

Gryphon Gazette

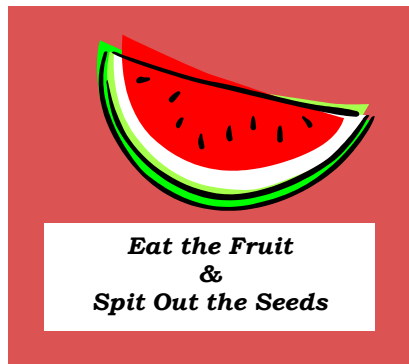
October, 2013

We've Got Your Number... Or Do We?

In this changing techno world you have a lot of options to choose from for your means of communication: home phone, cell phone, texting, social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.)

We at Glacier would like to be certain that we are "on the same page with you," with regard to your preferred method of communication. For this reason, we'd like your cooperation in a survey. It will only take a few seconds for you to indicate how you normally communicate, and what number, username, or "handle" you would like to have in our listings.

It's all about staying connected.



The survey may be found on the school website at:

<http://www.glacierhighcharter.org>

For a direct link, go to:

[GHS Communication Survey](#)

We do appreciate your time!

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Special Dates of Interest:

- **CAHSEE reruns**
10/1-2 @ 8:15 AM (Oak)
- **Fall Break**
10/14-18
- **Senior Mtg**
10/10 @ 2 (KBG)
10/24 @ 4 (Oak)
- **PSAT**
10/30 @ 8:15 AM (Oak)

Important Senior Meetings in October

Seniors, graduating juniors, and involved parents are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting. The meeting agenda will touch upon a number of issues, including graduation ceremony details, ordering of announcements and/or class rings, Grad Night, and college application/financial aid processes.

*Kingsburg seniors will meet on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 2 PM.

*Oakhurst Seniors will meet on Thursday Oct. 24 at 4 PM.

Students unable to make the date at their own campus are advised to attend the meeting at the other campus.

Bring a checkbook to the

meeting to cover deposits associated with:

- 1) Graduation ceremony
- 2) Grad Night (5/21)

Fundraising may also be discussed.

*Those planning to graduate should file an "Intent to Graduate" form with their charter teacher by October 10.

Library Access

Did you know that our school library is now online? Go to www.glacierhighcharter.org or www.mountainhomecharter.org and click on the resource tab. Your charter teacher can give you your username and password with detailed instructions on how to login.



Once you are logged in, you will be able to view what books and curriculum you have checked out. You can also search the library for what books or materials are available.

Next month we will give you details on additional great features like Destiny Quest and Ipad App.



For additional questions please contact Eric Hagen at:

ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org

As always, you also are entitled to access a plethora of resources (including streaming videos and instructional support materials) from the county educational resources center at www.maders.org

Deliveries are made to the Oakhurst campus regularly, at no charge.

ERS login information is privately available from your charter teacher.

Robotics

(ROV)

with Mr. Hagen

Oakhurst

Thursdays @ 11 am

Kingsburg Robotics

...gonna' happen?

Note your interest
to your charter teacher

By October 11



Sheriff's Department Visits Glacier

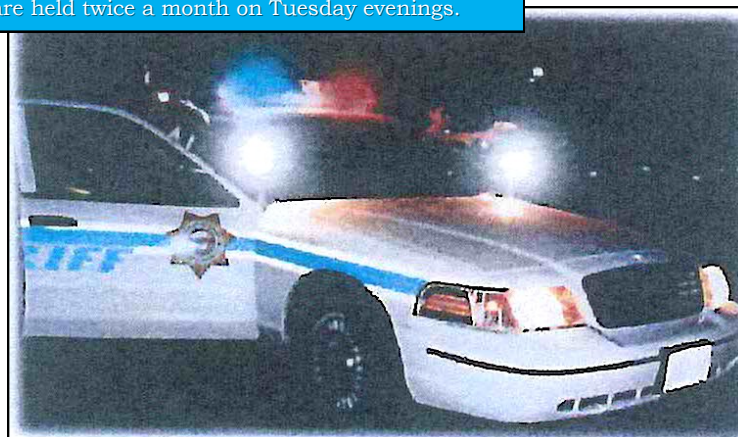
No, it's not a major "bust-"

Officer Joann Evans will bring a recruiting presentation for "Explorers" on Wednesday, October 9 @ 11 AM on the Oakhurst campus.

