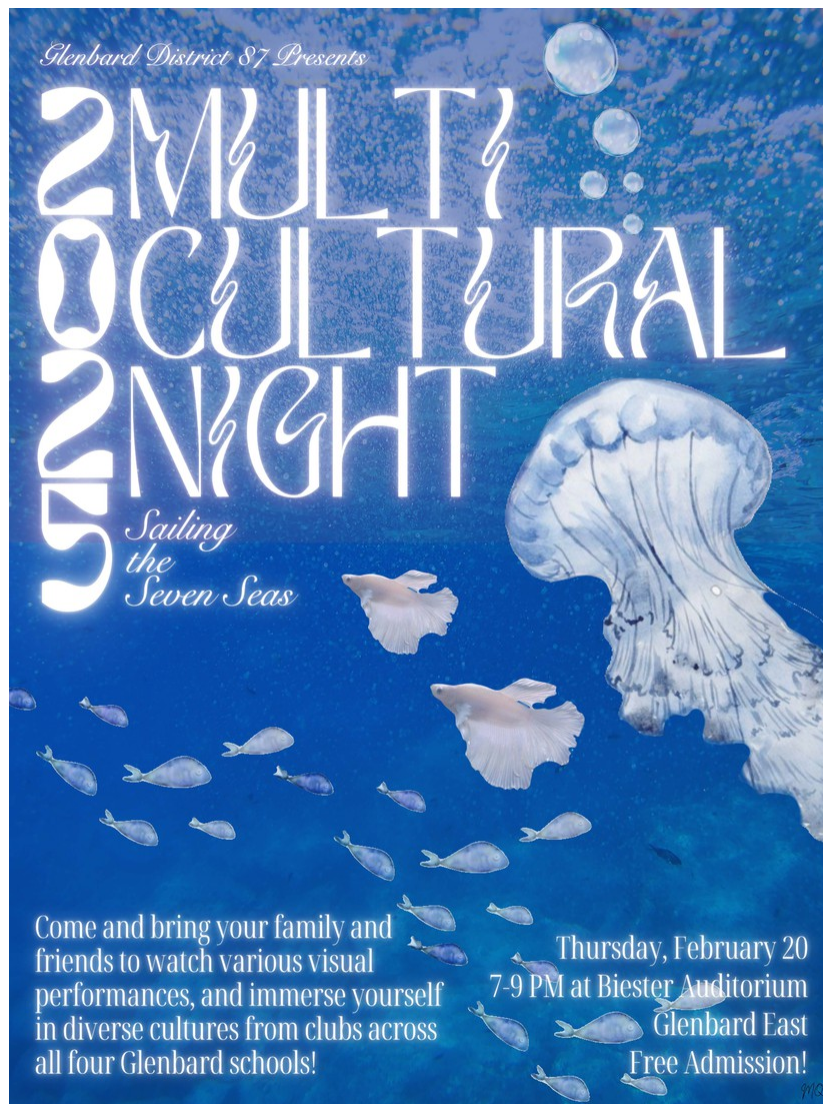
SPIRIT DAYS	EVENTS
17 MON 	NO SCHOOL MAKE PROJECT LINUS BLANKETS AT ACKERMAN 11-1 <small>Live Life Well Week 2025</small> 
18 TUE TIRED TUE: WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU COMFY 	 BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
19 WED MISMATCH DAY DO YOUR BEST NOT TO MATCH 	 WELLNESS "WOOF WOOF" WEDNESDAY Come visit a therapy dog in the hallway of champions during all lunches. 
20 THU FAVORITE COLOR DAY 	 THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY Students are invited to paint a rock for a friend or keep it if they like. This activity will happen during all lunches
21 FRI RAIDER PRIDE 	 FUN FRIDAY Come to the hallway of champions during all lunches to enjoy a variety of games and activities 
25 TUE	LLWW SPEAKER CONVO We will host our LLWW Speaker Duncan Kirkwood. Bell schedule will be adjusted. 

Congratulations

We have so many different clubs and activities to choose from at Glenbard South. I hope your student is finding their place. Please check out the great things happening in many of our different clubs:

The Math Team has picked up right where they left off last year with a convincing win in the Glenbard Invite. For the third year in a row the Raiders have come out victorious against the other 3 Glenbard schools. Congratulations to our students who participated and good luck in the upcoming weeks as you head into competition season.

We will have several clubs including Asian Initiative, Black Excellent United and others participating in this year's MultiCultural Night. This year's event will be held at Glenbard East High School on Thursday, February 20th starting at 7:00 pm. As in previous years, students from each of the buildings will come together to celebrate the mosaic of culture and heritages in our district.



