

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

Don't miss the Back-to-School gathering to be held on September 9th at Oakhurst Community Park. It will be a great chance to meet the staff of GHS, as well as build community with other home-schooling families.

This event is held jointly with Mountain Home School between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 PM. Parking can be limited- so get there early!

Bring your own food and drink, but sharing has been known to occur at past events and is encouraged (at your own risk!)



BYOB: (Bring Your Own Blanket!)

COMING SOON TO A CLASSROOM NEAR YOU

Glacier High School on-site classes will commence Monday, August 30th, and remain in session until December 17th, the end of the fall semester. Among the class offerings this semester are:

Algebra 1

Algebra 2 (Kingsburg)

ASB

Biology

Chemistry

Geometry

Leadership 2 (Kingsburg)

Pre-Calculus

Yearbook

Class schedules are available on request- just ask!

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Did you know?

Glacier has its own website!

Log on to:

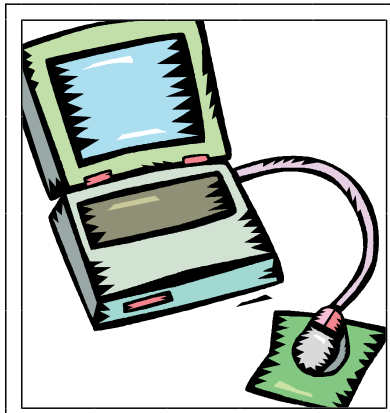
<http://glacierhighcharter.org>

and check it out for yourself. Don't forget to bookmark it in your "favorites."

Special thanks to Eric Hagen for his help in setting up and maintaining the GHS website.

Why log on?

Here's a partial list of the benefits:



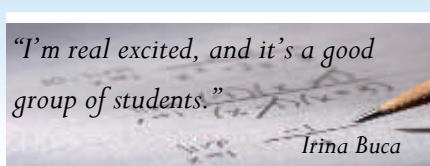
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- *Access the school calendar for vacation dates.
- *Keep informed of important upcoming events and deadlines
- *Save yourself a trip to the school (by linking to this month's attendance sheet that your charter teacher forgot to give you)
- *Network with other ultracool homeschool families through linked blogs
- *Bedtime read: past newsletters
- *Send an email to your teacher even though you forgot his/her email address. You're linked!

PRE-CALCULUS OFFERED FOR FIRST TIME

Apparently, GHS students are getting "smarter" than ever-

A new course has been created under the direction of Mrs. Irina Buca entitled "Pre-Calculus." Students enrolled in this course will be working specifically in a graphical approach and using a lot of trigonometry- and as the name suggests,



will be learning concepts that prepare them for college Calculus. There will also be PSAT, SAT, and ACT test prep "built in."

Expected enrollment for the new class is 8-10 advanced students.

Creating a new, advanced class from scratch is a daunting task,

but Ms Buca has taken on the task with enthusiasm and her usual excellent work ethic.

It should perhaps be mentioned that the new Pre-Calculus class isn't Mrs. Buca's only "baby." She is "expecting!" A child is due near New Year's Day. .

Congratulations to Mrs. Buca and the students of Pre-Calculus as they raise the bar with GHS Math curriculum.

HOLLYWOOD PHOTO SHOOT?

Not quite. We can't all be beautiful...

However, you never can tell whose agent might be watching.

Glacier (Oakhurst site) school pictures will be taken on September 29th, between 8:30AM and noon.

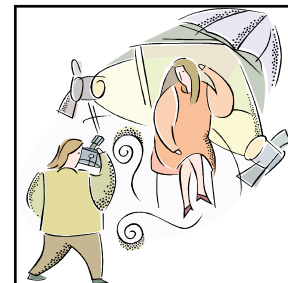
A makeup picture date is scheduled for October 5th, if you are unable to make the first date- it will repeat during the

same timeframe as the previous photo day.

Glacier Kingsburg pictures will be taken October 27 between 11AM-2PM on campus.

Pictures are important for school ID cards (good for discounts at local vendors) and are used within the school annual.

Spiffy up and wear your best!



Don't forget that different purchase package pricings are available through Michael Jones Photography.

Former student Julia Roberts during photo shoot (...we didn't say GHS student!)

GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

for Biology and Chemistry students

On Friday, September 24, all students from the Glacier High School Biology and Chemistry Classes have been invited to attend a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium with field trip coordinator and marine biology specialist, Matthew Englund. All students will be admitted into the aquarium free of charge, and one driver/chaperone for every four students will also be admitted free. Additional chaperones are encouraged to attend with a reduced entrance fee of approximately \$20.⁰⁰ each. Parents will need to arrange their own rides for their students. Driver/chaperones need to be confirmed with the school and behavioral expectations communicated, as requested by the aquarium. A caravan will leave from the Glacier High

School parking lot at 4:45 a.m. sharp on Friday. We will arrive in Monterey, find parking, and be at the group entrance of the aquarium by 9:00 a.m.—Don't be



The Undersea World of Monterey

late since it is a "group" admission.

Students must provide their own breakfast and bring a bag lunch. We will meet at Lover's Point Cove after the aquarium (if weather and conditions permit). This cove offers swimming/snorkeling for those "polar bears" choosing to brave the cold water. A nominal fee of \$7.⁰⁰ per person will be charged for a pizza dinner. A parking fee for vehicles does apply, so bring quarters.

Students will be required to bring a journal (w/pen or pencil) for making notes & observations.

Drivers are needed! Please contact Matthew Englund at GHS: (559) 642-1422 x21

If space permits, other GHS Science students may be allowed to attend.

LEAN, MEAN YEARBOOK STAFF

This year, ASB and Yearbook are being split into two separate classes, each worth 2.5 credits.

The Kingsburg site will have 4 staff members covering the Kingsburg portion of the book. Marcia Souza is acting as faculty rep/liaison for the Kingsburg site.

At the Oakhurst site, the 2010-2011 yearbook will be produced

by a small staff limited to 6-10 people; those interested in editing, writing, journalism, photography, graphics, computer design, and sales are encouraged to apply by September 10th.

Applications may be left at the front desk, or with Mr. Boe, yearbook advisor.

Last year's yearbook sold briskly, with the initial order of 50 books selling out

almost immediately. A second run is currently underway for those that didn't get a copy and would still like to receive one.



Application may be made by writing a one page essay on the topic:

"Why I'd like to be a part of yearbook, and what skills I would contribute"

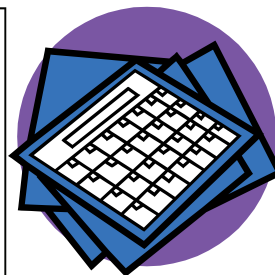
FRIDAY NIGHT, AND STILL LOOKING FOR A DATE?

Not to worry. They are easy to find on our website linked school calendar.

For your convenience, a hard copy of this year's calendar is included with this newsletter- no doubt destined to a miserable existence pinned under tacky refrigerator magnets, right?

Important testing dates of interest include:

PSAT:	Oct 13
SAT:	Oct 9
	Nov 6
	Dec 4
	Jan 22
	Mar 12
	May 7
	June 4
CAHSEE (HS exit exam):	TBD



We'd all like to be more organized!

ACT:	Sept 11
	Oct 23
	Dec 11
	Feb 12
	Apr 9
	June 11
STAR:	May 10-12

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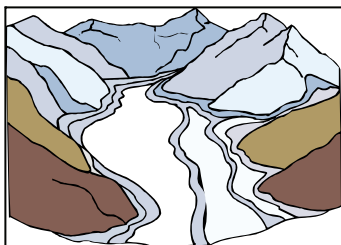
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GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL was established in 2002 as a publicly supported homeschooling educational option. This unique blend remains the only "charter" high school operating in the mountain area. A Kingsburg satellite was added in 2005, and accounts for approximately 35% of the total student body. Glacier has grown from an initial enrollment of only 11 students to, at present, over 100.

Home of the "Gryphons"

We're on the web:
glacierhighcharter.org

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The educational philosophy at Glacier emphasizes:

- *Parental Involvement in Education
- *Personalized Learning
- *Expectation of Excellence

GHS is accredited with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Recent survey results indicate a high degree of parental satisfaction, and standardized test results reflect that a strong academic program is in place. Interested parties are encouraged to make contact with the school, obtain information materials, and receive an Impromptu "welcome" tour of the campus.

CROSS COUNTRY WARMS UP

If there are enough interested and committed runners signed up, Glacier High School is willing to field a team.

The minimal team size needed to compete in CIF meets is either 7 female or 7 male runners.



If you are interested in Cross Country Running as an athletic sport,
contact :
Coach Matthew Englund

Coach Englund can be reached at:
(559) 642-1422 x21
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(or just drop by the lab in the B module at school) We need to know how many students are committed by Friday, Sept. 3