

# Gryphon Gazette

Glacier High School Charter

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## Assemblyman Frank Bigelow to Speak at GHSC

Frank Bigelow is a Republican representing the 5th Assembly District, encompassing the Gold Country and the central Sierra Nevada. A rancher from O'Neals, his local family roots go back several generations. He will be a guest speaker at Glacier's ASB class at 12:30 pm on October 6th at the Oakhurst campus. Topics may include citizenship, voting rights, and disaster relief. The public is welcome to attend this speaking engagement/forum.



Representative Frank Bigelow



### Important Dates:

- 10/2 ROV Orientation
- 10/6 Assemblyman Visit
- 10/6 Art Workshop
- 10/8 Monterey FT
- 10/13 French Café
- 10/13 Last day to drop a class
- 10/15 PSAT
- 10/16 Xtreme Arena
- 10/17 Pic Day (KBG)



## Underwater Robotics Informational Meeting



Now starting our seventh year, Underwater Robotics and Engineering continues to challenge and engage student in science, math, and engineering. Come find out what all the excitement is about. On Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:15pm. Mr. Hagen will be introducing his Underwater Robotics and Engineering class for Glacier High School Students. Sign-ups for the meeting will be posted on the Glacier High

School board in the main building.

### What is it?

Students design, build, and pilot remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to compete with other students in Aptos California. The event includes underwater missions, a poster display, and an engineering presentation.



This class requires a high level of commitment from student and parent- but it is well worth it, earning 5 units per semester.

If you have further questions or you cannot make the informational meeting please contact Eric Hagen at [ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org](mailto:ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org)

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## Monterey Field Trip Approaches

A group of approximately twenty-five is expected to make a day trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium on October 8th. The group will be primarily made up of students enrolled in Biology and/or Environmental Science. The group also plans to visit Cal State Monterey for a campus visit, and Lover's Point Park for lunch, volleyball, and the beach.



This trip has become an annual tradition for Mr. Englund and the science department

Spaces are limited and already reserved, but extras may wish to accompany by making their own arrangements. Call Mr. Englund for details:

642-1422 ext. 21

### AQUARIUM TRIVIA

MB Aquarium hosts as many as 1.8 million guests per year. Unlike many aquariums, it relies on pumps to supply seawater to the observation tanks— cycling 2000 gallons of seawater a minute during normal operations. The aquarium windows range from three to thirteen inches thick, depending upon the water pressure and size of tank.

## Open Invite to **Extreme Arena**

Kingsburg's Leadership class extends an open invitation to all GHS students for an afternoon at Extreme Arena in Fresno.

This event will be held on Thursday October 16th from 1-3 pm.

The cost is \$9 for 2 hours of entertainment. Snacks are not included in this price. Liability waiver forms

are required, and are available from charter teachers.

<http://www.2xtremejumparena.com/>



NOT AS COOL AS EXTREME IRONING, BUT CLOSE...



## PSAT all there is?

GHS students interested in taking the Preliminary SAT test (PSAT) will be able to do so on the morning of October 15th, from 8:30-12:00 in Oakhurst.

The PSAT test is a great way to prepare for the SAT college admission test. It is

also used as a qualifier for National Merit scholarships (sometimes the test is referred to as PSAT/NMSQT—the latter referring to National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

Irina Buca will be administering the test at the Oak-

hurst campus, and plans to conduct some preliminary workshops for those interested in maximizing their scores. She may be contacted for details at 642-1422 x33

The test consists of three important sections: Math, Critical Reading, and Writing.



Study usually pays off

## Ripples in the GHS Pond (Part One)

Bryan Wood graduated in 2011 (at age 16, after three years in Glacier High School). He was accepted to CSU Fresno as a Civil Engineering major. Recently, he was nominated by CSUF President Joseph Castro and received the William R. Hearst/California State University Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement (\$6000 Scholarship). Each CSUF campus is allowed one recipient. Bryan's accomplishment is represented in the following links:

[Fresno State News](#)

[Fresno Bee Article](#)

[Bryan's Bio](#)



"I have learned how to be a team member, a team leader, and work with various personalities and perspectives, so I can be an effective member of society,"

**Bryan Wood**

## Really ? Worth a Thousand Words?

Picture days have come and gone in Oakhurst, but there's still one more remaining in Kingsburg:

Picture Day #2  
October 17<sup>th</sup>  
11am-1pm

As usual, professional picture packages are available for purchase; in addition, Kingsburg students will receive a free ID card.

Charter teachers will still be available to take alternate pictures of those who miss all picture days (for the 2014-2015 yearbook). Please remind your teacher

if no picture has yet been taken). Unfortunately, ID cards and photo packages will not be available under "make-up" circumstances.

If you think your school pictures turn out "awful," check out these: [School Portraits- Epic Failures](#)

Oakhurst Glacier students can still get an ID card with a \$5 payment and a picture emailed to Michael Jones at [michael@michaeljonesphoto.com](mailto:michael@michaeljonesphoto.com)



Have you had your picture taken yet?

## French Café



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## Art Workshops Underway

Meeting every other week, the French Café workshop began September 29 and runs for four sessions, through the end of fall semester.

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CULTURE

This workshop is geared towards those who are currently enrolled in a French foreign language class, and are interested in learning about French culture and cuisine (as they improve their language skills).

An art workshop, also meeting every other Monday, will start October 6 and run for five sessions through the semester.

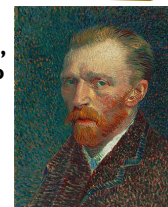
Specific media for this fall semester workshop will include fabric art. A similar art workshop will occur during spring semester with painting.



Each individual workshop is worth 2.5 units.



Van Gogh was Dutch, but he also lived in England, Belgium, and France.





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## GHSC: A Unique Blend

- Hybrid of independent homeschool, onsite, and online study
  - YUSD chartered public high school
- Governed by a non-profit corporation (Western Sierra Charter Schools)
  - Fully WASC accredited
- Customized and Personalized Education

**Senior** graduation meeting Nov. 3rd at 2pm (Oakhurst) Nov. 5th at 2:30pm (Kingsburg)



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

## Attention: Kingsburg Campus

### MATH TUTORING

### TIMES

**Mondays from 1 - 2 pm.**

**Wednesdays from 1 – 2 pm.**

**Thursdays from 8 – 10 am  
and 1 – 3 pm**

**(Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>)**

