



**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 21st 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,

Happy New Year! The start of a new year allows the spirit and the soul to imagine the infinite possibilities that tomorrow will bring. Here at Glen Burnie High School teachers and staff are preparing for a tremendous 2012!

It is the wish of the faculty and staff that through the integration of new strategies, technology and an increased attention to the potential for scholarship dollars that a pervasive college-going atmosphere can be fostered. A primary goal is for our students to believe they can create the future they desire, that they can plan and prepare for many options that will lead to a creative and productive life after high school.

While we understand that students think they know what they want from the future we all recognize that their interests and career aspirations will most likely change. It is our hope that through our attention to cutting edge strategies, exposure to outside activities and options and continuous discussions of what tomorrow can bring that we will expand the horizons for all of our students!

The beginning of the year is a busy one so please mark your calendar for the January administration of the **High School Assessment** on January 9th through January 12th and the **end of the semester exams** on January 17th through January 20th. Also, the next two administrations of the **SAT** will occur on January 28th and March 10th please go to collegeboard.com to register (if you qualify for a waiver be sure to see your School Counselor).

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call or email any staff members as necessary; we are here to support the academic growth of all GBHS students. Let's work together to ensure that Glen Burnie High School continues to remain deep in tradition and moves forward positively for the good of all.

Vickie L. Plitt
Principal

*85 Years of Pride and Excellence!
Go Gophers!*

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“The safety of all students and staff in Anne Arundel County Public Schools is of utmost importance to all of us. Our school is utilizing a system for checking in all visitors. The system is called V Soft by RaptorWare. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government-issued photo ID to a staff person in the school lobby. This card will be scanned and the following information will be collected: Your photo, your name, and your date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the country. **If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the school to scan your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school.** The only alternative will be to allow the school to see your ID, verify your first name, last name, and date of birth to be entered into the system manually. However, this method does not store the information and you must do this each time you visit the school. If you do have your ID scanned, you will only be asked to show your ID on future visits and your name will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. You will be required to check into the system even if you are only coming to school to pick up your child. The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is appreciated.”

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.

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.

GBHS CALENDAR

DECEMBER Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 **Winter Break – All Schools Closed for Students, Teachers**

JANUARY

1 **All Schools and Central Offices Closed**
3 Teachers and Students Return to School
9-12 High School Assessment Administration
11 **Teacher Professional Development – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
12 Evening of Dance, 7 pm
16 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration –
Schools and Central Offices Closed**
17* **1A and 2A Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
18* **1B and 2B Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
19* **3A and 4A Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
20* **3B and 4B Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
23-24 **Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for Students**
25 3rd Marking Period Begins
28 SAT

FEBRUARY

3 Report Card Distribution
20 **President's Day – All Schools and Central Offices Closed**
25 Spring Sports Registration – Athletic Director's Office

MARCH

1 Spring Sports Begin
2 Interim Distribution
30 End of 3rd Marking Period – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students

APRIL

2-9 **Easter/Spring Break – All Schools Closed**
10 4th Marking Period Begins
16-20 High School Assessment Senior Administration
23 Report Card Distribution

***In the event that schools close due to snow during semester exams in January postponing two scheduled exams, those exams will be rescheduled in the same order as initially scheduled. For example, if snow disrupts exams for 1st and 2nd periods on B day, the students will take those exams upon their return to school.**

*The Senior Prom will be May 18th, 7 to 11 pm, at the Hippodrome
Senior Awards will be 7 pm, May 23rd, in the auditorium
GBHS Graduation will be June 8th, 2:30 PM, at the Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro*

GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY, 2012 SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Required examinations will be given in all classes as noted

Friday	January 13	Semester Exams - CAT-North
Tuesday	January 17	Periods 1-A and 2-A 2-Hour Early Dismissal
Wednesday	January 18	Periods 1-B and 2-B 2-Hour Early Dismissal
Thursday	January 19	Periods 3-A and 4-A 2-Hour Early Dismissal
Friday	January 20	Periods 3-B and 4-B 2-Hour Early Dismissal End of 2 nd Marking Period

All students will be in class by 7:17 AM on each exam day.

MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS

Make-up exams will be approved only for documented personal illness or other serious situation **approved by an administrator in advance.**

Upon presentation of a note or pass indicating an excused absence the student may make **arrangements with their teachers** to make-up exams.

