



## **GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER**

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*Glen Burnie High School, educating generations of the community's children, sets the standard for excellence by providing a rigorous academic program for our diverse 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners. Through collaboration among students, teachers, parents, and community, we ensure a safe, nurturing, and respectful learning environment, which promotes persistence, responsibility and integrity-skills and attitudes that are part of our tradition and are essential in our global society.*

Dear Parents and Glen Burnie High School Community Members,

Congratulations! The spring semester is here! As we begin the new semester, please review your students' new courses and remind him/her of your expectations for success at Glen Burnie High School. Remember to set the academic bar high and discuss students' career goals. Students need to be completing several hours of homework as many are taking Advanced Placement courses. In addition, be sure students understand that attending school every day and being on time to classes are vital skills that will transfer to success in the workplace.

As I write this newsletter and foregoing any snow storms, the second semester will begin on January 27, 2011. The following are important dates to remember:

- Third quarter interims will be distributed on March 4, 2011.
- The end of the third marking period is March 31, 2011. **Please note that students will be dismissed two hours early on March 31.**
- The fourth marking period will start April 1, 2011.
- Interims for the fourth quarter will be sent home by May 13, 2011
- Report cards are distributed April 15, 2011
- High school final exams are scheduled for June 10 – 15, 2011

Throughout the school year, parents can also go online to check daily progress by logging onto the web site [aacps.org](http://aacps.org) and going to the parent icon **ParentCONNECT**. You must come to the school and present a photo ID to gain access to your child's account. See Ms. Chambers in the Guidance Department.

In addition the **English, Biology, Government, and Algebra High School Assessments** for underclassmen are scheduled for May 16 – 19, 2011. These are important State Mandated Tests all students must take and pass for earning a diploma. Please stress the importance of taking these tests with your student and make sure they are in attendance during this important testing opportunity.

Course scheduling for the 2011-2012 school year will begin soon. Counselors will work closely with students and teachers to ensure that students are on track and following their prescribed four-year plan developed to meet applicable graduation requirements. Keep in mind that our staffing is based on projected enrollment and class offerings. Decisions made now have a tremendous impact on these projections and are strictly adhered to unless a schedule change is warranted for valid academic reasons, i.e., incorrect level of sequential order, failures, or credits already earned in a subject. For additional information please attend our **Parent Information Night** presentation on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for ninth graders and 7:00 p.m. for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 for next school year.

Our goal is to improve the quality of teaching and learning for all students. With your help and partnership we can help our students' grow and develop into well-rounded productive citizens.

Vickie L. Plitt  
Principal

**Go Gophers! 84 Years Of Pride and Excellence!**

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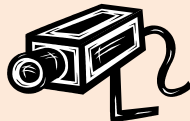
### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County is not responsible for damage to any motor vehicle parked on Board of Education property at any time. The Board does not carry insurance to cover vandalism, malicious mischief or other acts which might result in damage or loss to personal property.

The same provision applies to any personal property which might be brought into the school or work location or left overnight which subsequently may be stolen, destroyed, or vandalized.

***We are not able to compensate anyone for damage or loss of personal property.***

### **VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM**



Glen Burnie High School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at (410) 222-5083.

# GBHS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

### **Black History Month**

- 8 Report Cards
- 14 CAC Meeting – Principal’s Conference Room – 6:30 PM
- 14 PTSA Meeting – Principal’s Conference Room – 7:00 PM
- 17 QPR Informational Session for Parents – 5:30-6:30 - Auditorium
- 21 President’s Day – All Schools and Central Offices Closed
- 26 Spring Sports Registration – 9 AM to 12 Noon – Athletic Director’s Office

## MARCH

### **Women’s History Month**

### **National Nutrition Month**

- 1 Spring Sports Begin
- 4 Interims
- 7-11 National School Breakfast Week
- 10 PTSO Meeting – 6:30 – Principal’s Conference Room
- 11 Alumni Chorus Concert
- 12 SAT
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 19 Spring Band Craft Fair
- 24-26 Play – Drama Dept.
- 26 Homeless Resources Day
- 31 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period – 2-Hour early dismissal

## APRIL

### **Autism Awareness Month**

- 1 Beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> marking period
- 4-8 HSA – Senior Administration
- 10-16 National Volunteer Week
- 11 CAC Meeting – 6:30 – Principal’s Conference Room
- 11 PTSO Meeting – 7:00 – Principal’s Conference Room
- 11-15 National Youth Week
- 15 Report Cards
- 18-25 Easter/Spring Break** – All schools closed
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 Evening of Dance – 7 PM
- 29 NHS It’s Academic Competition

## MAY

### **Asian/Pacific Heritage Month**

### **National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**

- 6 Senior Prom – BWI Marriott, 7:30
- 7 SAT
- 12-13 One Acts
- 13 Interims Distributed
- 16-19 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration
- 19 Chorus Spring Concert
- 24 Band Spring Concert
- 25 Senior Awards
- 27 Last Day for Graduating Seniors**
- 30 Memorial Day – All Schools and Central Offices Closed**

**Graduation will be Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro  
7:30 PM**

# Glen Burnie High School of Business

## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

**Course Selections for next year is beginning now.**

Please ensure that your Student leave Glen Burnie High School with the skills necessary to be successful in our technological world.

