

Glacier Gryphon

UPCOMING

DATES:

*Nov. 1-2

Sacto-SF Field Trip

*Nov. 12

Vets Day observed

*Nov. 21-23

Thanksgiving Break

*Nov. 26

Grad Intent Due

*Nov 27

Monterey Field Trip

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Sacramento-SF Field Trip

Twenty four brave souls will depart in the wee hours (4:30am) the Thursday morning after Halloween (dumb idea, maybe?) for points north.

The first stop will be a grand tour of the State Capitol. This will be followed by another walking tour of Sutter's Fort. After a quick lunch, the group will proceed to U.C. Berkeley for a third walking tour. Berkeley is

kind of steep— we'll know what kind of shape we're in by then.

The rest of the day will be spent settling in (exhaustion?) at the Fort Mason Hostel and visiting the Fisherman's Wharf strip, which is just walking distance away (if anyone can still walk at this point).

Friday morning will allow for a leisurely start,

with an 11:30 stop at Mission Dolores, the original mission and first building in San Francisco. The final stop will be the historically significant USS Hornet museum, complete with interactive flight simulators.



Common Core Cometh

Faculty and administration have been receiving training in the statewide shift to "Common Core" standards. California has joined many other states in adopting

this new set of standards for the future (CST tests will still be implemented this year). In general, Common Core focuses on fewer skills, but these skills apply more directly

to professional workplace applications. It is hoped that Common Core will equip American students to better compete in today's world-wide economy.



Glacier goes to great depths

ROV Dives In

Six students are participating in Glacier's Monday ROV class, with openings still available for those interested.

The class is currently involved in design, scale drawing, and the assembly of practice ROV's in preparation for next year's competition sponsored by MATE (Marine

Advanced Technology Education Center).

The actual competition assigns a project (unknown until December) with significant challenges and relevant applications.

Currently, the class is made up of both Oakhurst and Kingsburg students.

The group will soon be fundraising towards material and travel expenses.

For those interested, you are welcome to visit Monday class (2:00-3:30) in the Science Lab of GHS Oakhurst, or contact Mr. Englund separately at 642-1422 ext. 21



Parent Club Meeting 11/13

October's Parent Club meeting was well attended, with a lively discussion of goals and visions, as well as a presentation by Mary Orlando-Lopez on the topic, "Parenting Different Personality Types."

It was encouraging to see

evidence of interest and commitment levels that would be necessary for a successful startup club.

The next Oakhurst campus meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Come and be a part!



Seniors Plan Celebrations



GHS seniors met for an informational meeting last week; the details of graduation and a May Grad Night were outlined.

This year the senior

class represents a larger-than-usual block, and about half were in attendance at the meeting.

Seniors who were unable to attend the meeting should contact their charter teacher for the

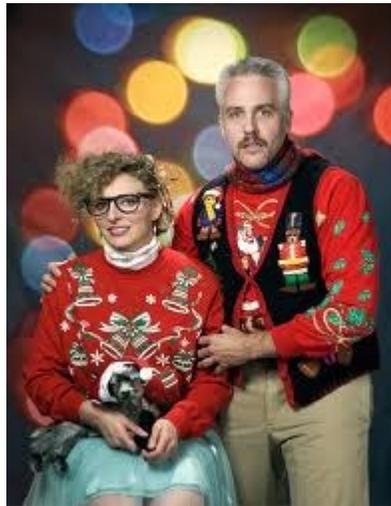
packets which were handed out to those present at the meeting.

"Intent to graduate" forms are required, and \$75 deposits should be made with the school by November 26th.

ASB Christmas Party December 20th

ASB's traditional Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 20th at Glacier's Oakhurst campus. A committee is already at work planning a festive, fun evening together. Past traditions have included a "bake-off" taste test competi-

tion, an ugly sweater contest, and a cutthroat gift exchange. Stay tuned for details on this year's version. The party is open to all GHS students and guests (event passes required of the latter).



Reb and Linda Finkelstein, last year's winning couple...

Poetry Out Loud Pitched

Ann Moulin, local poet, and Sherril Royse, of Madera County Arts Council, recently visited GHS classes and encouraged participation in this year's Poetry Out Loud competition, a nation-wide forum for poetry recital.

Last year's county winner, Michelle Linn, was also present to give her take on participating in the competition. Interested students should select two poems for memorization from an anthology on the Poetry Out Loud-

website; you can also find rules and general information there as well:

<http://www.poetryoutloud.org>

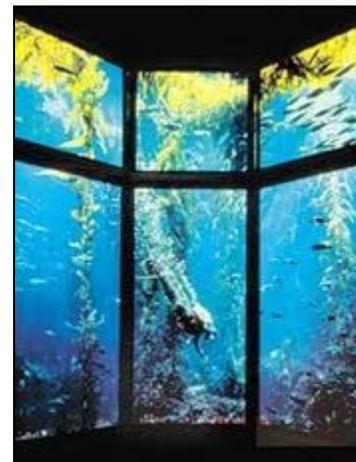


"It was perhaps the most fulfilling experience of my life... ;)"
Michelle Linn

Blinded with Science

Mr. Englund's Science students (primarily Biology) will again be venturing to the Monterey Bay Aquarium on the 27 of this month for a long day-trip. This year's trip will feature a private session in the Bio-

chemistry lab, learning about the study of Carbon in marine life forms. Approximately 25 students will be making the trip. This year marks the ten year anniversary of Glacier's field trips to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.





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- It is a homeschool
- It is a public high school
- It is governed by a non-profit
- Glacier is fully accredited



The Rest of the Story of Thanksgiving

Most of us are familiar with the usual story of Pilgrims and Natives sharing a meal at Plymouth Rock (think “Squanto”). Less of us are aware that until Abraham Lincoln’s proclamation, Thanksgiving was observed on different dates, depending upon the state’s location. Still less are aware that Thanksgiving has roots which predate either of these events, with connections to the English Reformation.

The Puritans observed Days of Fasting (in response to negative events) and Days of Feasting (as a celebration of positive

events) in the observance of their piety towards God. At the same time, many of them (ironically) were opposed to official church holidays (which meant lost wages and expen-

sive celebrations were required by the state church).

For more information, check out:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>