EXAM BELL SCHEDULE

7:17	-	7:25	Announcements
7:25	-	9:30	Exam
9:30	-	9:45	Break
9:45	-	11:55	Exam
11:55	-	12:05	Announcements

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Extracurricular activities, practices, and club activities shall be scheduled at the end of the regular school day for not more than 90 minutes on the evening prior to the day of semester tests and examinations for high schools.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS:

Student's Last Name

A – Ce	Ms. Rizzuto
Cf – Gi	Mrs. Rowan
Gh – J & ESOL	Mr. Newbury
K – O	Mrs. Taylor
P – Sm	Mr. Caldwell
Sn – Z	Mrs. Canevazzi

We look forward to meeting you and working with you to develop a sound educational plan for your child. Due to various school commitments/duties and previously scheduled appointments, counselors may not be available to personally receive your calls. Please leave a message with the secretary or student aide and we will return your call at our earliest convenience. 410-761-8950

COLLEGE TESTING DATES

SAT TEST

March 10
May 5
June 2

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 10
April 6
May 8

ACT TEST

February 11
April 14
June 9

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

January 13
March 9
May 4

NAVIANCE: The Glen Burnie High School's School Counseling Center uses a web-based program called Family Connection from Naviance to assist students with academic courses, college searches, and career plans. By January all students at GBHS will be registered to use this program free of charge. Seniors are currently encouraged to use the program to gain access to scholarship information, college visits, and college searches.

WIKISPACE: Check out Glen Burnie High School's new wikispace at <https://gbhs-testing.wikispaces.com/> for information regarding State and National Exams including: Advanced Placement Exams, Maryland High School Assessments, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, and the WIDA Access assessment for English Language Learners.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: Please help us determine our Signature Program theme by completing a short, online, ten question survey. The survey website is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GBCOMM>. If you should have any questions please contact Ms. Ellis at 410-761-8950 ext. 274 or aeellis@aacps.org.



2011-2012 CLASS ADVISORS

Seniors:	Ms. J. Angelo
Juniors:	Ms. A. Fauerbach, Mr. C. Werfelman
Sophomores:	Ms. K. Simmons
Freshmen:	Ms. D. Barile

KUDOS TO....

November Students of the Month

Daija Mauldin
Rico Colley
Robert Fisher
Brian Hodge



GBHS Basketball Team Continues "Readers Are Champions"!

The varsity basketball team traveled to Glendale Elementary School on December 19th to promote reading to the students. The athletes read selected holiday stories and talked about the importance of reading and academics. They were photographed as guest readers. Posters highlighting the visit will be displayed in the Media Center. Athletes participating were **Taquon Afi, Auturo Archie, William Brown, Garrett Brown, Robert Fisher, Taequan Hall, Darius Hodge, Devin Jones, Jordan Kizer, Markus Miller, Bernard Peterson, Brandon Spain, Devin War, and Clarence Watkins.** The program was coordinated by Mrs. Pollack, Library Media Specialist at GBHS, basketball coach Mr. Rudd, and Mr. Shambarger, Library Media Specialist at Glendale Elementary.

LaShay Williams, one of our AVID seniors, was interviewed for AVID Achievers, a program that airs on AACPS-TV. LaShay is a great student and an excellent example of what it means to be an AVID student.

Kudos to **Kreggan Rebstock, Angie Copes, Devin Keller, Garrett Brown, Andre Fiesler, Diana Degraw, Taylor Tilghman, Thomas Darden, Richie Brown, Rachel Norfolk, Andrea Barton, Nadine Peake, Valerie Miner, and Brianna Lassiter** for assisting Mr. Sider, our Athletic Director, in our successful Blood Drive Event.

Terry Fleming has shown great work ethics since becoming an office aide. He is very professional, reliable, and efficient. Terry always displays positive behavior. He is an attribute to GBHS!

Chigo Menakaya, an AVID 12 student, recently submitted an essay on the topic "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me". Chigo was the winner from the local branch of the Fleet Reserve Association. Her essay will now be submitted to the regional level. Congratulations Chigo!

EARLY DISMISSAL

When your student must leave school early please follow these steps to help ensure that the dismissal will be handled in an efficient manner:

- Note should be brought to the Attendance Office **before the start of the school day.** The note should state the date and time of departure and the nature of the appointment.
- The note should contain the student's full name and grade.
- There must be a **phone number** where a parent/guardian can be contacted for verification of the dismissal.
- **If your student has not brought a note to the Attendance Office in the morning please expect a 15-20 minute wait.**

ABSENCE NOTES BROUGHT IN

THREE (3) OR MORE SCHOOLS DAYS AFTER THE ABSENCE



WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

AND THE ABSENCE(S) WILL BE

CODED "A-21" - UNEXCUSED.

