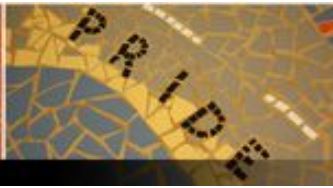




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Parent/Teacher Conferences



Dr. John Mensik
Principal

The 2017-2018 school year is in full swing. This is an exciting year in the history of our school as we mark the 50th anniversary of Glenbard North.

While it is great to celebrate our rich history and roots, it is also good to

remember that each year is a fresh start! No matter how your child performed in school last year, he or she has the potential to do great things this year! Your positive attitude, encouragement, and consistent involvement along with the dedication and talent of our skilled staff provide the necessary tools to inspire our students and allow them to take the lead for their personal growth and academic success.

Parent/Teacher conferences are a great way to be involved and encourage your child academically. Please be sure to schedule a conference taking advantage of the opportunity

to sit down with your child's teachers and discuss their curriculum and academic progress. You should be receiving a letter in the mail with instructions for scheduling a Parent/Teacher conference online through *PTC Wizard*. Online

Glenbard Parent Series

Important Numbers

Attendance Office
630-653-9092

Deans' Office
630-681-3113

School Counseling Office
630-681-3107

Main Office
630-653-7000

Nurses' Office
630-681-3312 or 3322

Theatre Box Office
630-681-3399

Connect With Us



P.R.O.W.L. Hotline
630-681-3192

Please Reach Out We Listen

Students are encouraged to "speak up" and tell an adult in the school when they feel uncomfortable or witness inappropriate behaviors such as bullying. If a situation is reported, the administration will investigate the claim, assess its validity and handle it accordingly.

Latex Allergies

Latex balloons or products containing latex pose a significant health threat to students with latex allergies. These products are **NOT ALLOWED** on campus at any time, including after school, evening or week end events.



conference online through the Wizard. Online scheduling will be activated at 12:01 AM on Monday, October 9 and will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, October 22.

I look forward to seeing many of you during conferences on **Wednesday, October 25 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM** or **Thursday, October 26 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM**.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3184 or john_mensik@glenbard.org

PSAT Testing - October 11



Mr. John Healy
Assistant Principal for
Instruction

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be testing **Wednesday, October 11.**

Freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 test. Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT 10/NMSQT test. For juniors, this is the

qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will have early dismissal at 11:15 AM. This will be a non-attendance day for seniors. There will be no transportation to TCD for seniors, and attendance at TCD is optional.

Please encourage your student to get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, arrive on time, and put forth their best effort on these tests.

National Merit

Congratulations
2018 National Merit Finalists
Semifinalist





Samantha O'Connell

Commended Students



Donna A. Gieser



Natasha B. Sawant



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**Early Dismissal &
No School**

October 11 Testing Day

**Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors
Early Dismissal at 11:15 AM**

Non-attendance day for seniors

DON'T

**DON'T
FORGET!**

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 25

4:00 to 8:00 PM

Thursday, October 26

2:00 to 6:00 PM

Early Dismissal at 1:05 PM

Wednesday, October 25

Thursday, October 26

No School - Friday, October 27

Student Attendance

On days when your student must be absent from school please do the following:

Call the **Attendance Office**
630-653-9092
prior to 10:00 AM
each day of the student is absent. This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Ms. Deb Cartwright
Assistant Principal
Student Services

Remember that the Illinois School Code only permits a student to be absent from school due to **illness**, observance of **religious holidays**, death in the immediate family or family **emergencies**.

Be Connected @ GBN

We encourage students to participate in worthwhile student organizations and activities because our school considers such participation to be **vital to our students' educational welfare**. Students should gain skills by working effectively together in democratic groups. Research has repeatedly shown that students who **actively engage in co-curricular activities generally do better in school**. Student organizations and activities offer an opportunity for students to develop wholesome relationships with adults: and the teachers have

an opportunity to gain valuable insights concerning the student which whom they work.

We have a wide range of student activities available for our students. There is really something for everyone and any interest. Please take a moment to review the list of available opportunities with your child and encourage them to pick an area of interest. It is not too late to join one of our many student organizations. If your child does not see something that fits their interest or skill set and they have an idea for a club, please encourage them to see me directly.

Yearbook Information Prestige Portraits 630-910-6800

Make-up dates for seniors who did not take their formal senior yearbook portraits over the summer for the **2018 Aquilo** are:

Monday, October 2
Tuesday, October 3
Wednesday, October 4
Thursday, October 5



Portrait appointments, which must be scheduled in advance, may be arranged after school in the Glenbard North Auditorium from 3:00 PM until 7:30 PM on October 2, 3, 4 and from 3:00 PM until 6:30 PM on October 5. Appointments for these dates can be made by calling Prestige Portraits at 630-910-6800 and selecting option #5. Given color and digital sizing concerns, be advised that Prestige Portraits is the only photography studio authorized to take portrait pictures for the Glenbard North yearbook. Photographs or portraits taken elsewhere will NOT be accepted for publication in the *2018 Aquilo*.

The final make-up date for seniors who simply want to have their picture in the yearbook is Friday, October 20 from 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM. This single picture is free and can be quickly taken outside the cafeteria during all lunch periods.