Attention Senior Parents

Seniors, it's time to order the Official Personalized Graduation Announcements! The announcement will feature the custom foil school crest, the official commencement text, and the School Etching where available. Orders will ship directly to your home. Order online now at HighSchool.HerffJones.com

Please note, this link is only for the Graduation Announcements. To order the Cap & Gown, please reach out to HerffJonesIL.com

Vote for Glenbard South Alumni

Illinois is considering adopting a new state flag, and Glenbard South Alumni artist Michael Zima has created an incredible design proposal that is a top 10 finalist!



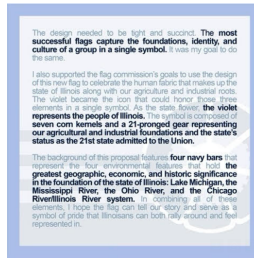
Relationship to Illinois

As someone born, raised and educated in the state of Illinois, I am proud to call Illinois home and plan to do so for life. I believe strongly that my character and view of the world as a citizen and as an architect has been shaped by the cultural, geographic, economic, historic, and architectural diversity of our state.

Explain the meaning behind your flag

The four dark blue bars in this submission represent the four geographic features that hold the greatest geographic, economic, and historic significance in the creation of Illinois: Lake Michigan, the Mississippi River, the Ohio River, and the Chicago River/ Illinois River system. The corn kernels and 21-pronged gear that form our state flower, the violet, represent the agricultural and industrial foundations of our state and its status as the 21st state admitted to the Union.

Voting closes February 14th, so please cast your vote TODAY at <https://apps.ilsos.gov/stateflag/>. Michael has also made an Instagram page to promote his entry at [vote.the.violet](https://www.instagram.com/vote.the.violet). You do not need to be a current Illinois resident to vote, and may cast a vote multiple times - please consider sharing with your circle!



Violence and Bullying Hotline

At Glenbard South, we offer a violence and bullying hotline which allows students to provide anonymous information to school officials regarding potential school threats or bullying incidents. The number is (630) 534-4230.

Additionally, students can text a CRISIS Test Line: Text HOME to 74141 which sends information to a Crisis Counselor, a real-life human trained to help individuals return to a healthy/stable level of functioning.

The State of Illinois launched a school safety program last year called Safe2Help Illinois in an effort to raise awareness of the 21st century threats facing schoolchildren in Illinois. Safe2Help Illinois will offer students a safe, confidential way in which to share information that might help prevent suicides, bullying, school violence or other threats to school safety. This program is intended to get students to "Seek Help Before Harm." Call 844-472-3345 or Text 72332(SAFE2) to report.

The Attorney General's Safety Tips homepage contains several links that may provide additional helpful resources: <http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/kids/safetytips.html>

Students who wish to report a potential act of school violence at Glenbard South may also leave an anonymous message with our Police Liaison Officer at (630) 469-4297.

From the Glenbard South Health Office

February is National Children's Dental Health month. You might be surprised to learn that cavities are the most common disease affecting children in the U.S. If left untreated, children are at greater risk for physical health conditions like gum disease and other infections. There is a connection between oral health and mental health including a connection to self esteem and confidence. It is important that your student is practicing good oral hygiene including brushing their teeth twice a day, flossing, and using a toothpaste with fluoride. Additionally, limit sweets, candy and sugary beverages. Another healthy oral tip is to hydrate frequently. Your student should also visit the dentist twice a year. If you need help with a dental referral, you may reach out to your school nurse, Barb Smith, at 630-942-6681 or barbara_smith@glenbard.org

School Counseling



School Counselors Celebrate During National School Counseling Week, Feb. 3–7, 2025

National School Counseling Week 2025, "School Counseling: Helping Students Thrive," sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from Feb. 3–7,

2025, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' academic, career and social/emotional development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

"School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students' academic concerns, career options and social/emotional skills," said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. "School counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-

needed resource for students, parents, teachers and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success.”

Parents or community members with specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact the school counselors at their local schools. More general information can also be found on ASCA’s website, www.schoolcounselor.org.

FAFSA for Seniors

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.



Following is the remaining FAFSA completion workshop:

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

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 the in person workshop.
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.

Academic Success & Future Planning for 2nd Semester

As we begin the second semester, now is the time to focus on your academic progress! Your grades directly impact your GPA, which plays a key role in college admissions, scholarships, and future opportunities.

Maximize Your Academic Resources:

Drop-in tutoring for freshmen – Get extra help during Collaboration Hour to strengthen your understanding of core subjects.