POETRY OUT LOUD

The GBHS Poetry Out Loud School Competition was held on Friday, December 9th. We had over 400 students read poetry this year and we were to have 14 winners, one for every section of 11th grade English. Our classes chose 16 students to perform because the student performances were too close to call. Our student audience was great, our student competitors shined, and everyone involved with this event left the auditorium with a smile on his/her face with a positive outlook for the rest of the day.

The top three students are:

1 st Place:	Larry Alston
2 nd Place:	Autumn Billings
3 rd Place:	Marlene Romauldo

A big THANK YOU to Mr. Woods, who put a lot of time into organizing and facilitating the competition for these students, as well as all of the English 11 teachers who spent time working with their students each class to prepare. These teachers include Mr. Beers, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Jasper, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Striffler, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Werfelman and Mrs. Woods. We certainly have some **AWESOME** teachers and students at GBHS!

PARENTS OF 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

GBHS will be hosting parent/teacher conferences on the following dates: February 14th, March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th. Conferences are 2:10 to 3:05 in the Media Center. No appointment necessary! Please bring a list of the teachers' names that you would like to speak with regarding your child's attendance, behavior, and grades.

BIG EVENING OF DANCE

The "Big Evening of Dance" will be presented here at GBHS Thursday, January 12th, at 7 pm. The show will feature 300 GBHS dancers (50 boys) from all 10 dance classes plus professional invited guests including Nate Hunt from Long Island University. Nate just finished studying with the Joffrey Ballet, Jacobs Pillow, artistic director Alvin Ailey and more. Allison Gee from the Boston Conservatory will also perform. Tickets are \$7. No tickets are sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Ms. Rosso or Ms. Wirth at Glen Burnie High School. You may wish to arrive by 6:45 because this show always sells out and parking is a problem because the entire community comes out for this event! Come see the largest dance program in the State of Maryland! If you should have any questions please contact Ms. Rosso or Ms. Wirth at 410-761-8950.



MATH CLINIC

Math Clinic is held every Thursday, 2:05 to 3 in room I-107B. This is a great place for students to get help with their homework, study for a test, or make up any missing assignments. Teachers are on staff to assist any student regardless of the math class they are taking.



MEDIA NEWS

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.



ATHLETICS

This is the listing for winter coaches:

- Bowling:** Eric Burgoyne, egurgoyne@aacps.org
Amber Grimes, angrimes@aacps.org
- Boys Basketball:** Mike Rudd, mrudd@aacps.org
Brian Kellner, bkellner@aacps.org
Adam Fenstermaker, afenstermaker@aacps.org
- Girls Basketball:** Dan Mangum, danielmangum@verizon.net
Dave Sauble, davesauble@aol.com
- Cheerleading:** Jami King, coachjami1@hotmail.com
Kristin Simmons, kisimmons@aacps.org
- Indoor Track:** Rachel Stephens, rastephens@aacps.org
Jeff Filson, ifilson@aacps.org
- Swimming:** John Zelezen, izelezen@aacps.org
Frank Ecker, fecker@aacps.org
- Wrestling:** Kevin Cabradillia, kcabradillia@aacps.org
John Sergeant, jsergeant@aacps.org

SPRING SPORTS

Registration will be held on Saturday, February 25th, 9 am to 11:45 am in the Athletic Director's office.

9 to 10:00	Lacrosse
10 to 11:00	Baseball, Softball
11 to 11:45	Tennis, Bocce, Track

CELL PHONES

Students are prohibited from using, activating, or displaying personal electronic communication devices on school property or at school sponsored activities during the school day unless approved by the principal for a specific educational and/or administrative purpose. Any student found using a cell phone during the school day will have the phone taken and **the phone will be held until a parent/guardian can pick-up the device from their student's administrator.**



HOMEWORK HELP

Students can connect to *HelpNow* from *Brainfuse*, a free tutoring service available between 2 and 11 PM, seven days a week. Go to www.aacpl.net and click on **Homework Center** to access *HelpNow from Brainfuse* & other research databases.

AACPS Update!

January 2012

Information you need to know

from Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Weather changes could shift January semester break

Parents beginning to make plans for the two-day semester break in January should keep in mind that inclement weather could force the dates of the break to shift.

The Board-approved calendar

calls for four consecutive days of semester exams for high school students. Exams are currently scheduled to be administered on January 17 through 20, with the semester break scheduled for January

23 and 24.

If inclement weather causes schools to be closed on any testing day, the entire schedule would shift accordingly, moving the dates of the semester break.

