



Gryphon Gazette

SOPHOMORE *S'MORES*

Well, at least the headline got your attention.

“Some more” testing will be required of sophomores on two dates in February. The infamous CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) will be administered in two parts: English/Language Arts on Tuesday, Feb. 3 and Math on Wednesday, Feb 4th. Hours: 8:30-noon.

Even though recent emphasis has been on the statewide shift towards Common Core testing, both parts of the CAHSEE exam normally must still be passed for a California diploma to be awarded.

This February’s administration will mostly consist of first-time sophomore takers, but is also available for those who may either have missed a previous administration or who still need to pass one or both sections of the test.

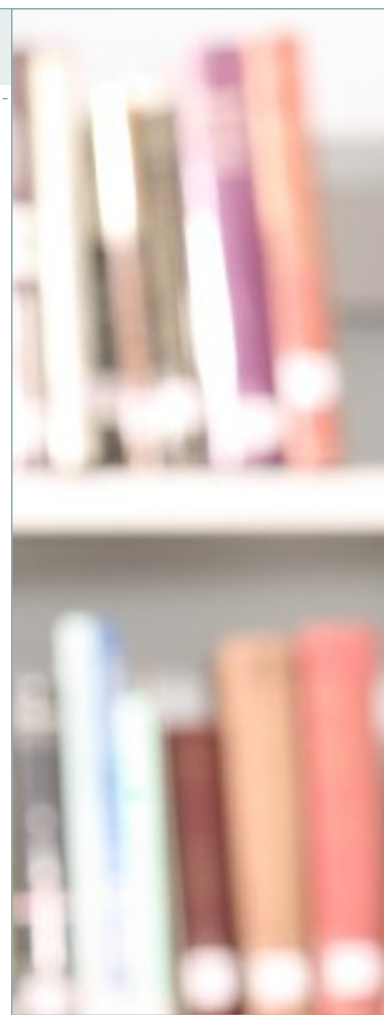
The good news is, once a section of the test has been passed, it need not be repeated again, ever.

SENIOR *BUFFET*

Seniors attended an important informational meeting January 26th, covering Grad Nite (Six Flags), graduation ceremony, college scholarships and application procedures, and announcements/class rings. For those who were unable to attend, information may be obtained from

ehagen@glacierhighcharter.org

A final appeal was also made for senior pictures for the yearbook (January 30th deadline) as well as graduation ceremony slideshow.



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LION'S SPEECH COMPETITION

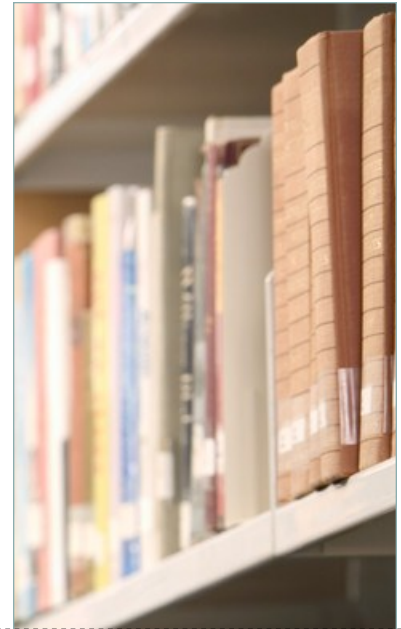
The annual Lions Club Student Speakers Contest will be occurring locally on 2/11 @ 9, 2/11 @ 6, and 2/18 @ 6; all potential contestants should investigate and sign up at :

studentspeaker.md4lions.org

(This site provides links and information regarding scholarships, as well as tips for public speaking and speech writing)

The topic for 2014-2015 is:

Water Conservation— How Can We Reduce, Recycle, and Reclaim?



The California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) seeks teen artists, writers and performers...

ART THOU INTO ART?

For 29 years, the CSSSA has sought the most talented visual, literary, media and performing HS artists in California. The teens selected attend a premier summer arts institute at California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, from July 11 - August 7. CSSSA has provided its exemplary four-week summer arts program to more than 14,000 talented high school students. Instruction is offered in the fields of: Animation, Film/Video, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater, and the Visual Arts. For the 520 high school students accepted each year, CSSSA represents a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with professional artists, writers and performers of national stature. The talented teenagers who successfully complete the program receive three units of CSU course credit. CSSSA provides the highest quality professional artistic training to the most deserving teenagers regardless of their economic situations. Over 30 percent of students receive financial aid. No student who has the drive and talent to succeed in the application process will be denied admission, solely on the basis of inability to pay.

