

# GRYPHON GAZETTE

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## **Special points of interest:**

- *August 15- 1st Day of School*
- *Wild Waters Aug 19*
- *September 8- Back to School Kickoff*
- *Picture Days Sept 12; 15*
- *CAHSEE 1st retest Oct 4-5*
- *Monterey Bay Aquarium Science Field Trip Oct 13*

## **School Startup Info**

Glacier High School officially starts on August 15th, but teachers are already on hand for initial conferences with students. If you haven't already met with your charter teacher, now is the time to schedule. Initial conferences are important to sign contracts, establish your current course list, review your progress towards graduation, and set overall goals for the coming year. It is also the time to check out any needed curriculum and materials.

If you haven't already heard from your charter teacher, call and schedule today!



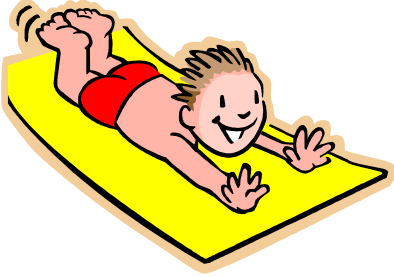
**Make this year fruitful!**

## **If You Want It, Make It Happen...**

One of the advantages of a homeschool charter is that you can design courses around your interests. The sky is the limit.

If you have an avid interest, or even just an area of curiosity, speak with your charter teacher about designing a course around it. It happens quite often around here, and is one of the things that sets us apart!

## Wild Waters Awaits (say *that 5 times!*)



On Friday, August 19th, Mountain Home School and Glacier High School families will be enjoying discounted rates (\$12.50) at Wild Waters Water Park located at 11413 E. Shaw in Clovis.

Signups and pre-payment need to happen by Tuesday August 16th, and fees are non-refundable. See Melis-

sa at the front desk to make your payment.

Food and drink may be brought in, as long as no glass containers are involved.

Rendezvous at the park entrance @ 11 AM **sharp** to pick up your tickets-

## Reserve Your PSAT Seat Now

*"I took it, and look where it got me..."*

*Albert Einstein*

Sophomores and juniors will want to reserve a seat for the PSAT test coming on Weds, October 12th. Let your charter teacher know by August 24th.

The PSAT is an important

college proficiency test and is the best way to fast-track college scholarships.

Let your charter teacher know that you'd like to take this test.

The PSAT costs \$14 to take, but it could "pay off."

## Monterey Bay Aquarium Trip

Mr. England will again be taking science students to the Monterey Bay Aquarium this year. The trip comes early, on October 13th (a Thursday).

Schedules and information will be announced in your on-site science classes.





## The Exam, *Otherwise Known as "CAHSEE"*

The much feared CAHSEE exam will be administered on October 4-5 for repeat takers.

Sophomores will get their first shot at the exam on February 7-8.

There will also be a third round administered on March 13-14th for upper-classmen that have yet to pass.

Historically, Glacier has a good record of student passage rates, and review curriculums are available for those that are worried or having difficulty clearing this hurdle. See your charter teacher for details.

## Hey Good Lookin'

Whether your self-esteem is that of a dreamboat or a shipwreck, you are an important part of this school, and your picture is therefore needed. Picture days will be here on September 12th and 15th during the morning hours. Sneak by and have your photo taken.

Even if you decide not to purchase them, school pictures are used for discount ID cards, honored at many merchants (theaters, restaurants, museums, etc.) and appear in the school yearbook as well.

Each year, Michael Jones Photography does an excellent job of capturing our students digitally. If you do decide to buy, different packages are available in various price ranges.



*Deep words  
to live by:*

*"I'm hot..."*

*Paris Hilton*

## Online Odyssey (not Homer)

An exciting new addition to the Glacier Curriculum this year is Compass Learning's "Odyssey." It is a standards based complete curriculum which will be available to students beginning this year.

There are a limited number of student openings available for Odyssey enrollment.

All staff members have been inserviced in the new program. Additional public training sessions are slated for Aug 12 (extra support), Aug 19 (newcomers), and Aug 26 (both newcomers and extra support). Call for details. For those who gravitate towards structured online learning, Odyssey provides an ideal learning environment.

If this program appeals, talk to your charter teacher soon.



Spaces will go fast!



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### Going Green-

Future editions of this year's newsletter will be available online,  
and by special request through  
the US Postal Service.

## Back to School

What better place than the *back* page for Back-to-School? (Hope you read this far!)

A fun, Back-to-School Kickoff will be held Thursday, September 8th starting at 5 PM. Show up, and we promise to feed you hot dogs, chips, and drinks. If your tastes are more expensive, feel free to bring your own grub. There will be fun-

aplenty, and school spirit galore. At least that's what we're hoping!

Plans include some homeschool related mini-seminars for those that are interested.



Students interested in competing in *Academic Decathlon*

are encouraged to contact Ms. Garcia at

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Students from all GPA ranges are needed!



Which  
wiener  
dog  
would you  
choose?

