



EMT Training @ GHS

Thanks to a partnership with Sierra Ambulance Service, Glacier students will have a unique opportunity to receive emergency medical technician training (towards a career in EMT) at a greatly reduced cost. Local instructors Bill and Gina Hartley bring substantial experience to the classroom as local paramedic and EMT providers.

Normally, training of this type costs \$500, not including materials, but Glacier students are being offered the course at no charge (apart from textbook costs). Non-GHS students may also enroll, but at the normal rate.

The course requires approximately 160 hours, with hands-on training and ride-along observation components included.

Course topics will include:

- *anatomy/physiology
- *medical/trauma emergencies
- *ethical/legal issues
- *EMS systems



Participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age, and exam certification requires a minimum age of 18.

The course in itself does not complete EMT credentialing; it is an approved prerequisite for taking the National Registry of EMTs examination. Once obtained, EMT certification is recognized in all 50 states.

In addition to gaining professional skills, this course is worth 10 credits at GHS.

An informational meeting will take place on Monday, November 18th at 2:30 PM on the Oakhurst campus.

EMT class is scheduled to begin January 6th, 2014

Monday @ 3pm-6pm

Wednesday @ 3pm-6pm

Friday @ 3pm-6p

Saturday (selected/once a month) @ 10am-4pm

Monterey Bay Aquarium Day - Full Moon Theme

On September 19th, a motley crew from GHS science classes drove westward at 5:00 am towards a setting full-moon on the 11th annual Monterey Bay Aquarium field trip.

Trip coordinator Mr. Englund said,

"this was probably the smallest group GHS has seen, but it allowed us to be a little more flexible than usual. We were also able to do a short tour of the CSU Monterey Bay campus, and at the end we headed over to Lover's Point to play some sand-court volleyball."

The group also drove by the very first theatre in CA, wandered around Fisherman's Wharf, and roamed some other Old Monterey historical buildings from the mid-1800s (Mexican state capital

era). Vietnamese food at Chopstix restaurant capped off the day, and a rising full-moon lit the way back towards our Sierras.



Fire Season Finally Over?

Oakhurst residents may finally be able to heave a sigh of relief now that autumn, and the first rains, have arrived.

Early in the season, some of our families (namely those living in the Mariposa / Triangle Road area) were forced to evacuate their homes when encroaching fire lines got too close for comfort.

Later, the Aspen Fire created havoc for several weeks with stagnant, smoky conditions, even though the actual fire was limited to the Mammoth Pool area.

Several small fires broke out in Oakhurst over the course of the summer (Oakhurst Lodge lost most of its facility); the town was extremely fortunate, under the conditions, that these fires were contained relatively quickly, and with limited spread.

As a close-to-home example, see the following link: [John West Fire](#)

The “doozy” of them all was, of course, the 257,000 acre consuming Rim Fire, which remained 40-50 miles north of



Oakhurst, but which definitely had our attention for over a month. Apart from a couple of days, the prevailing wind direction carried most of the smoke northeast in the direction of Lake Tahoe, not south. On a superficial level, nothing here seemed to be out of the ordinary. But anyone with a knowledge of the infamous [Harlow Fire](#) of 1961 was aware that things can change quickly, especially considering the fact that this summer's dehydrated forest conditions resembled a powder keg.

After a 17% of normal rain season (last year), let's hope and pray for some moisture this time around. And don't forget to thank firefighters (and Providence) for your protection this Thanksgiving season.

“I guess I could sacrifice, if it would help...”

Fundraising never felt so good...

Country Fair cinnamon rolls will be sold by the tray (6 individual rolls) through December 20th. Look in the recently installed freezer near the front desk (Oakhurst site-but available in Kingsburg, also). A tray will cost \$20, the normal retail price. You can rest assured that sale proceeds will help reduce graduation costs for seniors, however.



Maybe I'll have just one more, to help those poor seniors...

ASB Alive and Well

Recent election of ASB officers produced the following results:

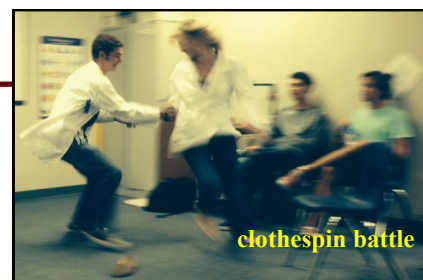
President:	Mackenzie Collins
Vice-President:	Jonny Gramajo
Treasurer:	Jacquie McCourt
Secretary:	Michelle Linn

Recent class sessions have explored leadership concepts, including self in-

ventory, comfort levels, and styles.

Although overall student numbers are down, ASB has remained busy. Recent ASB activities have included visits to the Woodward Shakespeare Festival, the CSU Fresno Planetarium, and the Golden Chain Theatre.

Upcoming projected events include the Castle Air Museum and Fresno State football, as well as the annual Christ-



mas party (an event not to be missed).

