



# GLENBARD NORTH

Where Hard Work Matters

September 14, 2018

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## Important Dates

Monday, October 1st

GPS Event: FAFSA Completion Workshop  
for Senior Parents/Students

7pm - 8:30pm

GPS: Five Things Successful Students Do

7pm - 9pm

Monday, September 24th

Board of Education Meeting

7pm - 9pm

Tuesday, September 25th

GPS: Cultivating Curiosity, Independence  
& Resilience in Your Teen

7pm - 9pm

Wednesday, September 26th

GPS: The Whole Brain Child

09:30am - 11:30am

GPS: Cultivating Curiosity,

Monday, October 8th

**NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**

Tuesday, October 9th

**NO SCHOOL - Teacher's Institute**

Board of Education Meeting-Tour of TCD @6:15 -  
6:45; Board Mtg @7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 10th

Junior Parent & Student College Night

6pm - 8pm

Thursday, October 11th

Panther of the Quarter

Independence & Resilience in Your Teen

12pm - 1pm

Thursday, September 27th

Fall Studio Performance

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Friday, September 28th

Fall Studio Performance

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, September 29th

Fall Studio Performance

7:30pm - 9:30pm

7:00am - 07:30am

Tuesday, October, 16th

Band Concert - Fall

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Wednesday, October 24th &

Thursday, October 25th

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Friday, October 26th

**NO SCHOOL**

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## Homecoming 2018

### Red Carpet



**Monday, October 1st**

Homecoming Week - Pajama Day

**Tuesday, October 2nd**

Homecoming Week - Tacky Fashion Day

Homecoming DodgeBall Event

6pm - 9pm

**Wednesday, October 3rd**

Homecoming Week - Sports/Jersey Day

Powder Puff Game and Bonfire

7pm - 10pm

**Thursday, October 4th**

Homecoming Week - Red Carpet Day

Dress Like You're Walking the Red Carpet

**Friday, October 5th**

Homecoming Week - Black and Gold Day

Homecoming Assembly

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Varsity Football Homecoming Game

vs St. Charles North

7:30pm - 11pm

**Saturday, October 6th**

Homecoming Dance

7pm - 10pm

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**Dr. John Mensik**

# Principal



Dr. John Mensik  
Principal

Thank you for another successful Parent Open House. Many parents came out to walk their child's schedule, meet their teachers, and hear what is going on in their student's classes. We look forward to seeing parents again at Parent Teacher Conferences on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. More information about Conferences will be sent out in October.

Homecoming is just around the corner at Glenbard North High School and we are excited about the work our Student Council is doing to prepare. The 2018 Homecoming theme is **Red Carpet**. All the events and activities will be centered around this theme. One annual event that really highlights the theme is Hallway Decorating, where the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior class leaders, along with our many clubs are assigned a section of the school to decorate. Judges visit each section and award a club a prize for the most spirited and best decorated. Posted above are the "Themes" for each day of homecoming week and all students are encouraged to participate. We also encourage parents and the community to attend our 12th annual Bonfire on Wednesday, October 3rd, immediately following the Powder Puff Football Game.

Homecoming week culminates with the Dance on Saturday, September 6th from 7:00pm - 10:00pm in the Gymnasium. Homecoming 2018 will be a memorable experience for all.

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

**John Healy**  
**Assistant Principal for Instruction**



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In our newsletter I will continue to focus on preparation for college. You and your student have a variety of resources at North that can really help in your college search process. One of those tools is

**Naviance.**

Naviance is a powerful college search engine, and organizer of information for your student. Our students can research colleges, submit applications, create a resume, gather teacher letters of recommendation, view a calendar of upcoming college visits, all on Naviance. Ask your student to show you how. If you have questions on how to access Naviance, or the services available, your link to college and careers is your student's school counselor.

**College Representative Visits:** Colleges want your student! We have a huge number of colleges that visit us to talk to our students. This week Marquette, Loyola, UW Lacrosse, Millikin University, St. Ambrose, Illinois College, and UW Stevens Point are all on campus. During the month of September 24 different colleges and universities will be at North. Students can sign up to attend a session on **Naviance.**

**Schedule a College Visit:** Before you buy a car, you test drive it, compare it against other models, check out the engine, talk to family and friends. College is one of the biggest investments you and your student will make. Treat it like a car purchase. Columbus Day, October 10, is a day off school and a huge college visit day. Make sure you register in advance at the college. Consider taking your student on a visit. A few upcoming visit days:

- University of Illinois @ Chicago: September 22 (Open House)
- Northern Illinois University: Monday, October 8 (Open House) **Columbus Day**
- University of Illinois, Champaign, Engineering Open House: March 8 & 9
- Millikin University: October 8 **Columbus Day**
- University of Iowa: October 8 **Columbus Day** (Hawkeye Visit Day)
- Illinois State University: Saturday, September 29, or Monday, October 8 **Columbus Day**
- Elmhurst College: Saturday, September 29, undergraduate open house

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**Debra Cartwright**  
**Assistant Principal for Student Services**





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## Student Attendance

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

Call the Attendance Office at 630-653-9092 prior to 10:00am each day that the student is absent.

