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Glacier High School Charter

“Say-Linn” Through Life...

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For the second year in a row, Michelle Linn took the top honors in the Madera County Poetry Out Loud recital competition, scoring tops in a field of eight competitors from four different schools.

Michelle's featured poem was "The Empty Dance Shoes" by Cornelius Eady.

Second place was taken by Emily Zavala-Aguilar of Liberty, and third went to David Nobles of Yosemite (a former Glacier student).

Michelle's next stop will be the statewide Sacramento competition on March 24-25. State winners compete in Washing-

ton D.C. during May for a \$20,000 scholarship.

Special thanks to Ann Molin, local writer who coaches GHS Poetry Out Loud participants every year.

Link:

<http://poetryoutloud.org/>



Eighth Grade Visitation Slated

March 7th, Glacier's Oakhurst campus will entertain prospective students for next year— in particular, interested Mountain Home School 8th graders.

Refreshments will be served by Glacier ASB

(Associated Student Body), who will also act as “host” for visitors.

Glacier staff will outline what the school has to offer— and, in particular, how it is unique. Specifically, parents and pro-

spective students can familiarize themselves with how “Personalized Learning” functions at GHSC.

Glacier High fills a unique niche in local high school education, and should be considered a viable choice.

Special Dates of Interest:

- FAFSA deadline 3/1
- Grad Ceremony deadline 3/1
- 8th Grade Orientation 3/7
- CAHSEE repeats 3/12-13 (AM)
- WASC visit 3/18-20
- ASB Zoo Trip 3/22
- WSCS Board Mtg. 3/27 (2:30)
- Spring Break 3/29-4/5
- SCCCD Registration 4/24
- L.A. Field Trip 4/25-4/26
- Formal Dance 5/10
- Senior Grad Night 5/16-17

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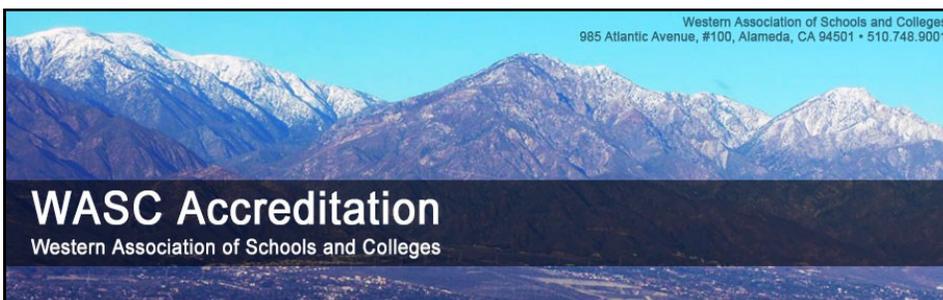
WASC Visitation March 18-20

A visiting panel from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges will be on campus this month, observing and communicating with students, parents, faculty and administration about all aspects of Glacier's operations.

WASC accreditation is a cyclical activity, with schedules in place for return visitations and further reviews, as needed. A school receiving an exemplary review receives a six year accreditation.

During the process, each school is responsible to produce a comprehensive "self-study," in which involves an introspective inventory of those things done well (and not-so-

well). Self studies are expected to be addressed with follow-up "action plans," with the ultimate goal of improving on any of a school's existing areas of weakness.



It's Greek to Me...

Rosetta Stone is an online foreign language offering here at Glacier, and between forty and fifty students are enrolled at any given time.

Choices range from Arabic to Korean, but most students opt for one of the more conventional choices like Spanish, French, German, or Latin.

While less rigorous than the PLATO A to G approved Spanish college prep course, Rosetta offers a useful alternative that is particularly suited for those interested in acquiring vernacular language skills, particularly for travelling overseas.

California insists on a certain amount of fine art or foreign language within its graduation requirements— and

Rosetta is a fun way to meet this requirement through fun learning.

Ask your charter teacher about foreign language the next time you



Glacier Charter now on Facebook

If you haven't logged onto Glacier's Facebook site, you need to do so.

<http://facebook.com/glacierteach>

It's a good way to stay linked to other members of the Glacier community, not to mention keeping "up" on school news.

Logging on requires that you have a

facebook account, but by doing so, you will receive automatic updates whenever recent posts are made.

Facebook provides one more means by which independent study can be conducted while still retaining the benefits of community membership.

Glacier's website is unrelated to facebook, but remains in use and is another valuable tool for remaining connected! (glacierhighcharter.org)



To Boldly Go Where No Fieldtrip Has Gone Before...

Limited spaces will be available for an exciting overnight field trip to Los Angeles in late April– act fast if you want to be included in this! Mail requests are accepted!

Included among the stops will be the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and the California Science Center, where the space shuttle *Endeavor* is berthed. Other stops are TBD.

Since there will be some security checkpoints, participants will

need picture I.D. on this trip, and security clearances will be required several weeks in advance.

A “head count” deadline is set for March 15, meaning that it won’t be possible to sign on at the last minute– so secure your position by depositing your initial \$50 as soon as possible (first come– first served)!



Seniors: Stay On Top of It!

Besides finishing the last of their remaining classes, seniors have a lot to think about during these last few months of high school.

While it is hard to juggle everything, it’s important to think (and plan) ahead for life beyond high school.

First, check with your charter teach-

er to insure that all of your graduation requirements will be met on time. If you are planning to take part in the graduation ceremony, make sure you’ve indicated this desire and paid by March 1st.

If you’re applying for college financial aid, the final deadline for FAFSA also falls on March 1.

If your plan includes community college, set aside the morning (8-12) of April 24th for orientation/visitation. The SCCCD has dedicated that date to focus attention on incoming alternative school students. You will need to have already taken an online test, made application, and brought a photo I.D.

Meet Michele

Michele Williams is our new librarian at the GHSC Oakhurst facility, succeeding Diane Kraft.

Michele is a native of the Pittsburgh, PA suburbs, and moved to the Bay Area during college.

Michele is married to David, who is a college professor of Philosophy at the Azusa Pacific field cam-



pus at Emerald Cove in Bass Lake.

Michele has traveled extensively, spending a year “roughing it” through such places as Africa, India, Greece, Nepal, and Germany.

When given the time, Michele en-

joys running, having taken part in 3-4 half marathons. She looks forward to taking part in the upcoming “Color Me Rad” 5k in Fresno.

Michele has three sons, aged 13-17, and a daughter age 10.

Michelle is currently occupied with updating the library (e.g., VHS to DVD’s) but welcomes your input and specific requests. Introduce yourself!

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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)

One major advantage of a GHSC education is that a student may acquire college credits while meeting graduation requirements at the same time!



State Center Community College District

This year, Glacier students have been enrolled in a variety of courses. Examples:

Beau Demers: English 1A

Ethan DePledge: English 1A, Spanish

Alex Franey: Psychology

Clancy Kramer: Statistics, Psychology, Ethics, Political Science

Sarah Lamb: Photography, English 1A

Hannah Noonkester: Algebra, Writing