

# Gryphon Gazette

## February

### Dates of Interest:

<b>20 Day Drop Ends</b>	2/3
<b>1st Mosaic WS (KBC)</b>	2/4
<b>CAHSEE</b>	2/4-2/5
<b>POL</b>	2/6-2/8
<b>Curry Skate</b>	2/15
<b>Break</b>	2/17-2/21
<b>1st Fabric WS (OKHST)</b>	2/25
<b>1st Guitar WS (OKHST)</b>	2/26

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## New Onsite Course Offerings Are Alive and Wealth

### EMT Training

The EMT Training course has a roster of eight GHSC students, with an additional 20 adults (firefighters, etc.) also in attendance.

This course, conducted by Minarets Education Foundation and supported by Sierra Ambulance, is taught by Bill and Gina Hartley. It covers all facets of preparation for the Basic EMT certification exam. The minimum age for enrollment is 16, and the exam is limited to those who are 18 or over (legal adults).

For more detailed information on this curriculum, visit:

[EMT Training](#)

### Personal Finance

The Personal Finance class has eleven signups. Others are interested in taking this course independently, and materials are being collected towards that end, also.

Personal Finance is a Dave Ramsey curriculum directed towards responsible money management practices. It is particularly geared towards establishing solid principles with young people— even before their entry into the professional wage-earning work world.

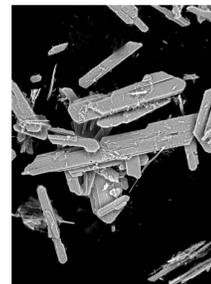
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[Personal Finance](#)

## RESIDENT ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

Glacier science lab will be the proud (but temporary) holder of a Hitachi TM3000 electron microscope for the month of February. For an informational video, click: <http://www.hiscope.com/tm3000wmv.html>.

Mr. Englund will be incorporating use of the microscope into Biology and Chemistry classes at Glacier Oakhurst. In addition, if time allows, a short workshop may be offered for interested students. Drop by and check it out!



## Nothing But A Skate in the Park

Named one of the top 15 ice rinks in the country, Curry Village Ice Rink in Yosemite Valley is a major tourist draw. The appeal of outdoor skating in this magnificent setting is beyond dispute.

### 15 Top Ice Rinks

Glacier ASB invites you to join them for a 2 1/2 hour skate session on Saturday, February 15 (3:30-6:00 PM).



*The good news:* admission into the national parks is free during this weekend.

*The bad news:* you'll need to make your own arrangements for transportation to this event.

Skate sessions cost \$10, with an additional \$4 charge for skate rentals. Children (12 and under) are 50 cents cheaper.



## Art Workshops— 5 Tuesdays' Worth!



Fabric arts will be featured in five upcoming workshops conducted by Irina Buca at GHS Oakhurst (module A).

The workshops begin on 2/25 and run through 3/25, meeting from 1:30 to 3:30 on consecutive Tuesdays.

Silk will be the featured fabric, with handbags and decorative paintings addressed in separate sessions.

Please indicate your interest in these workshops by signing up no later than Tuesday, Feb. 11 on the GHS bulletin board (Oakhurst campus).



## ... and even more Art !

Not to be left out of the art "loop," Kingsburg students may choose to participate in their annual Mosaic tile workshops. If past years are any indication, this year's series of workshops is sure to be a success.

The workshops start on Tuesday, Feb. 4, and continue for six weeks (through May 1). All sessions occur between the hours of 1-4 pm.



Materials are provided for the workshops, and there is no cost to the student—just simply "show up" (no advance registration is required). Marcia Souza is facilitator of this series.

**Feb. 4—May 1  
1-4 PM**

# Signups: San Francisco Field Trip 4/30-5/1



An overnight excursion field trip is planned for 4/30-5/1, if enough people signup. Among the stops scheduled for this year's field trip are the relocated Exploratorium and the Asian Art Museum.

School provided vans will transport students from the Oakhurst campus, but hostel accommodations (@ Pt. Montara Lighthouse) and museum fees necessitate an advance payment of \$50.



Space is limited, so your early payment is the best way to insure your participation in this field trip. A signup sheet will be posted on campus, but only full payment completes your reservation. It is important that payments be made through the Oakhurst campus front desk (receipts are the official record for "first-come, first-served" determinations, should they come into play).

Spending money is not included in the payment, but \$50 should suffice for meals, city transit, souvenirs, etc.

Adults wishing to chaperone or drive separately should contact Mr. Englund at 642-1422 ext. 21.



# Guitar Workshops: 5 Wednesdays' Worth

No, not guitar building (it's called "luthiery," BTW...). These workshops will be directed at building skills in playing guitar. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or an accomplished player, these workshops are guaranteed to challenge you to learn more, and to take your playing to the next level.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, 2/26, from 3-5:00 pm; similarly timed sessions will run weekly through Wednesday, 3/19. Mr. Boe will be working with other local guest musicians in bringing this workshop to GHS Oakhurst.

Guitar Workshop will address:

- Basic Terminology
- Music Theory
- Chords
- Reading Music (basics)
- Guitar "Subcategories"
- Songwriting and Self-Expression



# CAHSEE Test Is Sneaking Up... Sophs Get "First Try" Feb. 4-5

Sophomores will take their first attempt at the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) in early February:

Tuesday, Feb 4- English  
 Wednesday, Feb 5- Math

Arrive at 8:15 for check-in; Tests will be conducted throughout the morning, and should be completed by noon.

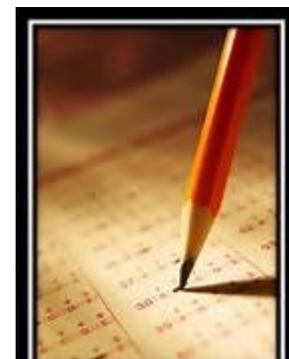
For an advance preview of what to expect, visit CAHSEE links on the CDE website at:

**CAHSEE**

With Common Core implementation underway, it remains to be seen whether the CAHSEE will be ren-

dered obsolete. In the meantime, it is still a state requirement for graduation.

If you need additional help with preparation for your first CAHSEE tests, or have a history of struggling with these tests, you should consult with your charter teacher to set up a support program that will help you pass.



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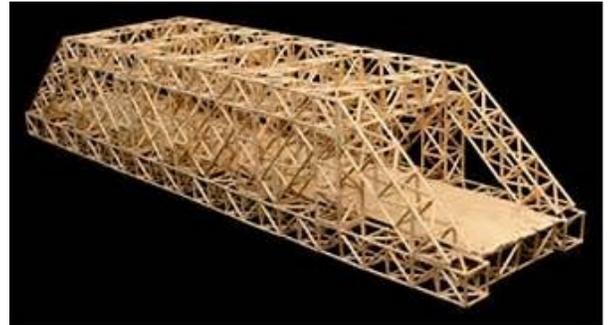


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## Engineering 101: Toothpick Bridges

The Oakhurst Geometry class is currently designing and building model toothpick bridges. The bridges must span a two foot gap and each will be tested to the point of failure.

This project involves the application of geometric principles in a structural format. It will also include structural diagramming with scale drawings.



# Poetry Out Loud

Students interested in participating in the annual Poetry Out Loud competition are encouraged to take part in this year's competition. Rules, tips, and poems may be found at:



Here's how it works, in brief:

- 1) Students memorize two poems (chosen from an approved anthology - see website)\*
- 2) Students recite before a coach to earn 2 GHS positions Feb. 6-7.
- 3) Winners advance to county competition held Saturday Feb. 8 at the YHS theater.

\*One poem must be pre-20th century and one must be 25 lines or less.

