

Gryphon Gazette

Glacier High School Charter

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

- 12/3 SCCCD orientation opens
- 12/4 M4 Attendance Due
- 12/7&9 FNO Workshop
- 12/8 Xmas Tree Lane Event
- 12/10 Cinnamon Rolls GONE!
- 12/12 Picture Day (Fresno) @ 10am-12pm
- 12/14 Picture Day (Oakhurst) @ 10am-12pm
- 12/14 ASB-31 Fund Raisher
- 12/16 Choir@ Orchard Park
- 12/17 ASB Xmas Party (OKH)
- 12/18 M5 Attendance (Fall Sem Ends)
- 12/21-1/1 Winter Break
- 1/4 Spring Semester Starts
- 1/15 Fall Semester Grades mailed
- 1/18 MLK Holiday
- 1/23 POL County Comp- YHS
- 1/29 M6 Attendance Due

CHRISTMAS TREE LANE EVENT

With the opening of WSCS's resource center in Fresno (777 W. Shaw), it only seemed appropriate to get involved with the annual Fig Garden Christmas Tree Lane event. Since December 8 is a designated "walk" night, it has been scheduled for a fun family holiday celebration.

Escorted walks of 1-2 miles will be leaving, according to schedule, every hour on the hour. The event runs from 6-9:30 pm- with last hike departing at 8 pm or so.

Glacier ASB/Leadership classes will be on hand with seasonal refreshments.

Volunteers are welcome to contact Marianne Lord at the Fresno resource center: 248-0471

In particular, help is sought for decorations for the resource center building (which backs up to Christmas Tree Lane).

Parking for this event can be found across Shaw in Fig Garden Village, or across Palm in the BBVA Compass Bank parking lot.

Dress warmly, dress visibly (help cross-traffic drivers by



*Nothing like a brisk winter walk...
at night... in the fog...*

NOT wearing black, and think about bringing a small flashlight or penlight.

See you there! Drive safely!

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Volunteers Needed to help Mountain Home School **Fresno** Kids Gift Workshop on Dec 7th or Dec 9th
Available shifts: 9-10:30am on both days , 11:00am-12:30pm both days.
Please contact Margaret DenHartog: mdenhartog@wscsfamily.org

SEMESTER'S OVER ALREADY?

It's hard to believe we're approaching the end of semester. It's time to wrap up those loose end assignments, tally those final grades, and "map out" upcoming courses for next semester. Don't forget to make it to your December charter appointments to cover all these bases, and any others that arise.

Some new onsite classes begin with the new semester:

* EMT (OKH) meets M, W, F from 6-9 PM in main building.

* Ramsey Personal Finance (OKH) M 1-2:30 Module C.

* **NEW TIME** for Art Class (OKR) M 2:30-4pm Module A.

* Mosaic (Fno) T 1:30-2:30 Start date TBD.
Register with Marcia Souza at: msouza@wscsfamily.org Space is limited!



GLACIER STUDENTS GOING TO COUNTY “POL”

After all of the scores were tabulated, sophomore Chloe DePledge placed first and freshman Matthew Silguero placed second in Glacier High School's Poetry Out Loud competition November 18. Both will advance to the next round of competition.



Poetry Out Loud gives high school students the opportunity to learn great poetry, perform it, and win prizes at various levels of competition.

Participants also develop public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for college scholarship funding.

DePledge recited “Barter” by Sara Teasdale and “A Psalm of Life” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Silguero recited “The Ocean” by Nathaniel Hawthorne and “Sea Fever” by John Masefield.

“I had a sense of calm before the competition, but when it was actually my turn to recite, I was nervous about doing justice to the poets’ work,” DePledge said. “I told myself, ‘I can do this. These poems were meant to be heard out loud.’”

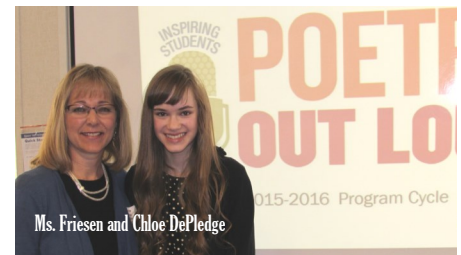
Michael Cox, Director of Western Sierra Charter Schools, welcomed parents, students, and Glacier staff members to the competition at the Oakhurst campus. Kaylene Friesen, Glacier teacher and coordinator for the Poetry Out Loud event, gave an overview of the competition and introduced the panel of judges made up of Peter Clarke, Steve Riley, and David Williams.

Clarke’s varied experiences include time as a reporter, screenwriter, and member of the Peace Corps. Clarke moved to Oakhurst in 2000 and in 2013 started acting and directing at the Golden Chain Theatre and is its current president.

Riley authored and illustrated a series of children’s books centered on the character of Ty Cooney based on his experiences with raccoons while living in Yosemite Valley. Riley combines his love of art and acting as a member of the advisory board of Kid’s Need to Read (a national non-profit dedicated to the promotion of reading in underprivileged areas of the country) and travels around the country promoting literacy and the creative process to kids of all ages.

Williams is the Executive Director of Azusa Pacific University’s High Sierra Program at Bass Lake, has a Ph.D. in

Ancient Greek Philosophy, and is an experienced and certified wilderness guide.



