



# Gryphon Gazette



## : A Huge Resource

Through the state community college system, a large percentage of Glacier High students move on to study at the junior college level (Reedley College, Oakhurst, Madera Centers, Fresno City); thanks to a high school "enrichment" program, many get a head start even while still enrolled in high school. Oakhurst SCCCD campus will offer "Reg-Express" the week of May 5th.

Enrichment through Glacier has several distinct advantages:

- 1) Glacier students can earn college credits while completing diploma requirements. Unlike many other high schools, GHSC allows credits to be applied at both the high school and college levels.
- 2) Enrichment programs are far cheaper than standard enrollment.
- 3) College credits DOUBLE at the high school level.
- 4) Courses are offered locally at convenient hours, including evenings.
- 5) Students benefit from a gradual transition to college, and mature rapidly in an adult environment.

For more information about enrichment programs locally, and application directions,

log on to:

[High School Enrichment](#)

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### Special Dates:

KBG Leadership- CFB	(4/11)
Spring Break	(4/14-4/18)
CST Science (sophs)	(4/21 Okh / 4/22 Kbg)
ROV scrimmage	(4/24)
Formal	(5/9)
Common Core (juniors)	(5/12 OKH / 5/16 KBG)
EP Benchmarks	(5/12-5/16)



## Kingsburg Develops Leaders

While there are different styles of leadership, Kingsburg Leadership class helps identify and develop the leadership qualities in each of its students. This development happens in a wide variety of contexts: public speaking, community projects, de-

bating current event issues, building school spirit, and job related interviewing and resume skills. The class also clearly prepares students for college and the work force.

Not limited to just the "type -A" extrovert, this class seeks to develop even those

that are naturally shy or reserved in their personality type.

Kingsburg Leadership's next service project will be a work day on April 11th at the Fresno Community Food Bank.

Nancy Garcia heads the Kingsburg Leadership class.

## Common Core Initial Testing; Benchmarks and CST, Too...

Initially scheduled for April, Common Core testing has been postponed until Monday, May 12th in Oakhurst (and Friday, May 16th in Kingsburg). All eleventh graders are requested to be at their respective sites by 8:30 AM to take part in this required standardized test.

Also, all students need to repeat the EdPerformance benchmark tests during that same week (May 12-16) at the respective school sites (sorry, even though online, these can only be taken

at school). Talk to your charter teacher about getting set up for these important benchmarks. Test results, when compared over time, provide valuable insight when it comes to tracking personal academic growth.

CST tests this year are limited to 10th grade Science, held in Oakhurst on 4/21 (8:30-noon) and Kingsburg 4/22 (9:30 on). All sophomores report on their site's designated day.

When it comes to standardized testing, your cooperation is greatly appreciated here at GHSC!



**Common Core  
and  
EdPerformance  
online tests  
are coming soon...**

## Fretboard Freaks

Guitar workshop has been underway for several weeks, led by Bruce Boe and GHS parents John Franey and Brian Kelley.

With a wide range of skill levels present, the workshop has sought to develop skills in each participant.

Topics have included music theory, chords, basic nomenclature, mechanics, and musical expression.

**"I just wish I coulda' started with a GHS guitar workshop..."  
Eddie Van Halen**

Class sessions have included play-along segments, as well as video clip tutorials and online link references. With three instructors it has been possible to break into skill level groupings for more effective and efficient lessons.



## Annual San Francisco Run

Nine adults and sixteen students are scheduled to make an overnight venture to San Francisco as part of an educational field trip on April 31-May 1.

This outing has become somewhat of an annual tradition for Glacier.

Overnight accommodations will be located at Point Montara Hostel, at a light-house with private beach.

Other highlights will include the Asian Art Museum and the newly relocated Exploratorium.

This trip always seems to include a cultural dining venture and tourist shopping, usually on Fisherman's Wharf or in Chinatown.

Matthew Englund and Kaylene Friesen are serving as faculty hosts for GHS.



**San Fran or bust...**

## Ghost of Houdini Sighted on Glacier Campus

A strange phenomena was reported after-hours on the GHS campus last week, when a parent dropped off a late attendance form at the front entrance. The parent wishes to remain anonymous, understandably shaken by this traumatic paranormal experience.

According to the parent, she inadvertently glanced through the front double-door windows, and an illusory figure was noticed gliding through the foyer, somewhat suspended in midair.

Upon closer inspection, the figure bore an uncanny resemblance to Harry Houdini, the noted touring escape artist and magician of the early 1920's.

The Houdini apparition closely resembled photographs taken during his famous routines, and was similarly enshrouded in a straight-jacket- and wrapped in chains.

The unnamed parent said that Houdini seemed to be silently pleading for "help" in making his GHS escape.



## ROV's Don't Run Themselves... Or Do They?

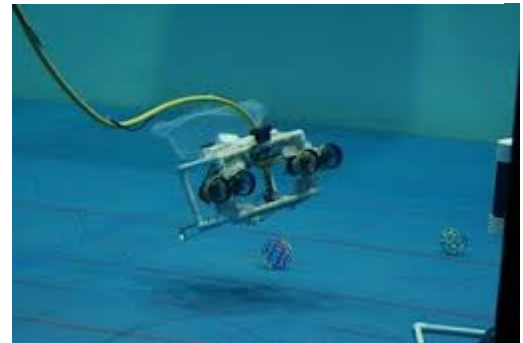
ROV class members are working hard to make deadlines and prepare for the Monterey competition in May.

First comes a practice competition on the afternoon of April 24th at the YHS Harry Baker Swim facility, which is open to the public.

This year's competition is built around a theme of "wreck diving," and forces teams to identify fictitious sub-

merged hulks, among other tasks. As usual, the competition will also include tasks which require skilled operators to retrieve, collect, and relocate objects in a timed format.

ROV students learn electrical circuitry and elementary physics as they design and construct these underwater marvels of machinery.



## Physics Demonstration

Representatives from the CSU Fresno Physics department will be on campus (in Oakhurst) on Friday, May 2nd for an exhibition of fantabulous scientific demonstrations for interested parties. All students and parents are welcome to attend- it is not necessary to be enrolled in a science class to take part.

The show begins promptly at 10:30 AM in the Science Lab (Module B), and lasts 1 hour.

This is not Glacier's first exposure to CSUF Physics. The fall observatory visit was, to say the least,



**"most impressive. Skywalker..."**

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## GHSC: A Unique Blend

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  - YUSD chartered public high school
- Governed by a non-profit corporation (Western Sierra Charter Schools )
  - Fully WASC accredited
- Customized and Personalized Education

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[glacierhighcharter.org](http://glacierhighcharter.org)



## Spring Formal Tickets On Sale Soon

This year's formal dinner/dance will be held the evening of Friday, May 9 at the ECCO Conference Center in Oakhurst.

Tickets will soon be available through both GHS sites, and are projected to cost between \$45 and \$50 per person. Included in the ticket cost will be dinner, dance entertainment, décor, and limited photography services. Formal attire is (obviously) required.

The theme for this year's formal is:  
*"A Night in Paris"*

Be sure to make this special event, and bring a friend!  
Guest pass applications are available in the "forms" section of the school website- be sure to apply early!

