



GHS Students in Giving Spirit

Perhaps it's the holiday spirit. Maybe it's just wanting to help during hard times. In any case, Kingsburg GHS students "get it" when it comes to "giving."

Starting @1 pm, January 8th, Kingsburg's Community Service class will meet at the Kingsburg campus. Soon, it will be serving at the Fresno Community Food Bank once a month. They will also meet once a month in Kingsburg for an on-

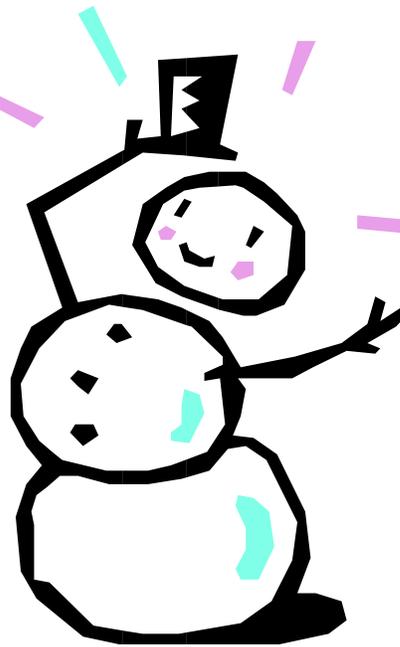
site class which addresses issues related to community service and need. Eventually, the class will participate in a food distribution program within the com-

munity of Kingsburg. Each student in this class will also be participating in an independent community service project.

In Oakhurst, ASB students are also participating in community service projects in a variety of settings for class credit. Each student is required to submit a proposal, followed by 5 hours of service.

Glacier's Mission Statement includes an encouragement to "...become responsible, contributing community members."

GHS students seem to be impressively meeting that challenge!



This guy needs a carrot...



Hey, All Y'all Artistic Types...

Irina Buca will again be offering her annual Christmas ornament workshop as part of the Art program here at Glacier High School.

The workshop will be held in Module A, Oakhurst campus, on Tuesday, December 11th from 1:30 to 3:30. Supplies will be mostly

provided, although each participant is asked to bring 3-5 clear glass ornaments (available at retailers like Michael's or Joanne's). No need to register, just drop in!

Special Dates of Interest

- *Dec. 13 ASB Christmas Party*
6:30-9:00 PM
- *Dec. 21 End Fall Semester*
- *Dec. 22- Jan. 6 Winter Break*
- *Dec. 12 Booster Club Meeting*
Noon- 1:30PM
- *Dec. 18 Kbg. Xmas Party*
2:00-4:00 PM
- *Jan. 7 Start Spring Semester*
- *Jan. 21 MLK Holiday*
- *Jan. 29 Ski/Snow Day*
- *Jan. 23 GHSC Board Meeting*
@2:30PM

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Christmas Parties, Snow Day On the Way

Plan on attending the who-knows-how-manyth annual ASB Christmas Party. This thing has been going on about as long as we've had a school.

The date has been moved up to Tuesday, December 13th to get in the spirit early, and to avoid interfering with the inevitable end of semester crunch.

Festivities will begin at 6:30 PM and continue until clean-up at 9:00 PM.

A volunteer planning committee is energetically working on making this event memorable and fun.

Past years have had a little bit of everything– good food, good music, gift exchanges, games and contests– you name it.

Come chill with your homies (homeschoolers, that is...) and spread the holiday cheer simply by your effervescent presence.

ASB Oakhurst Christmas Party
When: Thursday December 13th 6:30-9:00pm
Location: MHSC Main Building

Kingsburg Christmas Party
When: Tuesday December 18th @2pm-4pm
Location: Glacier Portable
Sign-up on Kingsburg Bulletin Board

Ski/Snowboard Day- both GHS sites!
Tuesday January 29th
China Peak
\$30 due December 20th
Get registration packet from Charter Teacher

Booster Club Meeting- BYO Luncheon

You, too, can be a pioneer in our startup Booster Club!

Our purpose is to enhance networking and support within the school community, as well as assist in promoting the educational opportunities and environment here at Glacier.

“Some families aren't your typical two parent households...”
Mary Orlando-Lopez

Two monthly meetings have occurred so far, and the next meeting will take place during the noon hour at Glacier's Oakhurst campus on Wednesday, December 12. Guest speaker is Jolinda Thomas of Cornerstone Counseling.

At the last meeting, Susan Franey volunteered to serve as acting president and was confirmed by those in attendance.

The label “Booster Club” was also determined by a vote – since “Parent Club” wouldn't fully represent those families where guardians, grandparents, and other interested parties are involved.

A Bit More on Common Core...

GHS staff recently attended Common Core in-service workshops in anticipation of the statewide shift away from CST's (California Standardized Testing) and towards this new nationwide set of guidelines. Only a handful of states have not yet accepted the Common Core standards as an eventual replace-

ment for their individual, state generated programs.

While many of the new skill measurements overlap with our previously adopted California standards, Common Core is an attempt to make standards more relevant to the current college and job market requirements. Even the testing



itself will reflect more process thinking, writing, and application problems, a significant departure from the familiar “fill-in-the-bubble” tests which have been in place for many, many years.



Out with the Old, In with the New

Officially, fall semester ends on December 21. That means that all coursework (in a perfect world) should be completed and final grades submitted to your charter teacher- in order to insure that January's report cards will represent the fall semester scores accurately. There's almost nothing worse than a report card full of "incompletes" (except maybe a report card full of "F's").

Make sure that your final PLP meeting of fall semester includes:

- a "big picture" look at overall progress towards graduation
- Discussion and completion of spring course selections
- Filing of contracts for spring semester
- Check-in /check-out of necessary books and materials



No Time for Stage Fright

Clancy Kramer and Elseana Skowronski, a gifted brother-sister pair, performed recently in the Sacramento Ballet production of the Nutcracker at Fresno's Saroyan Theater.

"They did three performances on Thanksgiving weekend-"

Susan Skowronski

dancers and this is not their first involvement in this particular annual production.

(Right: Elseana performed dual roles, Candy Cane and Angel)
(Far Right: Clancy performed as Captain of Soldiers)



Both are locally trained, veteran

Link:

[More Nutcracker Pictures](#)

A Message From the Director Regarding PDAs



Glacier High School is a place for learning and takes pride in the professional and positive learning environment for everyone involved: students, parents and staff.

While on campus students are required to exercise modesty and discretion. This applies to both clothing and behavior.

Again, this is a school dedicated to a positive environment for all.

All forms of physical personal affection are not allowed at school.



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GHSC: A Unique Blend:

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



Need A Gift Idea? Give a Gryphon!

Official GHS T-Shirts will soon be available for purchase at your site's front desk (hopefully before winter break)- and just in time for Christmas!

Fantasy #1: Think of the joy slowly spreading across the face of your special friend as he or she opens your present of an official Glacier T-Shirt (well, maybe not so much).

Fantasy #2: Perhaps you'll decide to give yourself a present and "represent" as you are sporting a night out on the town.

Fantasy #3 (and worst case scenario): You'll have a cheap substitute for PJ's, or an outfit to wear while painting.

By student vote, the chosen shirt design is black with a green logo. ASB hoped that, by purchasing in

bulk, the sale price would be held down to a reasonable figure.

For that reason, shirts will be made available for the modest price of \$7 each. At that cost, you should live out all your fantasies and consider buying two or three!



These shirts are nothing but the finest 50/50 poly blend (that *is* the finest, right?).