### Students should enroll in several of the following courses:

- ✓ **Computer Skills for Academic Success**
- ✓ **Software Applications**
- ✓ **Advanced Software Applications**
  - **PowerPoint/Word**
  - **Excel/Access**
- ✓ **Web Page Design**
- ✓ **Advanced Web Page Design**
- ✓ **Interactive Media Productions**
- ✓ **Administrative Services Management (Honors)**
- ✓ **Entrepreneurship**
- ✓ **E-Commerce and the Global Market**
- ✓ **Business Finance Using Software**
- ✓ **AP Computer Science Business Management (Honors)**
- ✓ **Visual Basic**
- ✓ **Principles of Business A & B**
- ✓ **Computer Programming Java**
- ✓ **Career Research and Development**
- ✓ **C++ Gaming**
- ✓ **Data Design and Programming**
- ✓ **Managing your Personal Finances**
- ✓ **Marketing I**

We also have three Work Based Learning Programs. These provide students with the opportunity to apply skills learned in the classroom to the “real world” by arranging internships and/or paid positions. The programs are: **Administrative Services Management (Honors), Computer Technology, and Career and Research Development.**

Students may earn up to **9 college credits** for completing courses in the Administrative Services Management and Computer Technology Programs.

Many of our Computer Technology students participate in an **internship program with the National Security Agency**. Students have the opportunity to take the **Microsoft Certification Tests (MCAS)** which qualifies them for college credit and Microsoft certifications. Students also have the opportunity to prepare themselves to take College Level Examinations through the CLEP program.

If you have any questions, please call Terrilyn Broderick at 410-761-8950 Extension 325 or email [tbroderick@aacps.org](mailto:tbroderick@aacps.org)

# ATTENTION GBHS PARENTS!!

Come to GBHS on  
Thursday, February 17, 2011  
for some great information about:

- Assistance completing the FASFA form 5:30-6:30 (Media Center Computer Lab—bring the necessary documents)
- Incoming 9th grade course selection process 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Current 9th-11th grade course selection process 7:00-7:30 (including AP Potential and Center of Applied Technology information)

## Come for one or come for all!

*\*A presentation to help parents, guardians, and students choose classes for the 2011-2012 school year!*

*\*Information about AP and Honors classes!*

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Questions?

Contact Glen Burnie High School Counseling Office @ 410-761-8950 or  
Corkran Middle School Counseling Office @ 410-787-6340 or  
Marley Middle School Counseling Office @ 410-760-0934

## SENIORS:

Seniors are selling GBHS lanyards for \$3 – great as a keychain! Also, GBHS car magnets are \$5. Support GBHS Class of 2011! Contact Ms. Jasper if you are interested.

## YEARBOOKS

Orders for yearbooks will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.yearbooksonsale.com](http://www.yearbooksonsale.com).

## KUDOS TO.....

The following students have received college acceptance letters:

<b>Troy Davis:</b>	Tiffin University
<b>Diamante Duckett:</b>	Chowan University
<b>Aaron Giles:</b>	Towson University
<b>Khameron Gross:</b>	Chowan University
<b>Erin Harvey:</b>	Brevard College (won \$9500 scholarship for leadership, as well as being invited to enroll in the Honors College); Eckerd College; Randolph Macon University
<b>Telina Hodge:</b>	York College, Capitol College, Edinboro University
<b>Thomas Jasmine:</b>	Temple University, Delaware State University
<b>Christina Reiss:</b>	Salisbury University; Towson University; Ferrum College
<b>Jesse Sandle:</b>	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
<b>Horane Williams:</b>	Enlisted with the National Guard; will be deferring his acceptances until spring 2012
<b>Laquandra Williams:</b>	Penn State
<b>Cassie Yates:</b>	Towson University (accepted into the prestigious Pre-Physical Therapy Program)

**Brooke Mackall** is the recipient of Comcast's Youth Excellence Award for \$1,000!

**Lindsey Blick and Erika Goodfellow** were awarded the "Allstate Dance Award" at Goucher College. This is an outstanding honor for dancers in the state of Maryland.



## QPR INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR PARENTS

Glen Burnie High school is proud to announce the kick off of our "QPR" informational sessions for parents on February 17, 2011 at 5:30 -6:30pm.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer -- 3 simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying "Yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor. QPR can be learned in our Gatekeeper course in as little as one hour.