Please note that seniors who do not take advantage of these opportunities at Glenbard North need to contact Prestige Portraits directly and travel on their own to have their "formal" senior portraits or free single picture completed

senior portraits or free single picture completed no later than Saturday, October 21. Be advised that this is an absolute deadline for seniors wishing to appear with their class in the 2018 yearbook and will NOT be extended.

Underclassmen retakes will take place during lunch periods on October 16.

Yearbooks may ONLY be ordered online. Cost is \$55 through December 1, then increases to \$60. [Click here](#) to order a 2018 yearbook.

PSAT Exam Resources



Dr. David Larson
Superintendent

An important testing date is approaching on October 11. Glenbard North freshmen will take the PSAT8/9, and sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). These tests, which

are part of the SAT suite of assessments, help our students prepare to take the SAT. In Illinois, the revised SAT has replaced the ACT as the college entrance exam that all juniors take in the spring.

The PSAT8/9 sets a college readiness baseline. When we have national test data about students early in their high school career, we can intervene to help students stay on track for post-high school experiences.

Students who take the PSAT may enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. They also typically do better on the SAT.

The following are features of the revised SAT and its related preliminary tests:

Free Khan Academy Help

All students who take the PSAT8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT can receive personalized online SAT practice through Khan Academy, a free online resource.

- Personalized practice is based on students' performance on the exam and

includes video lessons and practice questions.

- Free online tool empowers students to strengthen essential skills.
- Students can create study plans based on their test results.
- We urge students to link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts when they receive their PSAT 8/9 or PSAT/NMSQT results.
 - Khan Academy will use a student's test results to generate specific practice recommendations based on an actual assessment.

SAT Fast Facts

Two sections:

Evidence-based reading and writing
Math

Main Components:

Words in Context
Command of Evidence
Math that Matters Most
Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts
Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies
U.S. Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation

What it Doesn't Have:

Tricky questions
Obscure vocabulary
Penalty for guessing

Score - 400 - to 1600-point scale

890 - Generally lowest 4-year college admittance score
1030 - Admittance to non-selective colleges & universities
1140 - Admittance to selective colleges & universities
1360 - Admittance to highly selective colleges & universities

The College Board provides a wealth of information about its suite of SAT assessments. [Click here](#) to see sample questions, test-taking tips and more at collegeboard.org.

We are focused on preparing students for college and careers. The suite of SAT assessments measures student growth in readiness. The benchmarks of the PSAT 8/9, PSAT and SAT provide us and you with critical information about students' progress and readiness. I encourage you to tap into the resources of Khan Academy and the College

resources of Khan Academy and the College Board as your student prepares for these important tests.

Panther of the Quarter

Each quarter during the year, faculty and staff have the opportunity to recommend a student to receive the *Panther of the Quarter* recognition. The recommendations are based upon accomplishments in the areas of academics, extra-curricular activities, or acts of good citizenship. The following students will be honored at our *Panther of the Quarter* breakfast on October 5th.

Congratulations Panthers!

Zoha Alam

Emilie Barclay

Marisol Barrera

Nicoletta Boik

Brandon Bunyindee

Arielle Capel

Jake Cicero

Michael Collins

Streeter Davids

Christian Enriquez

Cesar Estrada

Mia Figueroa

Casey Fridner

Monica Glowacki

Riley Hernandez

Erik HernandezFlores

Hayley Janssen

Abdul Bari Khan

Jubin Kim

Sara Kupczyk

Gina Lafferty

Khushi Lakhani

Alexis Lewis

Emily Littlefield

Ashley Matan

Dercek Morris

Ayesha Muneer

Corey Nguyen

Cynthia Nguyen

Abigail Nytko

Helly Patel

Nandini Patel

Lee Rady

Michael Sanchez

Carley Sansone

Carley Sansone

Tamia Sawyer

Enaaya Sayani

Maksym Shershen
Jared Skildum
Cora Smith
Nataliya Stoycheva
Tuan Tran
Carter White
Erin Zerrudo

Athletics

For information on sport start times and location, as well as how to register for your sport, [click here](#) to visit us online. Remember each athlete needs a physical, registration online, and a gold card to begin practice.



Mr. Matt Bowser
Assistant Principal for
Athletics


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Booster Memberships - Purchasing a Booster membership helps to support your student athlete. There are many levels of membership that you can choose, each offering some additional benefits to you. Forms available online or at our Booster events. If you have membership questions please email membership@gnboosters.com

Social-Media - [Click here](#) to visit our website.

 Like us on Facebook

Follow us on **twitter**

**GPS GLENBARD
PARENT SERIES** 
Navigating Healthy Families

We encourage all parents in our community to attend the powerful Glenbard Parent Series (GPS) Navigating Healthy Families programs offered through the year. GPS facilitates real-world parenting skills by engaging A-list speakers, parents, and school staff to become proactive and informed in pursuit of the mutual goal of strengthening our communities. Each month we host free events during the afternoon, evening, and on Saturdays.

[Click here for more information](#)

Panthers
Prepare for Success
Act with Integrity
Show Respect
Work Together



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