



Gryphon Gazette

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Graduation Ceremony

The Glacier High class of 2015 will observe its commencement ceremony at Mountain Christian Center, Oakhurst, at 4 PM on Friday, May 29.

Currently, 23 students are on track to graduate, with most of them participating in the ceremony. Of this number, the guy-girl ratio is almost an even split.

Oakhurst seniors need to pick up their graduation cap and gown from Mr. Hagen, Kingsburg seniors from Ms. Garcia.

The ceremony will also feature a slide show of graduate pictures—each graduate is asked to provide 5-10 to the respective teachers listed above.



Several hundred people can be expected at graduation, and while most will celebrate into the evening at various parties, refreshments will be available after the ceremony and guests are encouraged to mingle afterwards.

Special Dates of Interest

- Zoo 5/1
- ROV MATE 5/9
- Yearbooks 5/11
- CAASPP (OAK) 5/11-12
- CAASPP (KBG) 5/13-14
- CPR Class 5/19
- Grad Nite 5/21-22
- M10 Due 5/22
- Grades Due 5/27
- Grad 5/29
- Last Day (M11) 6/4

Testing, Testing...



Most onsite classes are wrapping up in the next couple of weeks, some will include the dreaded “final exams.”

This year, however, marks the first time California (and many other states) will, for real, implement the new Common Core standardized testing (not just a “dry run,” like last year). This testing is known under

other labels, “Smarter Balance,”

Unlike years past, when all high school grades took standardized tests, Smarter Balance only applies to juniors.

Oakhurst juniors reserve the dates of May 11-12, Kingsburg May 13-14 for this required onsite testing. The good news is: only juniors have to take the CAASPP.





Heard of Self-Talk? How About Self-Write?

The Comp 12 class is taking part in the Senior Writing Project, which is also open to all those graduating in the class of 2015.

The Senior Writing Project (SWP) involves a “Letter to my Future Self.” In a way, it serves as a time capsule, documenting the important time around graduation.

Writers are asked to reflect on their background history, current environment, activities,

associations and friendships, peeves and priorities, and future plans.

The most powerful part of this writing project will not happen for another five years. At that time, writers will receive their own paper, in a self-addressed envelope, as a reflection into their past. What a great way to reminisce as well as track changes and progress!

The due date for students in Comp 12 is May 18th. Others

interested in participating should contact Ms. Friesen through 642-1422 ext 27.

For a link to a similar project, and to get the philosophy and basic idea, click here:



ROV Competition, Monterey, May 9

Thursday, April 30th, The underwater robotics team will be holding an open house preliminary event at the Harry Baker pool (YHS campus) from 12:30-3:00 PM. This event serves as the final, formal practice for the Monterey MATE competition to be held on Saturday, May 9th.

Team members had to solve an obstacle recently, when the camera feed shorted out almost immediately upon entering the pool. Still, it is better to experience this setback earlier rather than later. Understandably, waterproofing is a key concern when dealing with electrical components.

For a better idea of ROV competition, check out:



[MATE ROV](#)

Chaffee Zoo May 1



The first Friday in May marks the annual discount day at Chaffee Zoo, for those that care to join. Participants need to make their own travel arrangements, but all those who appear at the main entrance (on time) at 11:30 AM will be entitled to a school discount rate.

Students will only be charged \$3.50 and adults \$6.50. Parking fees do apply so bring an extra \$5 or so.

Please have exact change available when you arrive, to expedite the collection process-

Latecomers will not be entitled

to the discount rate, so arrive early, if at all possible.

There is no formal time for conclusion of this time together, participants are free to exit the zoo when desired. For most, it takes about two to three hours to see everything— but the Fresno heat may abbreviate.

Tickets on Sale for Formal

ASB's annual formal is to be held at the Oakhurst Community Center (different location this year), with a new theme.

Décor for the function will be set in the Roaring 20's era. Dance participants are encouraged to dress in period costumes, if so desired (optional).

Dinner will be provided through a caterer, and dance instruction with Principal Eric Hagen.

Suggestions for the song list

are currently being collected by Jacquie McCourt of the ASB dance committee (deadline of May 1).

The dinner phase will start sometime soon after 5:30, and the dance will run till 10:00 PM. Those that can stay to assist with cleanup are encouraged to stay a bit longer.

\$30 individual tickets are available in Oakhurst through the front desk, and through charter teachers in Kingsburg.

Guest passes are available online through the school website (see back page).



CPR Class Offered Starting in May

While most classes are winding down or closing, one is just beginning.

An American Heart Association approved Heart Saver course, covering First Aid-CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) class begins at GHS Oakhurst starting Tuesday, May 19, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The 9-1

shift will involve first aid; the 1-3 shift will cover CPR.

Anyone 6th grade and above may attend. Those who desire an official completion card will be charged \$10 (useful for some jobs); otherwise there is no charge.

Bring food for both snack and lunch breaks

Join Bill Hartley for this officially endorsed class:



ASB Volunteerism

Several ASB students will be helping out with dishwashing, as well as putting up tables and chairs, at a Cinco de Mayo event held at Oakhurst Community College from noon to three. The event benefits the La Sierra Guild of Valley Children's Hospital.

Also, Dottie Lee recently visited the ASB class to recruit potential junior docents for the Fresno Flats Historical Village and Park. Interested students would need to complete an orientation packet over the summer, with a goal of reaching 4-5 student guides to serve at the museum next school

year. This could benefit students in terms of community service (always good on a resume or application), as well as

course designed elective credit.

Interested parties should contact Mr. Boe at Glacier, Oakhurst, or Dottie at the Park.



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Yearbooks are on Sale!

Discount Pricing (through 5/8) Only \$18

Regular Price (after 5/8) \$20



Year End Wrapup

In your final meetings with charter teachers, please take the time to respond to the green onsite class questionnaire and blue satisfaction survey.

The onsite class questionnaire helps us determine class schedules, staffing, and curriculum needs for next year.

The satisfaction survey gives us valuable feedback on those things that we are doing well, along with those things that need improvement.

For those students remaining with Glacier for next year, it makes sense to draw up a tentative class schedule, at the

same time taking an overall inventory of progress towards graduation.

Oakhurst students interested in taking courses at the college level might want to review the OCC fall offerings listed on a download at

[SCCCD Fall Course Catalog](#)

Courses are listed at multiple sites, so be sure to scroll to the appropriate section.

Don't forget to return all textbooks, CD's, and library books that have been checked out over the course of the school

year. Don't forget that one that got kicked underneath your bed.

Some of you may want to check out books over the summer, either to get a head start on fall classes, or perhaps even work on completion of a class over the summer. Make sure to go through your charter teacher on all check-ins and check-outs.

Parent grades are due by May 27, to insure that accurate grades are recorded before report cards are mailed in June.

You'll feel better once these things are done!

Kingsburg Benchmark Tests

May 20

9th 9-11

10th 11-1

11th 1-3

