



# GLENBARD NORTH

Where Hard Work Matters

WELCOME BACK

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## ***Hard Work Matters***

We had a great start to the 2018-2019 school year. Students are adjusting to another school year and we welcome the class of 2022. Our motto for the 2018-19 school year is "Hard Work Matters". Nothing worthwhile comes easy and with hard work everyone could be successful. We have a number of academic supports at Glenbard North and if your child begins to struggle in a class, feel free to contact the classroom teacher, school counselor or myself.

Glenbard North is fortunate to have parent organizations which focus on supporting our students and programs: Below is some information about each of these organizations.

- **Athletic Boosters:**

The mission of the Athletic Booster organization is to make every experience with Glenbard North athletics a positive one - through fundraising, education, volunteer opportunities and community activities. To find out more information about our Athletic Boosters, please visit their website at: <http://www.gbnboosters.com>

- **Theatre Boosters:**

The Glenbard North Theatre Boosters meet regularly to support, enhance and promote the numerous plays that Glenbard North performs every year. Members of the Theatre Boosters are allowed to purchase show tickets prior to their going on sale to the general public. If you are interested in learning more about the Theatre Boosters, please visit their website: [www.gbntheatreboosters.org](http://www.gbntheatreboosters.org)

- **Music Boosters:**

The President of the Music Boosters is Dave Creighton. The focus of the Music Boosters is to help support and promote the Glenbard North Band and Choir programs. Information about the Music Boosters is posted regularly on their website: [www.gbnmusic.org](http://www.gbnmusic.org).

I am looking forward to a positive and productive 2018-2019 school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
John T. Mensik

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3184 or [john\\_menski@glenbard.org](mailto:john_menski@glenbard.org)



Welcome to the New School Year. My focus in the parent newsletters this year will be preparation for college, and I will try to keep you up to date on events that may be of interest to you.

**ACT Test - Saturday, September 8 - At Glenbard North:** This is a great chance for juniors to get an ACT score, and for seniors to have a last chance to raise their score as high as possible. Register for the exam at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Late deadline is August 26 and the estimated cost, is \$50.00.

**PSAT10/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam - Saturday, September 13:** For sophomores, this can serve as a practice test. For juniors, this is a one-time shot to compete for National Merit Scholarships. This optional exam is administered at Glenbard North, and the fee is \$25. Register on our website under exam registration.

**Upcoming College Visits:** College is one of the biggest financial investments that parents and students will make. I encourage our families to try to attend college visit days when able. Columbus Day, a day when we don't have school, is a common visit day. A few of the upcoming college visit days are:

- **University of Illinois @ Chicago (UIC):** Open House, September 22
- **Northern Illinois University (NIU):** Open House, October 8 (Columbus Day!)
- **Elmhurst College:** Open House, Saturday, September 29
- **North Central College:** Visit Day, Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day!)
- **University of Illinois @ Champaign:** Engineering Open House, March 8,9

**Senior College Night @ North:** Confused about college - we can help. Our School Counseling Office hosts a Senior Student/Parent College & Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30. More information to follow on this.

Best wishes on a smooth start to the school year. I look forward to seeing you at our Open House on August 30. Go Panthers!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3110 or [john\\_healy@glenbard.org](mailto:john_healy@glenbard.org)

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### **A Message From Debra Cartwright, Assistant Principal for Student Services**

Welcome Back Panther Families! It is my hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer with your family and friends!

During the past academic year it was my pleasure to work with so many of you. I look forward to future opportunities to work collaboratively with community members, teachers, and administration to create a place where our students may experience a positive, safe and enriching learning environment. As Assistant Principal for Student Services, I deal directly with issues related to the following:

- Student Discipline and Attendance
- Student Achievement Issues
- Student Transition to High School
- School Related Family Financial Concerns

Glenbard North continues to achieve a high attendance rate. Our overall attendance rate was 95% for the 2017-2018 school year. This amazing attendance rate could not have been accomplished without the support of our parents. Thank you for your continued efforts in getting your child to school daily. As we move into the new school year, please continue to encourage daily attendance. It is important that your child attend each class every day. Student attendance in class is not optional; it is a requirement. We at Glenbard North believe that regular class attendance increases the student's probability for success and fosters the development of self-discipline and responsibility.

On days when your student must be absent from school due to illness or emergency family issues, it is required that you telephone 630-653-9092 to report the absence prior to 10:00am on the day of the absence. This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**P.R.O.W.L - Please Reach Out We Listen - 630-681-3192**

Our P.R.O.W.L line is one way in which students can report bullying or other inappropriate behaviors. When students feel uncomfortable in school it affects their ability to learn. At Glenbard North High School, we want all our students to feel safe. 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. Our hotline P.R.O.W.L - Please Reach Out We Listen gives students an opportunity to report unsafe or intimidating behaviors while remaining anonymous.

Finally, Glenbard District 87 hosts monthly parent meetings. These meetings offer great opportunities for parents to learn about "teen issues" from experts in the field of adolescence. I encourage you all to take full advantage of this incredible opportunity. A schedule of these presentations and topics can be found at [www.glenbardnorthhs.org](http://www.glenbardnorthhs.org). Locate "Parents" and scroll down to "Glenbard Parent Series".

Please contact me directly if you have questions related to our new initiatives or student related issues. I can be reached directly at 630- 681-3190 or via e-mail at [debra\\_cartwright@glenbard.org](mailto:debra_cartwright@glenbard.org).

I am looking forward to another year of being of service to the Glenbard North community. Thank you so much for your past and future support!