Schools, parents must tackle inclement weather together

Anne Arundel County Public Schools does everything possible to prepare for the varied weather conditions that present themselves at this time of year. From snow to wind, hail, and ice, we must be ready to cope with a variety of conditions while keeping our students and employees safe and keeping our schools open as much as possible.

The safety of our students and employees is paramount in everything we do. During inclement weather, we will attempt to continue regular instruction whenever possible, but there will be times when we must alter our school and Central Office schedules.

Notices about closings, late openings, and early dismissals are posted on the school system's website, www.aacps.org, as soon as those decisions are made. A Connect-ED automated telephone message will be sent out to parents. Local television stations, radio stations, and newspapers are also notified. In addition, www.schoolsout.com is notified, and that site sends e-mails to subscribers regarding the change in schedules. The school system's website remains the quickest and most accurate source of information.

Parents and guardians should talk with their children about specific plans in the event of an alteration to the normal school schedule. Each child should know exactly what to

do in case of an early closing or late opening.

Parents and guardians can also help schools by making sure their children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather.

Superintendent kicks off budget process; hearings set

Superintendent Kevin Maxwell delivered his recommended Fiscal Year 2013 operating and capital budgets to the Board of Education on December 21, 2011, kicking off the FY13 budget process that will culminate in June.

Complete details of Dr. Maxwell's recommendation can be found by clicking on the budget link on the front page of the Anne Arundel County Public Schools website, www.aacps.org.

The Board will hold two public hearings on the budgets for adopting a plan in February to forward to the County Executive for consideration. The hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on January 10 at Old Mill High School and January 12 in the Board Room of the Parkam Building, located at 2644 Riva Road in Annapolis.

The Board will also hold a public workshop on the recommendation at 6 p.m. on January 24 in the Board Room. No public testimony will be taken at the workshop.

The County Executive will forward his recommended budget, including school system funding, to the County Council in mid-April. The Council will also hold two public hearings before adopting a plan that includes school system funding by category in May. The Board will then adopt its final budget in June.

ON THE CALENDAR



- Jan. 11:** *Attacking The Gap!* Professional Development; two-hour early dismissal for all students; schools closed for half-day p.m. prekindergarten and ECI classes.
- Jan. 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday; all schools and system offices closed.
- Jan. 17-20:** High school semester exams; two-hour early dismissal for all students; schools closed for half-day p.m. prekindergarten and ECI classes.
- Jan. 20:** Second marking period ends.
- Jan. 23-24:** Schools closed for students (see semester break notice above); professional development/work days for school staff
- Jan. 25:** Third marking period begins.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2:** Evening High School registration, 4 to 8 p.m.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER
DELAYED OPENING/EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS**

Inclement weather events, and the AACPS school calendar, require both “delayed openings” and “early closing”. For implementation purposes, “delayed opening” and “early closing” have the following operational meanings.

DELAYED OPENING

Two Hour Delayed Opening

Schools open two (2) hours late. Buses will operate on a two-hour delayed schedule.

AM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, ECI, and Developmental Centers are canceled.

PM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, ECI, and Developmental Centers operate with regular hours.

CAT-N: 1st bus trip from high schools will arrive at 11:10 AM.

1st bus trip departing from CAT-N will be at 1:30 PM

All schools close at the regular time.

EARLY CLOSING

Two Hour Early Closing

AM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, Developmental Centers, and ECI sessions will dismiss at regular time or 11:30 AM, whichever is earlier.

PM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, Developmental Centers, and ECI sessions are canceled.

CAT-N: Last bus trip from high schools to CAT-N will arrive at 7:25 AM.

Last bus trip to high schools from CAT-N will depart at 10 AM.

All AACPS after school activities and athletic events, including activity buses, are canceled.

The AACPS website, www.aacps.org, remains the most accurate source of information with regard to school schedule changes.



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GIANT FOOD

Please sign up for Giant Food rewards! Glen Burnie High School's number is **01055**. You must sign up each year and designate GBHS. Sign up at your nearest Giant. Thank you for your continuous support.

OFFICE DEPOT

When making a purchase please mention Glen Burnie High School. The school will receive a percentage of your purchase. GB's ID NUMBER IS **70046709**. Thank you for your support.

SHOPRITE REWARDS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pick up a Price Plus club card today! Register your card by calling 800-931-6258 or visiting eScrip.com/ShopRite. ShopRite will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to Glen Burnie High School every time you shop and present your card.

TARGET

Thank you to everyone who has designated Glen Burnie High School in the Target for Education program. If you would like to join the Glen Burnie High School number is **57365**. Sign up at your nearest Target and help our school!