

# Western Sierra Charter Schools

## September 2016 Oakhurst Newsletter

### Glacier High School Charter & Mountain Home School Charter

We are 2 weeks in to the new school year and hope you are feeling more settled and organized, that you've received your student's curriculum, and that you have your student's enrolled in their courses (GHS) or signed-up for one of our enrichment classes (MHS).

**The following applies to both Glacier High & Mountain Home Families:**

Labor Day Holiday-campus closed	September 5
Homeschool Family "Back-to-School" Social	September 8
Attendance 1 Due!	September 9
School Picture Day!	September 27 & 28

**Homeschool Family Social**  
for  
**Glacier High & Mountain Home Families**

**When: Thursday, September 8**  
**Where: Camp Oakhurst**  
**Time: 4:30 until 7:00pm**

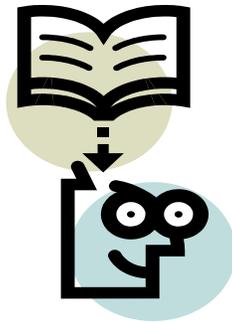
What to Bring: picnic dinner (but dessert will be on us)!

Optional items: blanket, folding chairs, volleyball, Frisbee, swimsuit & towel—There is a swimming pool & slip n' slide!

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# Mountain Home (OKH) News

CALLING ALL 7TH  
AND 8TH GRADE  
STUDENTS!



## **ACADEMIC PENTATHLON**

It's time to start thinking about Academic Pentathlon. The competition will include five areas: Math, Literature, Essay, Social Studies, and Fine Arts. Ideally, we would love to have a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. The first meeting, for both parents and students, will be September 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) from 12:00-1:00. This is an informational meeting only, no commitment needed at this point. If you

have questions or concerns please contact: Kim Meeks 642-1422 ext. 105.

# Mountain Home School Presents

## Parent Workshops

1:00pm MadERS inservice *by Susan Pennell*

2:00pm Sing, Spell, Read, & Write usage & tutorial *by Susan Nobles*

3:00pm Math in Focus (Singapore) usage & tutorial *by Kim Meeks*

When: Thursday, September 1st

~ All Parents Are Welcome ~

# Mountain Home (OKH) News

## Picture Day

You choose the day!

Student pictures will be done by Larson Brothers

Photography .

You have a choice of two dates:

Tuesday September 27

OR

Wednesday Sept 28

**Times: 9:30-11:30am**

We encourage you to bring your students during these hours so their picture makes it into our yearbook! There is no fee unless you want a student I.D. card or you wish to purchase a "package."

## Upcoming On-Site Enrichment Courses & Activities

MHS classes begin Tuesday, September 13th (if you signed your students into the Tuesday block).

Some of you may have noticed that a few of the classes are at the maximum capacity with a waiting list. We are making adjustments wherever possible to allow ALL students into the chosen class. The Thursday classes are particularly impacted. Wanting to keep class sizes small, consider switching your student to Tuesday's classes!

If your student is going to be absent from class, please contact the instructor of that class.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Music, Movement, & More | Kathi Bales & Michele Williams |
| • Arts & Crafts & Mosaic  | Barbara Graas                  |
| • Lego Robotics           | John Rumohr & Renee Johnson    |
| • Engineering (2nd)       | Kim Meeks                      |
| • Writing Classes         | Denise Cudd                    |
| • 4th Science             | Joyce Vind                     |
| • 5/6th Science           | April Hill                     |
| • 7th/8th Science         | Susan Nobles                   |
| • Google Drive            | Renee Johnson                  |
| • Math Classes            | Kim Meeks                      |
| • Play Production         | Denise Cudd & Renee Johnson    |
| • Book Club               | Kathi Bales                    |
| • ROV                     | John Rumohr                    |

Our Friday "P.E. Days" begin Sep. 16th at Camp Oakhurst for 3rd-8th grade students. If a parent wants to volunteer his/her time to run a K-2 group, please let John Rumohr know!

A special thank you to parent-teacher Kim Richards for organizing & leading a California Mission building workshop for our students! It is being held on Fridays from 9:00 to 12:00 beginning Sep 16th.





