

Glacier Gryphon

Glacier Charter High School

WINTER STRIKES EARLY

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Semester ends Dec. 17th.
(Grade reporting due then)
- November attendance due 12/3
- Attendance forms available online
- School calendar available online
- <http://glacierhighcharter.org>

By all indications, it looks like winter is here prematurely this year—complete with heavy rains, snow, cold temps and power outages.

As yet, fog hasn't been much of a problem in the valley, but December and January are sure to change matters.

Since homeschoolers provide their own transportation, it is important that safety be the primary concern at this time of year.

If there is any doubt over weather conditions and school cancellations, it is recommended that parents check the online school calendar found at

<http://glacierhighcharter.org>

Power outages may make internet use impossible during major storms— it is hoped that the new “all call” system will allow for contact to be made even when the power is down.



Homeschool Holidays Edition

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STUDENT STARS SHINE

Several currently enrolled GHS students will be showcasing their talents during this holiday season.

Clancy Kramer is currently performing as a soldier in the Fresno Philharmonic production of The Nutcracker.

Michael Cecil will be playing the violin in the Youth Orchestra of Fresno.

Tyrell McKenzie will be playing trumpet and French Horn with the community band and in his church cantata. He recently conducted a solo fundraiser concert (piano and organ) at the Methodist Church, raising \$400 for persons in need.

Raven Smith will play trumpet in the YHS Band Christmas production.

Nathan Field will be singing during the YHS Chamber Choir concert.

Sarah Lamb will also perform in the community band.

From Kingsburg, Jordan Russell performed a piano recital, and Thomas Melton will be performing on organ.

Advanced Driver's Ed – Build and Operate a Vehicle Underwater (for Credit)

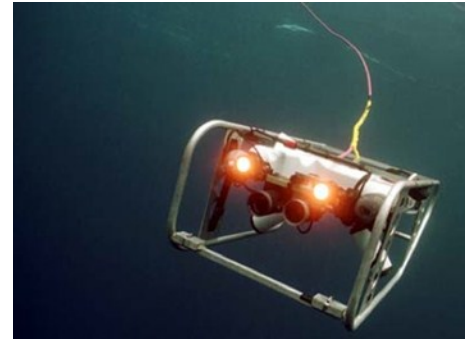
Coming in Spring Semester!

A Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition for high school students will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Monterey Peninsula Community College. There is room for up to three high school teams to design and remotely operate an underwater vehicle to accomplish various tasks.

Each year the assigned tasks are related to real problems which engineers face in the world. This year's specific tasks will be released in December 2010 and are reported to be related to the objectives of remote underwater vehicles involved in the Gulf Oil Spill.

A regular weekly workshop/class will be scheduled on Tuesday afternoons, starting in January. Students will need to work cooperatively with other students and spend time outside of class to design and modify their craft for maximum performance. A poster project will also need to be completed by March 31st, 2011, according to specifications.

This type of project looks great on college transcripts, and it challenges students in the context of spirited competition. Please sign up on the Glacier High School bulletin board inside the main building at the Oakhurst campus if you are interested. Five credits are awarded for this class!



*...this 'aint no
"Underwater Basket Weaving!"*

SENIOR MOMENT

Current Issues Involving Seniors:

1) A Grad Night trip has been planned for May 26th and 27th at Magic Mountain. Group reservations have been made, and the trip depends entirely upon student response and interest. Fundraising could significantly lower the cost of the trip, which currently is figured at somewhere

between \$175 and \$200. Transportation, dinner, and admission are included.

2) The Josten's company has left flyers with your charter teachers which outline options for class rings. If you are a senior interested in purchasing a class ring, consult your charter teacher.

3) Those interested in pursuing a college education should be sure and complete a FAFSA application (online) to receive the best possible offers in scholarships. Applications open at midnight on January 1, and in many cases, "the early bird gets the worm..." Don't put it off!

NONE SPARED AT ASB BOWLING



Atrocious skills.

Still, a dozen participants enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on November 5th.

No PBA bowlers surfaced, and terrible scores were the norm. We're talking barely breaking a hundred. Still, it was great fun laughing at each other and keeping the gutters well swept.

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9	31	46	55	62	69	69		
10	1	-5	-7	6	9	9		63
11	27	32	39	45	54	63		

Elves Hard at Work in Ms. Buca's Workshop

A variety of beautiful Christmas ornaments have been coming to life in Ms. Buca's art workshop this month.

To make an ornament, glass bulbs are internally treated with metallic paint; and many different designs and effects are created- all of them simply stunning.

The ornaments are to be placed on a Christmas tree which will be auctioned as a fundraiser to benefit GHS ASB and the local Boys and Girls Club of Oakhurst.



EVEN AL PACINO HAS A SCARF, ACE...

Get 'em while there's a good selection!

ASB is selling pile scarves to help you cope with the season.

Five bucks a pop- (okay, \$4.99 if you insist...) or three for \$12. The patterns are quite cool, ranging from "survivalist camo" to "101 Dalmatians pawprints" to "desert southwest Hopi.."

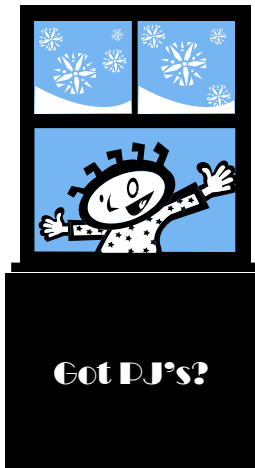
And while you're at it, pick up a few baked goods- cookies, cakes, what-have-you's. You can never have enough carb intake when it's cold like this. At least that's what you should keep telling yourself, right?

Group sale will be held Dec 16th at a local venue, pending approval. In the meantime, scarves are available for perusal- see Mr. Boe.



**THE SCARF-
NOT JUST
A FASHION
STATEMENT!**

“... you can never have enough carb intake...at least that's what you should keep telling yourself...”



ASB CHRISTMAS PARTY IS A WRAP

Come one, come all.

December 16th, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Oakhurst campus.

Just some of the night's planned activities:

*Christmas theme costume contest

*Ugly Sweater contest

*Cheapo gift exchange (voluntary- \$5 limit- if you bring one, you get one...)

*ASB complimentary pizza and drinks

*Games and mixers

*If time permits, a seasonal movie showing





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Glacier Charter High School is a unique blend:

- *It is a homeschool*
- *It is a publicly funded high school*
- *It is governed by a non-profit organization*

Glacier is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

GLACIERHIGHCHARTER.ORG

ACADEMIC DECATHLON IS A GO!

Glacier HS has formed a team to compete in this school year's Academic Decathlon competition held in February.

The team is split with representatives from both Oakhurst and the Kingsburg satellite. A maximum of nine members may compete, but a minimum of six may qualify. Currently, the team consists of eight members. If any students would still like to be involved, please contact Mr. Boe.

Team members are already working at preparing for subject area components of the competition.



There are also elements of public speaking and interviewing in the competition.

Champions are acknowledged both individually and as teams, with scholarship awards granted.

State and National Academic Decathlon contests are held for the cream of the crop. Who knows?