The first informational session will be held on February 17, 2011 from 5:30 -6:30. Space is limited to 20 people. The second session will be held on April 28, 2011. Both will take place in the Glen Burnie High School Auditorium.

Sessions will include a question & answer portion and all participants will receive informational booklets and packets.

All Glen Burnie High School students will be invited to enter the QPR Awareness Campaign Media Contest. Prizes will be award in two categories, poster format and multimedia format. Awards will be given on April 28 2011.

Please call Mrs. Rowan at 410--761-8950 to register for the sessions.

## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER OVERDUES

Please check at home for overdue books and magazines that belong to GBHS Media Center and return them promptly to the Media Center. According to Department of Education policy, lost and damaged materials must be paid for. Thank you for your assistance in helping us retrieve our overdue materials.



## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL**

### **Graduate Degree Program in Education**

The focus of the PDS partnership is improved student performance through research-based teaching and learning. The purpose of a PDS is to create a learning environment in which future and provisional teachers can learn from experienced teachers in an environment that supports the professional growth of all educators.

**INTERNS:** GBHS is happy to welcome our student interns for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester:

**Rachell Ezell:** Cooperating teachers are Ms. K. Smit and Ms. C. Thomas

**Rob Jacobs:** Cooperating teacher is Ms. S. Griesmyer

**Fior Alba** and

**Bianca Luque:** Cooperating teacher is Ms. B. Mitchell

**Laura Brown:** Cooperating teachers are Ms. D. Rosso and Ms. S. Wirth

## **GBHS PTSO 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP**



### **Member's Name(s)** **Name(s)**

### **Student's**

Amy and Mike Jones	Laura Jones
Mark and Michelle Keller	Jacob Keller
Leah Powers	Caitlyn Powers
Sandra Diggs	Megan Diggs
Laura Reddish	Aaron Reddish
Cassy Peterson	Devin Peterson
John and Kimberly Murphy	Kelly Murphy
Sharon Lewis	DeMontaeRreid
Jessica Burdette	Joshua Houd
Nancy Solem	Taylor and Emily Solem
Wanda Lassiter	Brianna Lassiter
Sherry Mitchell	Hannah and Amanda Mitchell
Michele Tuttle	Melania Tuttle
Denise Odham	Danielle Odham
Tina Fitzpatrick	Samantha Fitzpatrick
Kim Smith	Briana Smith.
Antoinette Carr	Latiesha Ayanna Farrell
Elaina Colby	Kayla and Katy Colby
Rick Maher	Kaitlyn Maher
Mike and Pat Renes	Megan Renes
Danielle Rodriguez	Scott Rodriguez
Laurie and Ollie Snyder	Oliver and Andrew Snyder
Tracey and Stan Gearhart	Joshua Austin-Smith
Janet and Harold Pogar	
Craig and Kathy Leary	Eric Leary
Eileen and Warren Mortimer	Colleen White
Karen and Chuck White	Colleen White
Rosanna Copes	Angela Copes
Brenda Joseph	Ernie Ebler
Jennifer Gross	Andrew McCarty
Stacey Gardner	Ashley Gardner

## **TWILIGHT SCHOOL**

Registration will begin after school in mid-February for Twilight School at GBHS. The Twilight School program offers students an opportunity to make up classes they failed during the fall semester, at a cost of only \$80 per course (\$50 for the first class if qualified for financial aid). These classes are offered to first-time freshmen, to graduating seniors and possibly to repeat 9<sup>th</sup> graders (pending the Board's final decision). Twilight School takes place immediately following Day School, from 2:15-3:45, and meets twice a week, either Monday-Wednesday, or Tuesday-Thursday. Only students who attend GBHS Day School may register for and attend Twilight School. Students may take up to 2 classes. Courses offered may include Algebra I & II, US Government, US History, English 9, English 12, Matter & Energy; Biology and others. Interested parents may contact their student's Guidance Counselor or Mr. Terrence ([mterrence@aacps.org](mailto:mterrence@aacps.org)) in the English department for more information. Flyers will be posted around campus and will be sent home with students.

## **SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION**

**WHAT:** Registration

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>,  
9 AM to 12 Noon

9:00- 9:30	Baseball
9:30-10:00	Softball
10:00-10:30	Boys LAX
10:30-11:00	Girls LAX
11:00-11:30	Tennis/Track

**WHERE:** Athletic Director's Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Main Gym abovefront lobby –  
facing B & A Blvd.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Physical, Parent Permission, and Character Code of Conduct forms are due to be submitted complete with all information and signatures at this time.

Students having submitted a physical form for a fall or winter sport during the 2010-2011 school year are not required to submit an additional physical.

Forms are located online and outside the Athletic Director's office.

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<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/gbhs/index.html>

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION**

**410-222-5000**

**OR**

**1-800-893-7080**

**OR**

**www.aacps.org**