It's not too late to join ASB, if you are interested! Contact Mr. Boe at GHSC.

Another Career Opportunity: Mortar and Pestle



PassAssured's Pharmacy Technician Training Program – Student Version (PTTP-SV)

[Click here for details on PA curriculum](#)

Students interested in pursuing a career in medicine may want to know about **PassAssured**, a Texas based online curriculum offering training in pharmaceutical science.

Students completing PA's online curriculum become eligible (at age 18) to test for certification as a pharmacy technician, a person qualified to assist a pharmacist in filling prescription drugs. Once obtained, the certification is recognized nationwide.

The course takes approximately 240 hours to complete, but opens many career doors; some find it useful as preparation for other areas of medicine as well.

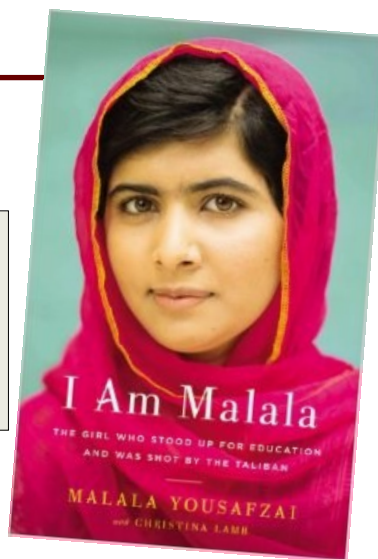
If accompanied by an approved GHS course proposal, this course could be applied towards credit (elective) requirements at Glacier.

Thanks for the Privilege... of "Education!"

This October marks one year since Malala Yousafzai was shot by Taliban terrorists in northwest Pakistan. Her remarkable recovery, and her heroic stance for education, women's rights, and non-violence has merited a Nobel Peace Prize nomination. How many sixteen year olds do you know who have done that, much less written an autobiography

(just released), or spoken at Harvard University?

"I don't mind if I have to sit on the floor at school. All I want is education. And I am afraid of no one."



[Click here for Malala's story.](#)

[Click here for interview](#)

[Click here for Malala's book.](#)

Haute Couture a Paris

You're not expected to read French, but we hope this got your attention.



An art workshop will be conducted over the course of three weeks, starting October 29, and continuing on November 5 and 12, from 1:30-3:30 at GHS Oakhurst, Module A.

Ms. Buca will be instructing/coordinating the workshops, which will feature the creation of beautiful ladies handbags, each made from recycled men's silk ties sewn together like patchwork. Examples of this novel idea are on display in the Glacier-Mountain HS foyer in Oakhurst.

Participants may bring ties of their own choosing (thrift store purchase recommended), or use those provided at the

workshop. Embellishments are also an option.

Glacier students attending all three workshops are eligible for 2.5 workshop credits; guests are welcome at all (or any) of the three sessions- whether or not they are participating for class credit.

Thanks to Ms. Buca for again bringing an innovative touch of culture to our campus, in her usual stylish way!

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Dates of Interest:

- 10/30 GHS PSAT administration
8:30 am
- 11/18 EMT Course Info Mtg
2:30 pm
- Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

The Importance of Being Earnest

... about *attendance*, that is... You may have wondered, from time to

time, why your charter teacher makes such a ***big deal*** about your attendance sheet (especially when it isn't received on time, or incomplete). There's a reason for that... State school funding is based upon an average daily attendance (known in school circles as "ADA"). ADA is based upon attendance records— in Glacier's case, your official attendance sheets. Most CA public high schools receive between \$5900 and \$6900 per year, per student— spread over ten months. That makes each of your attendance sheets worth approximately \$600+ to the school (for perspective, picture the cost of a new iPad).

Common glitches with attendance sheets are: missing signatures, signatures in pencil (not ink), absences not recorded properly, PE minutes, and "claimed" dates not matching submitted work. Your charter teacher can answer your questions on attendance protocol. We do appreciate your cooperation! Your assistance directly contributes towards funding your education.

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Mark Friesen

plays the role of Inspector Swanson
in the currently running "Jack the Ripper"
at the Golden Chain Theatre.

Skip the Drama? Not Glacier Students

In addition to his regular GHS courseload, Mark Friesen, a senior, finds time to pursue his interest in acting at the Golden Chain Theatre in Oakhurst.

According to Mark, a typical rehearsal week involves 8-10 scheduled hours, and performing involves 9 hours per weekend— all on top of a regular school schedule.

Mark enjoys getting into a character, although he finds it "tricky sometimes." It allows one to "change who you are, and ignore what's happening through the rest of the day, whether it's going well or not."

Other Glacier students who are projected to play roles in upcoming Golden Chain Theatre productions are Mack Collins, Jacquie McCourt, and Jessalyn Talley.

<http://www.goldenchaintheatre.org/>