



## **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,

April 1, 2011 begins our fourth quarter of this school year. With only ten weeks left, our counselors are busy scheduling for the next school year, 2011-2012. Incoming ninth grade students (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders at our middle schools) have already been given schedules in our computers. Our current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students have met with their counselors for course selection. Please take the time to review your student's selections. Student selections determine how we assign teachers and the number of classes offered are dependent on accurate numbers obtained from course selections.

It is not too soon to start looking at the end of the year testing schedules. A.P. and H.S.A. exam schedules are available on our website and are contained in the newsletter. We are proud to announce that we have reached our goal of having our students take over 600 AP tests this year. **The AP Tests begin Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Senior H.S.A.'s (High School Assessments) begin Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

There is one current problem that students are having at GBHS and parents can help. We have had a huge increase with cyber bullying, texting, e-mail and Facebook. Many times issues are brought to school which started at home or in the community. I would encourage parents to check frequently what their student is sending on their various accounts. Please monitor and encourage your student to think twice before they post something which may be hurtful or inappropriate.

Congratulations to Dakota Slay-Vincent who received honorable mention for the National Merit Scholarship Program. There will be a recognition breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Other upcoming important dates to remember:

- **APRIL 13, 2011** - Community College Placement Testing and application
- **May 12, 2011** - Community College Registration Day for juniors interested in the Jump Start Program (taking community college classes during their senior year) and those seniors who want to register for classes.
- **May 16 – 19** H.S.A.'s (HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT TESTS)
- **May 6, 2011** – Prom at B.W.I. Hilton at 7:30 p.m.
- **May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>** Sign up for college SAT tests through [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

Attending school and classes for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is very important. Please help students to get here on time, monitor schoolwork and homework assignments every night, and use the ParentCONNECT xp web site. If you do not have a password, please see Mrs. Chambers in our Guidance Department to sign up. This web site gives you easy access to student's grades, progress reports, and attendance. Mrs. Chambers will help you through the process.

Finally, congratulations to our April Students of the Month: 9<sup>th</sup> grade Rebecca Frank, 10<sup>th</sup> grade Nikki Ringrose, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Bridget Hall, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Lena Fink. Our employee of the month is our Attendance Clerk, Mrs. Beverly Barrett, and our Educator of the Month is Ms. Susan Griesmyer.

Vickie L. Plitt  
Principal

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

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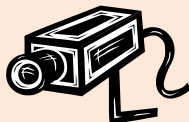
### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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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.

## **PARENTS OF FRESHMEN**

There are two Open House Conferences left: April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to stop by the Media Center on these days to check-in with your child's teachers regarding grades, attendance, and overall behavior. Conferences are held 2:10 to 3:05. Hope to see you there!

## **SENIORS:**

Caps and Gowns are still available for purchase through Ms. Jasper in room M-216. The price is now \$60. Payment may be made by cash, credit card, or checks made out to GBHS.



Senior Gear is still available for purchase.

T-Shirts: \$14   Hoodies: \$24  
Lanyards: \$3   Sweatpants: \$18  
GBHS Car Magnets: \$5

## **KUDOS TO.....**



**Sharon Ridge**, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Medicine and Health Sciences category at the County Science and Engineering Fair. Sharon's project was titled "What Effect Does Fish Oil Have On Health?". Congratulations!

**Dakota Slay-Vincent** for receiving Honorable Mention for the National Merit Scholarship Program

**The following students have received college acceptance letters:**

**Steven Anderson:**  
McDaniel College

**Anntonette Bishop:**  
Lincoln University  
Morgan State University  
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore  
Georgetown University

**Aaron Giles**  
Towson University

**Khameron Gross:**  
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

**Telina Hodge:**  
University of Maryland Baltimore  
Ferrum College  
Farleigh-Dickinson College

**Eric Magana:**  
University of Bloomsburg,  
Slippery Rock University

**Christina Reiss:**  
University of the Sciences

**Jesse Sandle:**  
Delaware State University

**Laquandra Williams:**  
Towson University

**Cassie Yates:**  
Towson University  
Goucher College

**Kudos to all of our seniors who have recently been accepted into colleges!** We are compiling a list of all seniors who were accepted to colleges. Go to the school's website and click on the "Acceptance" link.

Students are recognized on the school's website!  
<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/gbhs/index.html>

**SENIORS NOT LISTED YET?** Let us know where you were accepted! Email [gbhswebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:gbhswebmaster@gmail.com) and tell us which institution of higher learning wants you! Tell us about any scholarships, honor programs, or anything else noteworthy!

If you haven't received your acceptance letter yet, good luck!

## **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.



# GET READY FOR THE APRIL 2011 HSA's

## HSA and Mod-HSA Test Administration

- **April 4, 2011** - English Test
- **April 5, 2011** - Biology Test
- **April 6, 2011** - Algebra Test
- **April 7, 2011** - Government Test
- **April 8, 2011**- Makeup date all content

1. Go to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>
2. Go to Parents and Students. Click Online Services Tab.
3. Click "HSA Prep".

## HSA Prep Online

Get ready for HSA tests with practice questions in Algebra, Biology, English and NSL.



[Start Practicing](#)

4. Click "START PRACTICING".

5. **SIGN IN:** Your sign-in email address does not have to be a real address. But it should have the structure of an email address. **Example:** [yourname@domain.com](#)

6. Pick a subject.

- Questions come in random order by default.
- You can also choose by Topic or Indicator.
- After each set of 10 questions, you can print out a report and stop practicing.