This number is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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**.

BeConnected@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 with 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.

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).

## Eric Johansen Assistant Principal for Operations



Eric Johansen

# FirstView Bus Tracking App:

In continued partnership with our transportation provider, First Student, Glenbard School District has launched FirstView®, a bus tracking and parent communications app for your smartphone or desktop.

**The app is now live and includes the following features:**

## **Live Tracking**

The FirstView® map screen shows you the live location and direction of your student's bus, your student's stop schedule for the current day and timestamps for school arrivals and departures. You'll know when the bus gets to school in the morning and leaves in the afternoon!

## **Predictive Stop Arrival Times**

Analyzing route and real-time GPS data, it determines an estimated time of arrival to your stop provided on the FirstView® map.

## **Custom Alerts and Messages**

Set up push or email notifications alerting you when your student's bus is a chosen distance or number of minutes away from your stop.

## **Multi-Stop View**

Buses for all your students can be tracked with FirstView®. Using individual colors for each student, every selected stop appears on the map simultaneously for easy viewing.

## **Additional User Notifications**

Connect up to three additional email accounts to receive email alerts. This is a great feature for grandparents or caregivers!

## **Available in French & Spanish**

## **Secure and Easy Access**

FirstView® requires a password-protected account for app set-up. This way, only you can view your student's stop!

If your student rides the bus, get started with the app at <https://www.glenbard87.org/firstview-parent-app/>

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

**Matthew Bowser**  
**Assistant Principal for Athletics**



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Assistant Principal for  
Athletics

The fall athletic season is off to a great start for the Panthers. Thank you to everyone who has been out to support our teams. If you have not been out to see one of our fall teams compete check out our schedule at <http://il.8to18.com/glenbardnorth>.

Congratulations to our Girls Cross Country team on their first place finish at the Elgin Invite. This is just one of the many accomplishments by our programs this fall.

Also, there is still time to sign up and support our Athletic Boosters. Visit your boosters at [www.gbnboosters.com](http://www.gbnboosters.com)

We kicked off the fall season with our Pancake Breakfast which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended the event.

Thanks again for the positive support each of you give to our programs. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-681-3189 or [matthew\\_bowser@glenbard.org](mailto:matthew_bowser@glenbard.org)



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## Dr. David Larson Superintendent



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Superintendent

## Safety is always our top priority

We value the trust you place in us to care for the most important people in your life - your children - and we take many steps to keep students safe while they are at school.

Within the past year, we developed a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan, based on the Federal Emergency Management Association's National Incident Management System (NIMS) structure. Emergency procedures have been in place, but our Emergency Operations Plan provides more structure and clarity.

Let's look at some of our safety measures:

- Our faculty and staff have fostered relationships with our students, providing students a trusted adult to talk with.
- Our student services team works with students to help them through challenges and monitors our students' well-being.
- We comply with drills required by the state, including drills related to fire, severe weather, lockdown and evacuation.
- As part of our partnership with emergency responders, each year, we meet with police and fire agencies from throughout our district to discuss safety issues.
- Emergency responders train in our schools.
- We have a school resource officer at school, and a marked police vehicle on campus.
- Our school security team monitors the building and grounds, both in person and via surveillance camera.
- We have a secured vestibule that is manned by security staff members.
- All visitors are screened at the main entrance and must provide a driver's license, which is scanned through a background database.
- Staff members wear name tags and ID lanyards, and all students carry a student ID.
- Exterior lighting has been improved.
- As part of tabletop drills conducted with safety consultants, our staff rehearse procedures and react to a crisis simulation.
- We've extended the hours of campus security staff.

Our district-wide Safety Security Committee reviews each school's plans to ensure they are current and being implemented. We continually review our emergency procedures and study best practice related to school safety.

Our students know it is their responsibility to talk to an adult if they ever feel there is a threat to our safety. I am proud of our students and staff for taking seriously our No. 1 priority: the safety of those in our care at school.

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## Senior Portrait Make-Up Dates:

Students must make their appointments either by phone or on-line through Prestige. If they have any problems setting up an appointment, students may call Prestige at 630-910-6800 ext. #5 for assistance. Walk-ins without appointments for senior portraits are not available. IF students cannot make any of the Glenbard dates we've scheduled, they may use the same phone number to arrange a senior photo at the Prestige's studio location instead. Ingrid has sent out the Prestige post cards listing this same information to seniors who have not yet taken a senior portrait.

Make-Up dates for Senior Portraits at Glenbard North H.S.:

September 27, 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

September 28, 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

October 12, 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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### **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.

**Panthers**  
**Prepare for Success**  
**Act with Integrity**  
**Work Together**  
**Show Respect**



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