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PUBLIC NOTICE
WSCS BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2023 at 2:00pm
This meeting will be by
teleconference
pursuant to Executive Orders
N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Live, in-person location:
777 West Shaw,
Fresno, CA 93704

Teleconference location:
41267 Hwy. 41,
Oakhurst, CA 93644

[click here](#)
for more information

Mountain Home & Glacier High's Annual.... Sign Up by March 10



Save the Date

March 21, 2023

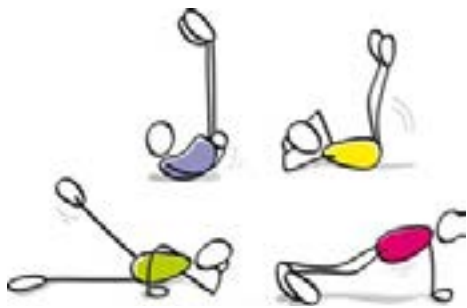
Yosemite High School Theater

Any questions ? contact Joyce Vind

jvind@wscsfamily.org

To sign up please click on the link below

<https://forms.gle/bCFtQ9f7LMVoSTum6>



PE Testing:

P.E. testing is required for all California students in grades 5th, 7th, and 9th. P.E. testing will take place on the following dates at Western Sierra Charter School.

- Monday, March 27
- Wednesday, March 29
- Friday, March 31

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 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).

Important Dates:

- 3/2** 6:30-8:30 p.m. GHS Leadership Project Presentation Night - main building
- 3/3** MHS Cross Country Team Cow Patty Run @ Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds
- 3/9** Peach Blossom Festival @ Fresno State
- 3/10** MHS Cross Country Team K-8 Wasuma Run
- 3/11** Academic Pentathlon Team Competition
- 3/13-3/15** Catalina Trip
- 3/15** Last day for 10th-12th gr to sign up for the ASVAB
- 3/17** LP 8 attendance due, Community Awards Due, Last day to buy GHS PROM tickets and turn in Guest Passes
- 3/21** Talent Show at Yosemite High School Theater 5:30-6:30
- 3/22** ASVAB 2:45-5:45 in Mod A
- 3/25** 6 p.m. GHS PROM IN FRESNO
- 3/27, 29, 31** PE TESTING for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade
- 3/31** Spelling Bee
- 3/31** GHS SENIOR PICTURES DUE FOR THE YEARBOOK
- 4/1** GHS SENIOR PICTURES DUE FOR THE SLIDESHOW



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our staff will have off-site training on **Friday, March 17.**

Our office will be closed. There will be ~~no classes~~ that day. It is a standard learning day; students should continue their studies.

Familiarizing your student with the online delivery of state testing

Why This is Important:

- By having students practice taking the on-line tests for ELA, Math, and Science, it allows them to become more familiar with the online testing environment, particularly the technology component helps students feel more at ease when they come in for the actual test! (Testing happens here in May).
- Allows students to practice using the accessibility resources that they may be receiving (text-to-speech, masking, color contrast)

Who takes the Smarter Balanced Tests in Math and ELA?

Students in 3rd-8th and Grade 11

Who takes the Science Tests? Students in 5th and 8th, and once in either 10th, 11th, or 12th

There are 2 ways to access the Practice Tests:

- Using the school-issued Chromebook, students click on APPS at bottom of screen when they open their CB's. Then, they select Secure Test Browser and follow the prompt to choose Practice and Training Tests. (students do not need to log-in to their student account)
- Log into <https://www.caaspp.org> and select Practice and Training Tests.

Once on the site, students can sign in as a GUEST. No student data collected

We recommend the Practice Tests because the Training Tests only have about 6 items while the Practice Tests have more opportunities for your student to become familiar with a variety of question types.

Parents/Guardians: we will also have hard copies of the scoring guides if you don't want to use the Online Practice Test Scoring Guides.

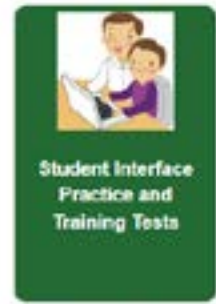
MHS and GHS will also be offering a testing practice time for students.

MHS: For 3rd-5th graders - April 11 from 11:00-1:30pm

GHS: For 11th graders - Date TBD



Select this button to access resources, including scoring guides, rubrics, and DFAs, for the online practice tests.



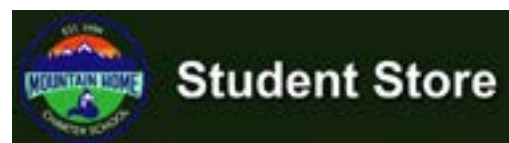
If you are a student, select this button to access the Practice and Training Tests for the online tests.

STUDENT STORE

Families, remember that our student store is only open for a limited time. Parents, there are adult sizes for some items. Click the item to see what sizes are available.

Feel free to share the link with family members. Maybe grandma and grandpa want a shirt, a tumbler, or a hat. Or they can donate using the donate button at the bottom of the store.

