



Fall-ing for You?

The school kickoff has come and gone.

Onsite classes have been going on for a few weeks now.

You've been plugging away at English and are already a month into the curriculum.

The first day of fall was last week.

It's about that time in the school year when things finally start to settle into a routine- and that's a good thing!

All the "hoopla" surrounding the start of

school can be distracting- and it's always a challenge for teenagers to alter their biological clocks (after being used to "sleeping in" all summer). It takes a bit of time to adjust, but hopefully GHS students are successfully making that transition and are off to a good start.

We are glad that you've chosen to pursue your education with us, and value your part in the

program. The dedicated staff here at Glacier is committed to seeing you succeed. If there is ever any way in which we can further help you reach your learning

goals, please let us know how we can better serve you.



Yes, fall is here...

What's Happening? Monterey Trip October 13th

Science students will be travelling to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for a visit on Thursday, October 13th.

Approximately 20 spaces are available, with about 15 science class students expected. Other students are welcome to accompany the

trip- please indicate your interest to Mr. Englund- but hurry, the trip is only two weeks away!

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is perhaps the most top-notch aquarium on the West Coast, if not the nation.

Our group will enjoy a special one hour discovery lab, which will feature interactive stations with hands-on explorations in biodiversity.

Contact Mr. Englund for itinerary details and to reserve your spot.



Upcoming Dates

CAHSEE Retakes	10/3-4
ROV First Class	10/11
PSAT Test	10/12
Fall Break	10/17-21
Academic Gameplan Workshop Start-up	10/24
Silk Painting AWorkshop Startup	10/26
ASB Food Bank Work Day	10/27
Parent Pow-Wow (Odyssey Tips, Feedback, Etc.)	10/28

Art Workshop in Silk Painting

Silk Painting-

for Fashion & Fine Arts

is the subject of a 2.5 unit workshop to be conducted by Ms. Irina Buca.

The class is scheduled to start on Wednesday, October 26th from 1:30-3:30 The first session will be devoted to research.

The second session will be November 9th, in the same time slot as the previous meeting– but this time will involve creating a design.

The third and final session will be held on Nov. 16th and will focus on displaying and selling.

Come and enjoy group painting on silk “A la mode.”

For more information, or to sign up for the class, see the GHS bulletin board or contact Ms. Buca personally.



Squirrels love this time of year!

Guinea Pigs or Argonauts?

A number of GHS students are breaking new ground by being the first to take classes on the school’s new online course curriculum. Reviews have mostly been positive.



As with any new undertaking, there is a significant learning curve (on the part of students, parents, teachers, and administrators) that must

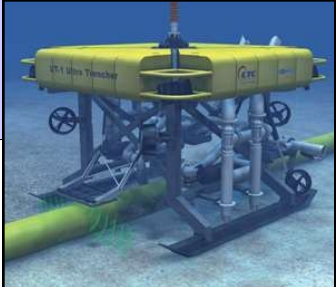
be experienced prior to success.

We appreciate your patience as we work through the inevitable “kinks” in learning to effectively use this dynamic program.

An Odyssey forum is scheduled for Friday, October 28 @ 10am in the school’s computer lab.

This time will be an invaluable tool towards improving your Odyssey experience.

R.O.V.
What: Underwater Robotics
When: Starts Oct 11 @ 2:15
Where: GHS Module B
Why: Totally Fun
Goal: National Robotics Competition in May
“Kingsburg students are welcome to be part of this, and may only need to attend a few scheduled workshops in Oakhurst. Contact Mrs. Garcia if you are interested “



Participants are asked to bring questions, issues, complaints, testimonials, and tips. Together we’ll get this thing down to a science!

In the meantime, keep pressing on– teachers will still be collecting work samples and monitoring progress, as usual. Let us know how it’s going, and be

sure to attend the forum– and benefit from the interactive feedback.

Remember, an odyssey is more about the journey than the destination...