Use Raider Hour wisely – Sign up in Glenbard Hour to meet with teachers for extra support or

review.

Make the most of Collaboration Hour – This is a great time to catch up on assignments and study –**not just a time to socialize!**

Plan ahead – Prearrange meetings with teachers if you need help understanding course materials during common collaboration hours, or Raider Hour. Connect with the school counselors for help with career and college planning.

Plan for Your Future:

Log into **SchoolLinks** regularly to update your career pathway and goal. Your interests may have changed, so explore career options and colleges that align with your aspirations.

Need support? Your school counselors are here to help—let's make this semester count!

Benefits of College Visits

College visits are a vital part of the college investigation process. Whether you are a freshman at the beginning stages of the college process or a senior trying to make a final decision, college visits can have a powerful impact. There is nothing quite like experiencing a college campus first hand. In many cases, investing in a college education might be one of the most significant financial investments one ever makes. Getting a chance to visit multiple campuses provides the added research needed so you can feel confident about whatever choice you make.

Here are 4 benefits of college visits:

1. Get a better "feel" of the campus. Each campus has a different style; something that makes it unique. Some campuses are large and spread out, while other campuses are small and compact. Getting a feel of the college environment can help students decide if a large state school or a small liberal arts school is a better fit.
2. Going on a college tour. Tours can take students into a classroom, meet students and faculty, and even get a chance to see what a dorm room looks like. This helps students to start to formulate what is important to them. For example, how do they feel about large class sizes? What benefits does dorm life provide?
3. Chance to ask lots of questions. College visits allow you to ask questions that you didn't even know you had. The process can be overwhelming, but having a chance to get on campus and ask as many questions as possible can be extremely helpful. College admission counselors are ready and eager to answer whatever questions students and parents have. Provides motivation. Like all goals, having a vision of college keeps students motivated.
4. Sets a vision for the future. Seeing a college in person and becoming aware of all the exciting possibilities of their future puts a concept that might once have been black and white into color. This vision can help students to remember why every test, every assignment, and all their hard work matters.

Planning a college visit doesn't have to be difficult or even cost any money. The first step will be to visit the college website. Starting with local schools can be a great first step.

From the Office of:

Assistant Principal of Athletics

Mr. Tim Carlson



Spring Sports Start Dates

Spring sports will be starting soon. If your child is planning to play a spring sport, they will need to be registered in PowerSchool for that sport and have a valid physical on file in order to participate on the first day. Below are the start dates for our spring sports.

Badminton-March 3rd

Baseball-March 3rd

Boys Gymnastics (Not an IHSA sponsored sport)-February 17th

Boys Lacrosse (Coop with North/East)-March 3rd

Girls Soccer-March 3rd

Softball-March 3rd

Boys Tennis-March 3rd

Boys Track-Season has started, but students may still join

Girls Track-Season has started, but students may still join

Boys Volleyball-March 10th



Please contact the athletic office if you have any questions.

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



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.



HYBRID EVENT – LIVE LIFE WELL WEEK – The Critical Skills to Unleash Perseverance, Passion and Purpose

Duncan Kirkwood
Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.



HYBRID EVENT – Practical Strategies for Reducing Anxiety and Increasing Executive Function Skills (Organization, Time Management & Task Completion)

Sarah Ward and Dr. Jessica Minahan
Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7-9 p.m.



Better Days: Supporting Kids' Mental Wellness When Things Aren't OK

Sarah Vinson, MD
Tuesday, Feb. 18 at noon and 7 p.m.



HYBRID EVENT – Cultivating Healthy Relationships For Joy, Peace and a Meaningful Life

Dr. Alexandra Solomon
Wednesday, March 12 at noon-1:30 and 7-8:30



From Struggles to Success: Foster Goal Setting, Responsibility and Compromise

Dr. Bryan Pearlman
Wednesday, March 19 at noon and 7 p.m.



Boosters

FEBRUARY GIVEBACK NIGHT – PANERA
Tomorrow, February 13 | 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Panera – 751 Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn

After a snow day at home, warm up with a delicious meal while supporting our Raiders! An unbelievable 25% of your purchase goes back to Glenbard South Boosters when you dine in or order online using the promo code FUND4U.

Click the flyer to download the flyer or screen shot it! Don't forget to show your flyer in person to make your order count. Online, mobile, and kiosk orders also qualify—just enter FUND4U before checkout!

Trade in your snow shovels for soup and sandwiches while making a real impact for our Raiders!



RAISE SOME DOUGH
Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit
GLENBARD SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

February 13, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
751 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

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-CHAIRERD 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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