“I am extremely proud of all three of our participants, Max Chance, Chloe DePledge, and Matthew Silguero,” Friesen said. “Due to a change in the contest schedule, they didn’t have much time to prepare, but they did a wonderful job and we hope to see all of them back again next year.”

“In his welcome, Mr. Cox reminded us that words have power and this is reflected in one of Chloe’s reasons for selecting ‘A Psalm of Life’. The poem reflects her own belief that life is not pointless and by reciting it she hopes to help others to see that their life has meaning too.”

The Madera Arts Council has made it possible for winners of school competitions to work with Poet Laureate Lee Herrick in preparation for the next level of competition. DePledge and Silguero will advance to the county competition on January 23, 2016, at Yosemite High School’s Theatre.

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GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT

Cinnamon Roll Sale at the Fresno Resource Center

Last day to buy is December 10th

\$20 for a U-Bake tray

(complete with frosting and baking directions)

All proceeds go to Senior Grad Nite

*These are the same Cinnamon Rolls as those sold at the Fresno Fair– they're "killer!"



SUPPORT AN 8TH GRADER

Mountain Home 8th graders are raising money for a Catalina trip.

4 Bits-A-Dip Potluck Dinner 5:30-8:30 TH 12/3 (OKH)

Your support is appreciated!

CHOIR WILL "BRING IT"... (HOLIDAY CHEER)

Christmas Cheer

at Orchard Park

Western Sierra Charter Schools

Fresno Choir Performance

Come join us at Orchard Park Senior Living as we pass out Christmas cards, as well as sing Christmas carols to senior residents. Our Western Sierra Charter School Fresno Choir will also be doing a special holiday performance! Come dressed in your most festive holiday outfits!

When:

Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00

Where:

Orchard Park, 675 W Alluvial, Clovis

{ "God bless us, every one..." Tiny Tim, A Christmas Carol }



*Time to break out the
P.J.'s
Jammies
jam-jams...
Or whatever you happen to call them*

LINK OF THE MONTH

GHSC Parent– do you put off grading schoolwork? Perhaps you find it intimidating? Disorganized? Last-minute? Worried about giving the right grades, and keeping adequate records?

As a California publicly funded high school, GHSC is required to track subject grading more closely than some parents realize. Still, there are a number of grading options available, with quite a bit of flexibility in your choices.

ments) with your charter teacher.

For some ideas and options, and to jump-start discussion, check out:

[Homeschool Grading
for Dummies](#)

It's a good idea to discuss what would work for you (and still satisfy school require-



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SCCCD ONLINE ORIENTATION OPEN

Online orientation goes live at 8:00am on December 3, 2015 for high school students who want to attend any SCCC campus in Summer/Fall 2016. This is one of the important matriculation steps, which include application for admission, placement test and advising. Online orientation is mandatory and required of students before they can register for classes.

The timely completion of online orientation is very important! Students will be assigned an early registration date and time based on the day and time they complete the online orientation (it establishes your place in the registration "line").

Early registration dates for Reg-to-Go students are April 20, 21 and 22.

For more details on online orientation, and application/registration in general- or to find a hotline help listing, go to:

[WebAdvisor](#)

ASB FUNDRAISER

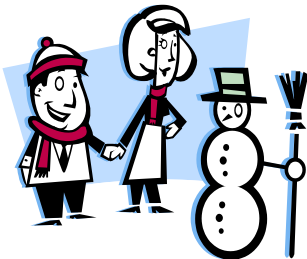
Thirty-One Gifts is giving a helping hand to ASB 2016 fundraising efforts.



ASB CHRISTMAS PARTY TRADITION CONTINUES

Thursday December 17th marks the umpteenth time that ASB has sponsored a Christmas party at the Oakhurst campus. This year's festivities will begin at 6:30 pm and are open to students, staff, parents, guests (passes available on website), etc, etc.

Those so inclined are encouraged to bring holiday refreshments. A gift exchange is optional- bring one only if you feel like taking part. No pressure!



Local Thirty-One Gifts Director, Susan Nobles is holding a party at El Cid Restaurant in Oakhurst on Thursday, January 14th, at 4:15 pm to sell products- and donate 100% of her commission proceeds to Glacier ASB. For those who cannot attend the party on January 14th, items may be purchased on-line from January 1st to January 17th by going to Susan's website: www.mythirtyone.com/susannobles and selecting "My Scheduled Parties" where "Glacier ASB Party" link is found.

Thirty-One Gifts is the nation's leading direct-selling provider of exclusive, stylish and functional fashion accessories, totes, organizing solutions, and premium faux leather purses, pockets and wallets. Beyond providing their products, Thirty-One is founded on ideals of giving back to the community and supporting women by helping them live more rewarding, meaningful lives.

Be on the lookout for additional information on Glacier's website and Facebook pages as well as the Glacier High School Charter Leadership Classes Facebook page.

Important Note Since this is a fundraiser, students must bring at least one adult (over 18 and no longer in high school) with them, in fact, there will probably be quite a few adult guests once they hear what we're doing!

For more information, contact: Susan Nobles, Independent Thirty-One Director, [\(559\)676-6294](tel:5596766294), sehnobles@hotmail.com.