



NEWS LETTER

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MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL CHARTER & GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL:

Apr 4	Community College Advising Day (Zoom)
Apr 8	Biology class field trip: Kayaking & Elkhorn Slough at Moss Landing
Apr 8	Vision & Hearing Screening for students
Apr 8	Madera County Math Tournament for 7th and 8th grade teams
Apr 11-18	Spring Break
April 15	Pictures needed for graduation slideshow are due
Apr 23	ROV Team Competition Day
Apr 29	Coarsegold Rodeo Heritage Day Field Trip 9:00 am -1:30 pm

MAY:

May 1	DEADLINE To purchase Island Water Park Tickets.
May 5	GHS & MHS Talent Show
May 7	Madera County ArtsFest 2022
May 9 & 18	11th grade State Reading & Math Tests
May 11	GHS Leadership Class Interview Day
May 17	State Science test for SOME 10th, 11th, & 12 grade students
May 19	Grad Nite for GHS Seniors
May 23-27	Senior Grad Week - Grad Lunch on May 25
May 23	ALL GHS Yearbook Signing & Pizza Party/9th-11th NWEA Testing
May 24	MHS to Fresno Grizzlies Game Day
May 27	MHS Promotion 10:00am & GHS Graduation 4:00pm
May 30	Memorial Day - Campus closed
May 31	MHS & GHS Water day at Island Water Park.
June 2	Last day of the 2021-22 School Year



PUBLIC NOTICE
WSCS BOARD MEETING
May 17th, 2022 at 2:00p.m.
This meeting will be by teleconference
pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20

CLICK HERE
For More Information

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

COMPLETE YOUR ONE-MILE RUN/WALK BEFORE COMING TO THE TEST SESSION THAT WORKS FOR YOU & BRING YOUR TIME WITH YOU TO THE SESSION

Who: All 5th, 7th, and 9th graders

When: Choose one of the following sessions to attend (test takes about 15 minutes)

March 28th 10:30-12:30 and 2:00-3:30

March 30th 10:30-12:30 and 2:00-3:30

April 1st 9:00-12:00

Where: MHS/GHS Campus

What: **Click HERE** for more details about The California Physical Fitness Test and who to contact if you have questions. In brief, students in 5th, 7th, and 9th grades will complete the following tests - Aerobic Capacity (One-Mile Run/Walk Test completed by the family anytime prior to coming to campus), Abdominal Strength and Endurance (Curl-Up), Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility (Trunk Lift), Upper Body Strength and Endurance (Push-Up), and Flexibility (Back-Saver Sit and Reach).



TICKET Purchase deadline May 1st

Event date-May 31st, 2022

We are excited to announce that the Island Waterpark Day is open to all WSCS students grade TK-12 and their immediate family members. This year will look different than in years past as all tickets will be distributed approximately 1 week ahead of time. Since the tickets will be distributed ahead of time, your arrival time is flexible. Please note: **General Admission tickets WILL NOT be available on the same day so each family will need to plan ahead as extra tickets cannot be purchased after May 1st.** Tickets are \$15 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Special considerations:

- ★ Each student **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian chaperone in order to attend.
- ★ Tickets for the Island Waterpark must be purchased in advance.
- ★ The deadline to purchase tickets is May 1st.
- ★ All tickets will be distributed the week prior to the event.
- ★ Please do not arrive at the park without your tickets.
- ★ The park will be open from 9am-3pm.



★ **PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR INTENT TO RETURN FORM - DUE APRIL 8TH** - This form helps us with planning for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year & allows us to know how many new families we can enroll on our waiting list. Thank you for your assistance!

[Click here to fill out this form](#)



TALENT SHOW RETURNS!