**East Drop-off Lot:**

This message will be familiar to those of you that have dropped off students in our east lot (off of Kuhn Road). For those of you that have not, please note that we have striped walking paths for students to follow as they exit the vehicle that is dropping them off. To avoid walking through lanes of vehicles and the dangers that come with this, we expect our students to walk along the striped path until they get to the crosswalk entry at door 28 (formerly door 7). Please encourage your child to follow this walkway and avoid walking between vehicles as they make their way to the building.

### **New Door Numbers:**

As part of our continuous focus on safety, we revised our building maps and added numbers to all doors around Glenbard North. This is important for first responders to be able to efficiently respond to specific locations. Our doors are now numbered 1 through 46. Our main entrance remains Door 1. Some common numbers you may have been aware of before and their corresponding new numbers are:

<u>Old Number</u>	<u>New Number</u>
2	10
3	12
7	28
8	29

New maps are always available in our main office.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3201 or [eric\\_johansen@glenbard.org](mailto:eric_johansen@glenbard.org)



### **Black and Gold Scrimmage and Pancake Breakfast**

This Saturday we will be hosting our Annual Black and Gold Scrimmage for some of our fall sports. Please stop by and cheer on our athletes as they prepare for the upcoming season.

Football 8:00 am-10:00 am on Weber Field

Soccer 10:30 pm-1:00 pm on Weber Field

Volleyball 11:00am - 1:00pm in Hudson Gym



The Athletic Boosters invite you to their annual pancake breakfast. Join us anytime this Saturday, Aug. 18 from 8:30am and 11 am, in the Glenbard North cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Children 3 and younger eat for free. Athletic Boosters also will be selling athletic apparel and Booster memberships.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3189 or [matthew\\_bowser@glenbard.org](mailto:matthew_bowser@glenbard.org)



# Parent Open House Thursday, August 30th 6:30p.m.

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## **Advice for navigating the teen years**

Being the parent of a teen-ager can be exhausting. Your once easygoing, affable child has morphed into someone who swings between moody, impulsive, rebellious, uncommunicative and more.

As teens make their way through high school, they look to gain independence all while having a bit of an identity crisis. Let's look at what parents/guardians can do to help their teens and keep their sanity at the same time.

## **Be proactive**

Teens struggle to see the connection between what they're learning in school and "real life." You can help make the connection by stressing the importance of education. Monitor classwork and grades in PowerSchool and Schoology and talk with your teen about what's happening in various classes. You may view your student's activity within Schoology, including homework, due dates and other important class information. Accessing this information can lead to a more productive conversation than the typical, "How was school today?" answered with, "Fine."

## **Attend after-school events**

Attend your teen's sporting events, concerts and theatrical productions. Although they likely won't say it, they want to see you in the stands and audience. Celebrate them; tell them why you are proud of them.

## **Teach your teen how to ask for academic help**

Work with your son or daughter on how to communicate with their teachers and counselor. Help your student learn to take ownership by talking to the teacher before you step in. Teen-agers are maturing and part of that process is not having their parent intervene in their affairs too much.

## **Don't be afraid to allow them to fail**

As parents/guardians, we must hold our teens accountable and support rather than enable them. Although it can be difficult, it's important that we let them learn from failure. Help them understand the difference between short-term and long-term failure.

## **Spend one-on-one time together**

Do what they want to do; maybe it's binge watching Game of Thrones. Go with it. Carve out one-on-one time with your son or daughter, and be present in that time. In just a few years, you'll be thankful

you invested the time.

### **Remember, everything will be OK**

The teen years are guaranteed to be stressful, but there are plenty of good days among the tumultuous ones. Sometimes, let things go. Keep your sense of humor. Your son or daughter will make mistakes, but that's how they learn. And remember that, although it's not always obvious, your teen has been listening to you and watching you for years. They know the right thing to do. They will make good choices and learn to be responsible

### **Don't go it alone**

The Glenbard Parent Series speaker series is a free monthly program that features nationally recognized parenting experts and local educators discussing a range of topics that all families face as teens make their way through adolescence to adulthood.

Programs offered during the afternoons, evenings and Saturdays focus on everything from helping teens manage stress to what digital citizenship is all about to navigating the college application process and much more. It's also a great place to connect with other parents and guardians who are facing many of the same issues you are. I encourage you to check out the program lineup at [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) and set alerts on your calendar so you won't miss these powerful programs.

These are exciting, emotional and challenging years. In partnership with your teen's teachers, counselor, coaches and club sponsors, you - and your teen - are going to be OK. Now, getting through your youngest child's commencement ceremony - that's a subject for another day.



### **Senior Portrait Make-Up Dates:**

**The make-up dates for seniors who did not take their formal senior yearbook portraits** over the summer for the 2019 *Aquilo* are as follows:

Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 28, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 12, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Portrait appointments must be scheduled in advance and will be taken during after-school hours in the Glenbard North High School Auditorium.** 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 2019 *Aquilo*.

The final make-up date at Glenbard North for seniors who simply want to have their picture in the yearbook is **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from 10:10 a.m.-1:37 p.m. outside the cafeteria. This single picture is free and can be quickly taken outside the cafeteria during all lunch periods.

**The price for the 2019 *Aquilo*** is \$50.00 from July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 28, 2018. This price will increase to \$55.00 on September 29<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> and then to \$60.00 until February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Please note that there will be no additional yearbooks available after the February 25, 2019 deadline.**

Orders for yearbook can ONLY be completed online, may be placed by accessing the yearbook icon located by going to the Glenbard North homepage, then choosing Students, and then Resources and Files.





**P.R.O.W.L. Hotline**

**630-681-3192**

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**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.



**Panthers**

**Prepare for Success**

**Act with Integrity**

**Work Together**

**Show Respect**



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