# Gryphon Gazette (OKH)

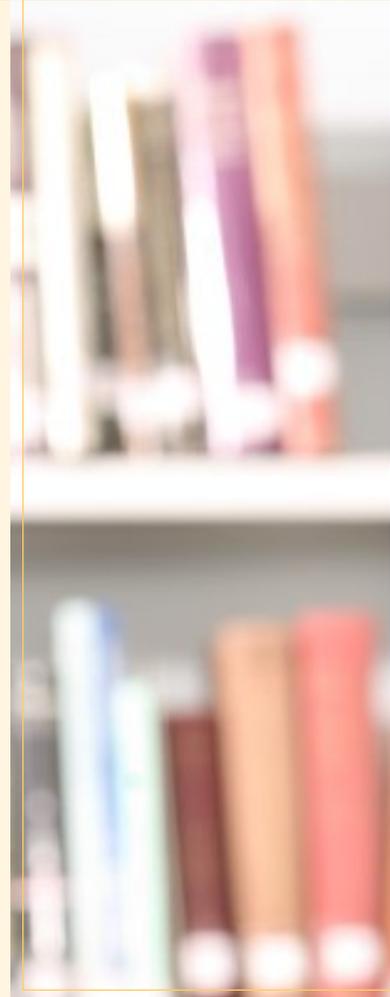
## CLASSES COMMENCE

Most onsite classes begin the week of 8/29, although online and independent study courses should already be underway. Exceptions include EMT (8/22), Guitar (9/12), and ROV (9/1)

Make sure to attend class regularly this semester, and especially, don't miss week number one. Usually the teacher outlines the course plan- and what you're expected to do for a good grade. You'll probably receive a "syllabus," a fancy word for reference paper which spells everything out for you.

## BENCHMARK EXAMS

By now, you should have received a request from your charter teacher for benchmark testing. Benchmarks are tests taken at various points in the year, in order to measure academic progress (we normally only ask for two rounds). Glacier has now switched to Let's Go Learn, an online testing service (replacing EdPerformance/Scantron). The good news is that you can now take these tests in the comfort of your own home. Check with your charter teacher for login information, and be sure and take these tests by mid September. Tests should be taken without outside assistance (otherwise we don't get accurate results). We want you to score high, but more than that, we want an accurate score. Later tests will give us an idea of how much knowledge you've gained.



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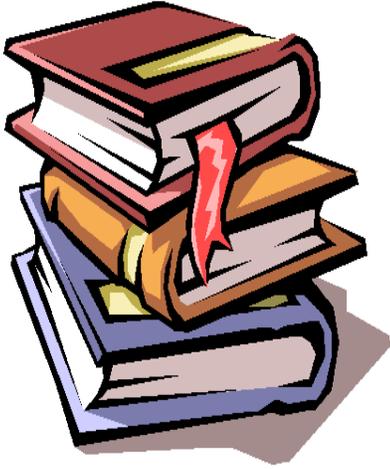
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## ENROLLMENT TOPPED OUT

At press time, GHSC total enrollment stands at 110– as large a number as has been seen at Glacier in quite some time. The Oakhurst site accounts for 64 students, and the Fresno resource center services 46. Currently there is a waiting list in Fresno– where interest has been off-the-charts since opening last year.

We must be doing something right, eh?

Welcome to all the new faces this fall– many are ninth graders.

See front page for details of Sept. 8 Camp Oakhurst MHS/GHS get together!

Upcoming field trips include San Francisco (Exploratorium, etc., Oct 2016) and Washington, D.C. (spring/summer 2017). Keep reading newsletters for updates, or communicate directly with Mr. Englund for details: [menglund@wscsfamily.org](mailto:menglund@wscsfamily.org)

## PICTURE DAYS

Student pictures will be done by Larson Brothers Photography out of Fresno.

You have a choice of two dates in late September:

Tuesday September 27

Wednesday September 28

Times: 9:30-11:30am

Pictures are more important than you'd think-

- ID cards get you many student discounts at merchants and events
- Yearbook photos are a time capsule of this particular year in your life
- How else are Hollywood producers going to notice you for starring roles?

## Like Engineering? Yeah, Us, too...

Boy, have we got engineering outlets for you-

Onsite classes have been bolstered with the addition of Physics this year, taught by Ms. Megan Kilgore, who holds a single subject credential in the field (rare as hen's teeth). So far, six students are enrolled. Class time: W 11:00-2:00

Four additional students are enrolled in Pre-Calculus onsite with Ms. Gael Irizaray. Most of these are on an engineering career track. Class time: MW 8:30-10:30.

ROV (robotics) class will be starting soon (9/1), with John Rumohr teaching. Students interested in engineering design are strongly encouraged to sit in on the first session. Classes are held Thursdays from 10:30-noon, and work will start the 2nd week.

PLATO online classes offer many engineering and technical courses, check with your charter teacher for a list of options.