



# Glacier Gryphon

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## WASC Study Gears Up Again

WASC =  
Western Association  
of Schools and Colleges

During the next few weeks, several "focus" groups will take an introspective look at virtually all of Glacier High School's components, including its vision, curriculum, instruction, culture, and resources.

Focus groups provide a chance for all elements of the school community (parents, administration, faculty, and students) to comment freely and evaluate openly. Each focus group essentially serves as a self-contained committee, looking in detail at one particular area of the

school's involvement.

Results from focus group studies will be reported to next year's WASC visitation committee, which will evaluate the school's overall standing, and either grant or deny an accreditation renewal based upon its findings. Most competent schools receive a renewal of from three to six years. Glacier is currently in year five of a six year accreditation.

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### Special dates of interest:

- Feb 3 CSUF Ropes/Tour
- Feb 4 ACADEC Madera
- Feb 7/8 CAHSEE tests
- Feb 15 Senior Mtg. 3pm (Oakhurst campus)
- Feb 20-24 Pres. Holidays
- Feb 29 Acad.Gameplan (Kingsburg campus)
- Mar 7 KBG Mosaic Class
- Mar 15/16 S.F. Field Trip
- Spring Formal TBD
- April 6-13 Spring Break

## Students Just Want to Hang Out

Signups are now underway for a GHS visit to the Fresno State ropes course on Friday, February 3rd. A maximum of 25 may attend. There is no expense to the student, but several forms and waivers need to be filled out before participating. Check the Glacier website for downloads,

and bring a completed form with you. Don't forget to sign up in advance, as spaces are limited and will be determined on a first-come, first served basis. Signups are posted on both the Kingsburg and Oakhurst site bulletin boards. Transportation is not provided,

so you'll need to make your own travel arrangements. The ropes course will be conducted from 9 AM to 1 PM, followed by a one hour lunch. The afternoon (starting at 2 PM) will feature a Fresno State campus tour conducted by a school representative. Expect a fun day!

## Annual San Fran “Van Clan” with a Plan



**This year's rental vans should save gas and get some looks.**

This San Francisco field trip thing seems to be turning into an annual gig... (March 15-16) This year, Mr. Englund is heading up the endeavor— with many exciting activities slated. We're talking reduced prices at the California Academy of the Sciences (with its IMAX theater), the de Young Art Museum, a possible ferry tour to Alcatraz, and staying over-

night at a real lighthouse— not to mention the shopping and cuisine possibilities one finds in such a metropolitan place.

### ***News Flash:***

Unprecedented signups have forced us to declare all van seats filled. Families are welcome to join us on an independent basis— but travel and lodging will not be arranged by

the school. We can, however, refer you to others who wish to carpool- and contact info for the hostel where we'll be staying. Potential drivers and chaperones should contact Matthew Englund at GHS. There are field trip forms to be completed which should be posted on the school website (see back of newsletter).

*Join the van clan!*

## For Some, It's CAHSEE Crunch Time

*“Eating flaming hot Cheetos while taking the CAHSEE is a big mistake”*

*“Jessie,” on the Internet*

All sophomores are expected to attempt the California High School Exit Exam for the first time on Tuesday February 7th and Wednesday, February 8th from 8:30 AM– 12:00 PM. Come a few minutes early.

Tuesday is devoted to English-Language Arts, and Wednesday is devoted to Math.

Juniors and seniors who still need to pass a section of the test should also attend.

Once any section of the test has already been passed, it need not be taken again.

Ask your charter teacher for study materials, or visit:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/mathguide.asp>  
(Math Study Guide)

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/elaguide.asp>  
(English Study Guide)

## Academic Gameplan Visits Kingsburg

The highly successful motivational and study skills program, Academic Gameplan, will be presented at the Kingsburg campus starting on Wednesday, February 29th, from 9:30 AM to 1 PM.

Kaylene Friesen, better known on the Oakhurst campus, will host the workbook, discussion, and video series.

Additional sessions are scheduled for March 7, 21, and 28 (also Wednesdays).

GHS transcript credit is awarded to those who complete the course requirements.



## ACADEC Competes this Month

Team members from both Kingsburg and Oakhurst sites will compete in the California Academic Decathlon all day Saturday, Feb. 4th at Madera South HS.

An essay portion of the competition was completed on Jan. 27th. Students will be tested extensively in Literature, Math, Economics, Science, Art, and Music, and are

also required to interview and give brief speeches. Everything is related to a central theme; this year's theme is: "Age of Empire."

This year's team is:

Tim Bennett, Michael Cecil, Tim Cecil, Alex Franey, Colton Huckabone, Justin Jennings, Chris Kelley, ZZ Nixon, and Steven Woods.



## Auto Workshop, Rain or Shine

A handful of students were not deterred by the rainy conditions last Friday, and benefitted from the hands-on, hour and a half workshop conducted at Advanced Auto Repair.

This first session involved preventative maintenance and simple emergency repairs. It included locating and checking fluid levels and changing a flat tire.

Those interested in doing a make-up session should contact Mr. Boe.

The next regular session is scheduled for 3 PM, Friday, February 10th. The topic will shift to diagnosing problems when doing repair work.

Sign up sheets are still posted on the Glacier High bulletin board.



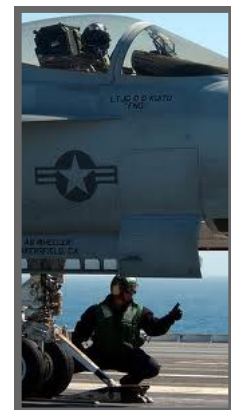
## GHS Student "Cleared for Takeoff" to U.S. Naval Academy

Timothy Cecil, a graduating senior, was recently accepted for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy for collegiate training directed towards a professional military career. The level of competition is high for admittance to "plebe" positions, and



acceptance to the program is itself a noteworthy achievement. Congratulations to Tim for this accomplishment!

Clearly, there is much work ahead, but Tim will no doubt make a fine Naval Officer once his college career is completed.



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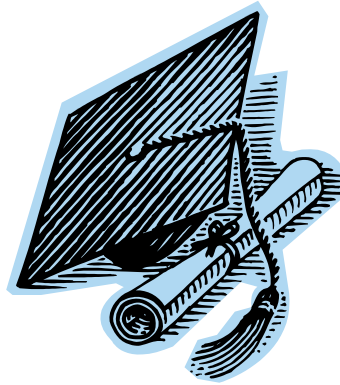
We're on the Web!  
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## Attention Seniors!

Graduating seniors who are interested in participating in June ceremonies should plan to attend the senior meeting scheduled for 3PM, Wednesday, February 15th at the Oakhurst campus.

Details of the graduation ceremony and all necessary preliminary arrangements will be provided at the meeting.

Monies will be required for cap and gown rental, as well as other related graduation expenses, so bring your checkbook.



## Guitar Workshops A Hit...

Recent Wednesday afternoon Oakhurst campus workshops have had good attendance and participation, with students ranging in skill levels from beginner to intermediate.

Some of the topics covered so far have been: learning basic chords, reading basic tablature, tuning, playing position and mechanics, and useful links to instructional websites.

Brian Kelley, father of Glacier students Christopher and Ashlyn Kelley, has been a big help in passing along know-how.

Interested students should contact Mr. Boe for information on attending the next workshop.



Mosaic Workshop coming to Kingsburg 3/7!!!