California students, whose families have the means to pay, are charged a comprehensive fee of \$1,550 to cover room, board and tuition for the four-week 2012 summer session. Students from outside of California must pay a comprehensive fee of \$5,000. CSSSA is also able to help some of its students with college aid through the distribution of Herb Alpert Scholarships for Emerging Young Artists. An agreement between CSSSA and the Herb Alpert Foundation, allows 21 students each year to be scholarship recipients. The scholarships are awarded every summer to three students in each of seven categories: Animation, Film/Video, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater, and the Visual Arts. In 2015 in each category, one outstanding student will receive \$40,000 to be awarded over the course of four years, and two students will receive single-year awards of \$2,500. Alumni of the program include actors Zac Efron and Golden Globe recipient James Franco. To learn more about CSSSA or obtain application forms and instructions, visit www.csssa.ca.gov, www.csssa.org, or call the Sacramento headquarters at (916)229-



Summer 2015 applications must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2015



You are Welcome to Join Us for More Monterey Bay Marine Monitoring!

(participation open to all students and families)

Glacier High School Environmental Science students would like to invite willing participants out to the Monterey Bay Area on Sunday, February 15th through Monday, February 16th to work with the LiMPETS (Long-term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students) program to collect field data. Many students participated earlier this school year during the Monterey Bay Aquarium fieldtrip. The intertidal zone at low-tide is full of slippery fun and diverse life. The data being collected is part of a professional/citizen-oriented study to look at long-term ecological trends over many decades.

On Sunday, February 15th, students will meet at Natural Bridges State Park in Santa Cruz at 1:00 pm. The next day on Monday, February 16th, students will meet at 'The Great Tidepool' at Point Pinos in Pacific Grove at 1:30 pm. These times correspond with some very low tides so there should be a great variety of life to see. Students and families of Glacier High School are encouraged to participate on either of the days or both of the days. If interested, please contact Mr. Englund in the Science Lab or send an e-mail to

menglund@glacierhighcharter.org

Students find this monitoring process to be interesting and fun, but we also have a short amount of time to collect high quality field data. Come prepared for all kinds of weather and enjoy all that the coast has to offer. Stay warm and safe- but perhaps not always dry.

GHSC RELAY 4 LIFE



MHS and GHSC have created a team for the Relay For Life of Eastern Madera County. The event will be held at Yosemite High School on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00am and will end on Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am. Our team name is: Mountain Home & Glacier High School Charter.' Help raise money for the American Cancer Society. For more information contact:

Mindy Klang: (559)-642-1422

Maria Asbury: (209)-742-5058

Or visit the Relay For Life website: www.relayforlife.org type in one of the above names to locate our team site)

Took YHS or college classes last semester? We need official grade reports in order to list on your transcript

FCC Alternative School Advising for summer/fall 2015

On **Wednesday, March 18** and **Thursday, March 19**, graduating high school seniors will be able to attend an advising session at Fresno City College where they will meet with a counselor and receive Web Advisor registration training. Similar to last year, your students will need to phone to schedule an appointment (no walk-ins). The session times have not been determined, but you will be informed as soon as they are.

Students need to meet the following requirements to attend an Advising session:

1. Have completed an online application for admission
2. Have taken the placement test (or were told they are exempt)

The online orientation is not required to attend. However, it must be completed 48 hours before the high school priority registration dates of April 28, 29, 30 and May 1. Please note: in order to be eligible for priority registration, students must attend one of the advising sessions on March 18 and March 19.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Garcia (GHS) 897-2321 or Josie Huckeba at 442-8225.

Attention Oakhurst Students:

Early Registration (Reg-to-Go) is available at Reedley College's Oakhurst Campus on March 24th from 9 am to 1 pm. To apply and complete required online orientation, visit: www.oakhurstcenter.com



Let's Be Careful Out There...



Special areas of concern around our campus:

- 1) The turnoff area around Rocky Cut/Hwy 41 and our driveway. Be alert, look before you proceed, and drive slowly.
- 2) The area behind the portable classrooms. The wash has steep banks in these areas; they are consequently off-limits to students.
- 3) Railings/tables (please prevent students from climbing up on them).
- 4) Any icy or wet areas underfoot (asphalt, linoleum, etc.), indoors or out.