The Explorers program is a challenging look at law enforcement, involving emergency response and leadership training, as well as ride-along opportunities.

There are some qualifications and requirements for participation, which will be outlined during the presentation. Come check it out!

Explorers POST #104 is based in two divisions: "Valley" (Madera) & "Mountain" (Oakhurst). Teams of Sheriff deputies are involved. Meetings are held twice a month on Tuesday evenings.



Oh say, can you CAHSEE...

For those juniors and seniors still needing to pass one or both sections of the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam), the tests will be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2 from 8:30– noon.

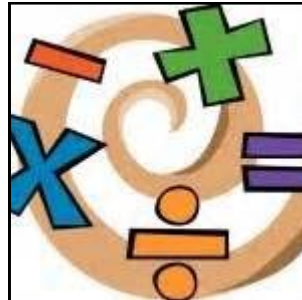
Tuesday will feature the English version of the exam; Wednesday will involve Math.

Freshmen are excluded from the exam, and Sophomores only take the February administration.

Glacier offers curriculum options for CAHSEE prep, for those that

need a boost to pass the exam.

Talk to your charter teacher if you are worried or have a history of struggling with the CAHSEE.



We want you to pass as much as you do!

CAHSEE Prep

(ELA)

Writing Class

October 30th

1:30-2:45

Kingsburg Campus

Interested in Education? Child Development?

Recently, Glacier High School and Oakhurst Elementary have, in principle, agreed to a voluntary teacher's assistant program which would place high school students as helpers in elementary classrooms. This partnership is brand new, and current students have the opportunity of being among the first participants. Since elementary classrooms are highly impacted, any and all help is greatly appreciated.

If you think you might be interested in a career in education, this would be a really good way of sampling the field, while at the same time enjoying the good feeling that goes along with giving back to the community.

Schedules are negotiable, with some degree of flexibility in timing.

Interested students should contact [Mr. Cox](#) or [Mr. Hagen](#) for more detailed information.



**Earn credits
as you
check out
a career!**

ONLINE GHSC PROGRAM FEATURES COMPARED

	Work Ahead Option	Online Grading	Video	Interactive	"Skip" Feature (Pre-Mastery)	Diagnostic Targeted Instruction	A to G Rigor
PLATO	Yes	Yes	Some	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some
Rosetta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Compass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Some	No
ALEKS	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Tchng Textbk	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Some	No
Ed Perform	No	Some	No	No	Some	Yes	No

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"Home of the Gryphons"

Last Day to
("W")ithdraw
10/21

If you haven't already taken the three required EdPerformance benchmark tests, please do so soon. The window closes at the end of October.



Seniors are exempt from this requirement; all other students are expected to complete these tests bi-annually (fall and spring).

The tests are an important tool in addressing problem areas and highlighting strengths.

Your charter teacher can help you with log-in. Sorry, but tests must be taken in the school computer lab.

Next Issue: EMT and pharmaceutical training programs come to GHS!

PSAT, SAT, ACT... ALREADY???

On 10/30, the PSAT test will be administered at Glacier (start time: 8:15) This test is recommended for college bound sophomores, in particular, but may also be of interest to any juniors that would like a preview of the SAT; some even younger students will be taking the test. The PSAT costs \$14 per student, payable at the front desk.

The benefits:

PSAT is a useful diagnostic tool in preparing for the related college entrance exam (SAT). Students can take a "dry run" at similar materials to the SAT, and get a detailed breakdown of skill levels, par-

ticularly those that need improvement. If weak areas are subsequently addressed, it can improve scores later on the 'real deal.' Some individuals begin to receive early National Merit Scholarship offers if results are exceptional. The more a student tests, the more comfortable the environment be-



PSAT prep sessions @ GHSC (OKH)

Start on 10/1 9:45-10:30 AM

comes. If a student never tests, the experience can feel pressure packed- like being thrown into the deep end of the pool.

The first round of ACT and SAT tests (for juniors, in particular) are also approaching. Regular registration for the 10/26 ACT test ends on 9/27. Regular registration for the 11/2 SAT test ends on 10/3. These tests are administered at Yosemite High School. *Note: most juniors wait till spring to take the ACT and/or SAT to maximize their learning and prep time beforehand. Stay tuned for upcoming test dates.