Academic Gameplan Returns



John Baxter, the founder of Academic Gameplan, wants every student to “Win at the Game of School!” Academic Gameplan is taught through DVDs accompanied by an interactive workbook and addresses various topics including: why we go to school, attitude, the 3 reasons

for lack of success in all areas of life, a winners’ vocabulary, note taking, time management, organizational skills, how to study effectively, etc. Former GHS parent Kaylene Friesen (also of Lamplight Tutoring) has taught the program over the last five years, and will be conducting sessions Monday and Wednesday after-

Seniors: Get it Together, Eh?

Most seniors who are planning to attend college are already making arrangements. The process of researching schools- and filling out applications for admission and scholarships- takes a lot of effort and time, especially when these undertakings must be done during a student's spare time.

By now, college-bound seniors should have a master calendar with important deadlines highlighted and marked.

They should also register for either the SAT or ACT test during this time of year. Most colleges require a score from one or the other test.

Apply for scholarships early. www.fastweb.com for a detailed list of scholarships that are relevant to you!

Beat the rush. Ask your teachers for letters of recommendation. You'll need them for many of your applications.

To organize yourself, start a folder dedicated to each potential college choice.

The Common Application is now available at www.commonapp.org Visit this website to see which colleges and universities use this application. This application could save you time as it is good towards applying to more than 400 colleges!



Falling leaves are beautiful... but then you've got to rake

COLLEGE DATES, INFORMATION & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

October 1	Smittcamp Honors Scholarship Application is available (Full Tuition Fresno State Scholarship) www.honors.csufresno.edu
October 1	California State University Application available for any campus go to www.csumentor.edu
October 1	Husband-Boeing Scholarship Application (for Engineering Major attending Fresno State) go to www.csufresno.edu/engineering for more information.
October 7	SAT registration deadline for November 5 Test
October 22	Chico State University Preview Day to register go to: www.csuchico.edu/admissions
Nov 30	College and Financial Aid information night on Oakhurst campus @4PM Juniors and Seniors- plan on attending with your parents.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards- For students that have made a difference through their volunteer work over the past year. Go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit and click on "Apply Now" See your charter teacher for more information. Deadline is November 1, 2011.

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noons at GHS beginning on October 24. Attendees who complete the course will earn 1.5 units towards high school graduation. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the GHS bulletin board and sessions will be from 2-4pm on October 24, 26, 31, and November 7, 9, 14, 16, and 21. For more information contact Kaylene at: 683-3058 or fivefri@sti.net or your GHS charter teacher: 642-1422.



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Kingsburg Site is in need of parent volunteers to help plan events and activities, please contact Mrs. Garcia at ngarcia.ghs@gmail.com if you are willing to help or show up to our first Parent Volunteer meeting scheduled for October 13th at 1pm in our Glacier Portable.

Community Food Bank

October 27th 9am-12pm

Kingsburg and Oakhurst students are welcome to participate

Please contact Bruce Boe or Nancy Garcia if you are attending-
You need to have a volunteer form filled out and signed by parents in order to participate.

World (as we know it) Comes to an End November 2nd

Thanks to our new *EXPLORE* and *PLAN* benchmark testing, November 2nd will be quite a different Wednesday than usual.

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Testing will take place for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students from 8:15 to 11:45.

Room locations will be posted on campus the day of testing.

Onsite classes will be rescheduled to different time slots as needed- to accommodate the testing schedule.

Specifically:

Algebra 2 and Geometry classes will be held from 12:30-1:30.

Biology will be held from 1:30 to 2:30.

Algebra 1 will be held during normal class hours.

Kingsburg:

(at Glacier Portable)

8:30-12pm all 9th graders

12:30-3:30pm all 10th and 11th graders

It should be mentioned that the November 2nd test administration is considered a mandatory part of the GHSC program. *EXPLORE* and *PLAN* are different components of the *ACT* testing system, each geared towards timely diagnostic intervention to improve student performance. The ultimate benefit from participating in these programs is reflected in improved college entrance exam scores. With early feedback, weak areas may be remediated and consequently, overall student scores may be expected to improve.