Whether you are a budding new talent or a seasoned performer, **it is your time to shine!**
Open to all Mountain Home School and Glacier High School Students

Yosemite High School Theater - May 5, 2022 at 5:30

* Each act is limited to 2 minutes each

Deadline to sign up: Friday April 29, 2022

Please contact **Joyce Vind** if you have any questions at **642-1422, ext 109**

jvind@wscsfamily.org

[Sign up at school or click this link to sign up digitally](#)

<https://forms.gle/pK7E3ip1DSABdua9>





Our Learn-to-Ski and Snowboard program has ended for the winter - Badger Pass has closed! We had a great season and want to **especially thank our volunteer instructors** who made this program possible: **Miche Bagget, Doug & Svetlana Banks, Courtney Briskin, Chris Cantwell, Mike Espe, Michelle Kreiter, Eric Jansen, & Emily O'Connor.**

CATALINA 8TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP

A wonderful experience for students at science camp! Our 8th grade students and Mr. Sloas enjoyed their trip! Thank you to Mr. Mumper for also attending! **Lots of photos will be added to our yearbook!**



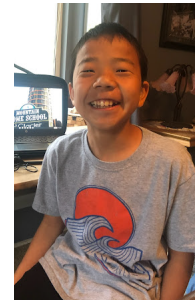


ACADEMIC PENTATHLON

The Madera County Academic Pentathlon was held on Saturday, March 19th. Mountain Home School had a 7th grade and 8th grade team that participated in all five areas of competition...Fine Arts, Literature, Essay, Science, and Social Science. **Our 7th grade team won 1st place overall and our 8th grade team won 2nd place.** In addition, **there were 13 individual medals won between both teams. It was an amazing day of competition!!**

7th Grade: Ben Brokaw, Desmond Dent, Sarah Johnson, Ian Judd and Lyla Williams.

8th Grade: Michael Lockwood, Noah Mellon, Nelson Reitz, Ava Simonich and Peyton Williams



COARSEGOLD RODEO HERITAGE DAY FIELD TRIP

Friday, April 29th 9:00am -1:30pm

Experience life of early mountain settlers at the 28th Annual Heritage Day at the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds. There will be fun, educational hands-on learning stations and exhibits, in addition to live rodeo displays of barrel racing, roping, and much more. The K-9 unit and vehicles will be on site along with our local first responders. Food will be available for sale. Sign up on the school bulletin board or send a Parent Square to Mrs. Davis.

RSVP by 4/7/22 Questions? Contact Mrs. Davis
jdavis@wscsfamily.org



FRESNO GRIZZLIES "MAKING THE GRADE" FIELD TRIP

May 24th! This is a FREE event for an entire day filled with fun activities along with the Grizzlies Baseball Game! Lunch is also included! 9:00am arrival time with the game beginning at 11:00am. More details to follow. You can sign-up on the school bulletin board!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Make a Difference That Matters

Remember to track all of your community service hours and if you don't already have a place where you keep track of it, **click HERE** to get to the GHS Community Service Log on the GHS website.

RECENT EXAMPLES OF GHS STUDENTS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

Kalei and Cloe Reed's Leadership Project was unveiled at Fresno Flats on Saturday, March 12. The Reed sisters are seniors at GHS and they worked with the volunteers at Fresno Flats to gain approval for their project to provide a beautiful Little Library for the site. Books were donated by the Oakhurst Branch Library and other interested parties, materials were donated by Yosemite Lumber, and Cloe and Kalei's grandparents, Mark and Nine Reed, supported and provided hands-on help through the entire process. You can see Kalei and Cloe's very own artwork on the inside of each of the doors of the Little Library. Anyone who would like to borrow a book to read, can just stop by the Fresno Flats Little Library and pick one up!





GHS senior, Olivia Hagen, fulfilled one of her dreams by bringing *Our Town* to the stage and playing one of the leads. The production ran the first two weekends in March and was directed and produced by Olivia and Yosemite High senior Grace Mierkey. Olivia and Grace had been in many local productions since a young age and had been working on bringing the play to the stage since 2021. The amazing cast was made up of local talent as well as students from Mountain Home School, Glacier High School, and Endeavor Charter School. **Teacher Brandon Mallard and Principal Eric Hagen were also in the production.** Olivia was inspired by this particular play when she first read it in Mrs. Friesen's English 9 class four years ago and she wanted to play the lead role of Emily ever since. Not only did Olivia get to play Emily in March, but her dad, Endeavor Charter School principal Eric Hagen, played the role of her father in the play. We won't add any spoilers here since the English 9 class will again be reading *Our Town* this spring, but let's just say that Mr. Hagen shared some very emotional scenes with Olivia during this production. **GHS Leadership students, Corey Stanford, Kylin Bennett, Carter Curry, Corra Montgomery, Tim Sparks, Zhenka Beams, and Justine Rockey donated their time to the production which was very much appreciated.**