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Glen Burnie High school is proud to announce our "QPR" informational sessions for parents on April 28, 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.

Space is limited to 20 people and 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.



### **Graduating Program** **Pathway Seniors** **Earn FREE AACC Credits!!**

Graduating seniors who have successfully completed one of the high school Program Pathways of study with an average grade of B or higher are eligible to receive Anne Arundel Community College credits.

To have your high school coursework evaluated, seniors are reminded to ask your Program Pathway teacher for the *Request for Evaluation of Program Pathway Credits* form. Complete, mail the form, and enroll at Anne Arundel Community College within one year of high school graduation. College credits will be placed on your college transcript after completing six credits of AACC college coursework with a grade of C or higher.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Program Pathway teacher or Mary Garner (410-777-2891) at Anne Arundel Community College. You may also send questions via email to [mhgarner@aacc.edu](mailto:mhgarner@aacc.edu).



## **IS COLLEGE IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE?**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college-preparatory program open to selected students who show academic and leadership abilities. AVID is a national program that has spread throughout 48 states and 23 countries. We here at Glen Burnie are proud to be a part of one of the most successful programs in the county.

AVID will offer your student a chance to practice skills for success, exercise higher-order thinking skills, and goal setting. Your student will be encouraged to stretch his/her academic achievement and you, the parent or guardian, will have the advantage of an on-site advocate helping you to look out for your student's well-being and progress. In addition, your child will become a part of the "AVID Family," a group of students with the common goals of success and support. AVID students are students who share the goal of enrolling in rigorous courses, such as Advanced Placement and Honors courses, in high school with the expectation of attending a four-year university or college. AVID is the only course where, in your child's senior year, he/she will have school time to work on college applications and get support in the college application and scholarship process. AVID students also receive waivers for fees such as free SATs and college applications, as well as significant discounts on Advanced Placement tests.

AVID is not for everyone, and your child must be interviewed and accepted into the program. Applications can be found on our school website and in Guidance. If your child is interested in the AVID program, please call 410-761-8950 ext. 323 or e-mail [JBWoods@aacps.org](mailto:JBWoods@aacps.org) to schedule an interview. We will be accepting applications for AVID until April 15, 2011.

Thank you for giving the AVID program the opportunity to work with your child!

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## Glen Burnie High School

Presents

### "An Evening Of Dance"



Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

7:00 PM

Tickets: \$7.00

(PRE-SALE ONLY.....  
**NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**)

**Featuring over 300 dancers, including:**

All Dance Classes

GBHS Dance Company

GBHS Dance Ensemble

GBHS Dance Club

Dance For The Athlete Classes

Student Choreography

Edna Lee Dance Studio

Other Guest Artists TBA

TICKETS GO ON SALE

APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>!!!!

**Get Your Tickets Before They Sell Out!**

## Attention Parents and Students!!!

Get a jump on fulfilling *Fine Arts credit*, your 2<sup>nd</sup> *PE credit* and *Elective credit* needed to graduate high school. Sign up for one of the many offerings of Dance at GBHS!! Take Dance 2 times as underclassmen and as many times as you want as seniors to satisfy multiple credits. In doing so you will be one of over 300 boys and girls in the largest and longest running dance program in the state of Maryland!

\*Receive expensive dance studio training for **FREE** in hip hop, ballet, tap, contemporary and choreography.

\*Have the opportunity to travel to New York City.

\*Work on skills like balance, coordination, endurance, strength and flexibility needed for participation in after school sports activities.

\*Have a chance to join the Dance Company, Dance Club or Dance Ensemble

\*Perform in the huge "**Evening of Dance**"

Ms. Dianne Rosso began the dance program at GBHS over 39 years ago. Many students have gone on to become professional dancers, singers, performers, college athletes and teachers. One now teaches alongside Ms. Rosso. Mrs. Stacey Wirth not only trained with Ms. Rosso but also taught in a private studio and brings into her classroom that aspect of dance. Together they have worked with dancers that have choreographed for such artists as *Jennifer Lopez*, *Britney Spears*, *N'Sync*, *Destiney's Child*, *Missy Elliott* and *Christina Aguilera* just to name a few.

### Here are the classes you can take to complete your credit for graduation!

**Dance I-** *For the non-dancer:* Learn basic steps in each of the dance styles as well as social dance and dance history.

**Dance II-IV-** *For the dancer with some previous dance experience:* Refine technique in each of the dance styles as well as explore choreography.

**Dance For The Athlete I-** *For the non-dancer athlete:* Work on skills used in sports activities to enhance performance skills through dance movement.

**Dance For The Athlete II-IV-** *For the athlete with some previous dance experience:* Utilize sports skills to continue building dance movement vocabulary.

**Dance Company Class-By audition only:** Concentration on choreography and performance.

\*Two dance studios with dance floors, sound systems, mirrors and air conditioning!

\*One of the most popular subjects at GBHS every semester!

\*After-school opportunities for Dance!

\*Two full time certified Dance Teachers!

**Take A Chance, Sign Up For Dance!!!**

# GBHS CALENDAR

## 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**
  - 22 Earth Day
  - 27 Administrative Professionals Day
  - 28 Spring Evening of Dance – 7 PM
  - 29 NHS It’s Academic Competition

## MAY

- Asian/Pacific Heritage Month**  
**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**
- 2-13 AP Exams
  - 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 – 6:30 - Auditorium**
  - 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**



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