ENCHANTED FOREST PROM

Eighty-three students and eleven staff members entered the Enchanted Forest on Saturday, March 19, making this year's GHS/ECS prom the biggest ever! Attendees chose a table for dinner where each centerpiece was designed by ECS or GHS Leadership students especially for the Enchanted Forest prom and represented stories with enchanted forests such as Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, and Winnie the Pooh's Hundred Acre Wood. The dinner buffet was catered by the Blue Heron Restaurant and offered choices of flat iron steak, chicken with mango salsa, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, and stuffed bell peppers followed by dessert options of Tuxedo or Strawberry Cream cake.

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After dinner, Mr. Hagen got the dance going with a quick lesson on swing dancing that had everyone moving and smiling before switching to his role of DJ. Students and even some staff members had a great time dancing and laughing for the rest of the evening. While there were periods of rain during the prom, it didn't dampen the mood one bit.

A professional photographer was on hand for most of the evening and will touch up the photos before making them available to download for free. A link for the pictures will be available in April. The pictures included here provide just a glimpse of the evening and were not taken by the professional photographer.



Huge thank yous go out to the members of the Endeavor and Glacier Leadership classes taught by Mrs. Vacarro and Mrs. Friesen and the families who contributed to the effort. The classes spent many hours creating this experience for the two schools and hope everyone had a great time.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"Registration to Go" Program for Local Community Colleges

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges after high school should apply with priority registration through the "Registration to Go" Program:

The State Center Community College District (SCCCD) includes Fresno City College, Oakhurst Center, Madera Community College, Clovis Community and Reedley College.

Local Community College "Registration to Go" Instructions

1. Application was available Oct. 1st (should now be completed)

Contact me if you have not finished the application.

2. Online Orientation: November/December (should now be completed)

3. Counseling / Advising Session & Student Educational Plan: 4/4/22

Advising on April 4 will take place virtually only (Zoom). There will be three or four sessions that day (times to be determined). As soon as they create the Zoom link, I will share this information with students.

Please Note: Students should not call the community college to schedule individual sessions. Counselors are not available for individual sessions until after Reg-to-Go is completed. The date, April 4, is the designated date for advising students. If a student misses this date, they will have appointments available during Spring Break. Students will need to call and schedule these at 442-8225. They will also have drop in Make-Up sessions during that week. All of these will be virtual on Zoom.

During the Advising Sessions, students will meet with a Counselor in a breakout room to create a Student Education Plan. They will use this plan to schedule their courses online during the early registration dates of April 26, 27, and 28. **It is required that all new students attend the advising session before they can register for classes.**

4. Register for Classes: April 26, 27, 28 if above steps are completed.

If you have any questions, please let me know at ghill@wscsfamily.org.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS

Photos are still needed for the Graduation Slide Show!

The deadline has been extended to April 15th, 2022. Please email photos to grads@wscsfamily.org.

During the graduation ceremony, we will have a slideshow presentation of all seniors. If you email photos, send to grads@wscsfamily.org. Please include the student's name and Advising Teacher. Or, if you want to submit photos on a CD, please scan 3-10 pictures of the graduating student and save to a CD. Make sure you label the CD with the graduate's name and teacher. CD must be submitted to your Advising Teacher.

Pictures should include a current photo of the graduate and also show the student through different stages of his/her life; and if applicable, featuring interests or activities during all 13 years of schooling (K-12). Photos should be scanned at the highest quality possible and in the jpg format.

★ TIP OF THE MONTH FOR JUNIORS ★

For Juniors planning on attending a 4-year University after high school (CSU, UC or Private University), it is recommended that you take the SAT. **Visit collegeboard.com to register.**



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