You'll be glad to note: these items are shipped to you!





DEADLINE FOR 8th & 12th GRADE BABY YEARBOOK PHOTOS IS MARCH 31st

Dont miss out on getting your child's baby picture in the yearbook!! Send jpeg or pdf to Joyce Vind at jvind@wscsfamily.org for Mountain Home. Send jpeg or pdf to Katie Kelly at kkelly@wscsfamily.org for GHS Seniors.



Tech Corner

SOCIAL MEDIA

Feel free to follow us on social media. Use the links below to follow our accounts.



HELP DESK

We now have a Help Desk for our families. You can find this in two locations. Students can find this in Clever. We have a help document that walks you through each of the parts of the Help Desk [found in Clever]. You can also click here to see that tutorial . Additionally, you can find the Help Desk link on our Family Help Website [or use the QR code]. Use this response space to let us know if you are experiencing any technology issues.



WSCS Family Help Desk

If you are having issues with your school-provided device or any of the software we offer, please submit a ticket. We will receive your inquiry and respond in a timely fashion. If you are submitting this ticket on the weekend or over holiday, we will respond when school is in session again.



Help Desk Tutorial



Parent Help Website



WSCS Family Tech Support



Help Desk



Help Desk



Help Desk Tutorial



Spelling Bee 2023

Spelling Bee Sign-up for Kindergarten - 8th grade!!! Sign up Digitally. The Bee is just around the corner on Friday, March 31st. Please sign up by 3/20. We must have a minimum of 3 contestants per grade level to hold a contest. Recruit your friends to join you. <https://forms.gle/3ag5Lk4GVvbc6RSA9>



Coyote Bash

GHS Leadership project which included dancing, games, and food was a great success!! It was MHS's very FIRST school dance!!





Join your friends at the WALTZ OF THE COSMOS PROM!!
Ticket prices are now \$70 for GHS & ECS seniors and \$80 for everyone else.

WALTZ OF THE COSMOS PROM

March 25 from 6-10
Piccadilly Inn
2305 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA.

EARLY BIRD PRICING 2/1-2/17	STANDARD PRICING 2/27-3/17
\$65 GHS & ECS seniors \$75 everyone else	\$70 GHS & ECS seniors \$80 everyone else

Guest passes due no later than March 17

Students in grades 9-12 are invited. Students in the Leadership class have more information if you need it and you can also send questions to Mrs. Friesen at kfriesen@wscsfamily.org. Purchase your tickets from Mrs. Jones at the front desk and **download Guest Passes HERE.**

- By purchasing tickets to a WSCS prom, attendees agree to have their picture taken at the event and acknowledge that these pictures will appear on a website that all attendees will have access to when the photos are ready and that these pictures may be used for various school purposes such as the yearbook, social media, promotional materials, etc.
- When tickets are purchased, students will choose from the following entrees: Chicken Bruschetta, Tri-Tip with Smoky Chipotle Sauce, vegetarian, or vegan.



Congratulations Glacier AcaDec Team!



Congratulations to Glacier's AcaDec team, winning the county regional for a second year in a row! For more details, see: <https://sierranewsonline.com/ghsc-repeats-as-madera-county-academic-decathlon-champions/>



GHS LEADERSHIP FAMILIES -
ADD THIS DATE TO YOUR CALENDARS

LEADERSHIP PROJECT PRESENTATIONS



Let's get together to hear about each project and celebrate what these fantastic students have accomplished!

6:30-8:30 Families invited to attend
(Leadership students arrive @ 6:00)

****Date may change....stay tuned!!**



Twice a week, GHS students who are on campus will find a quiet place to study and get help on assignments in our ACADEMIC LABS (AL).

Mrs. Friesen will host these "study hall" sessions:

Mondays from 1:30-2:30 in the Brick classroom - NEW TIME!

Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 in Mod B - NEW TIME & PLACE!

NOTE - Any student enrolled in an on campus core class (math, science, and/or English) who is receiving a C- or lower must attend at least one Academic Lab per week until their grade improves.

- Students can attend AL for a quiet place to work on Edgenuity or any other courses. Students who become a distraction to others will be asked to leave AL.
- Mrs. F is a credentialed English teacher so she will be able to provide quite a bit of help in this subject area and she will be able to coach students to understand directions and search for answers for many other topics.
- Students may bring snacks or lunch to AL as long as they don't become a distraction to others... and Mrs. F enjoys chai and dark chocolate. Just sayin'!

GHS GRADUATION IS AT 4 p.m. ON FRIDAY, MAY 26!

We need pictures of each graduate for a slideshow that will be shown during the ceremony.

What do you need to do?

- Select 3-10 pictures of your graduate that show them through different stages of their life. Consider including pictures that include their interests, activities and accomplishments during all 13 years of schooling (K-12).
- Either scan and save the pictures to a CD labeled with the Graduate's Name and the name of their Advising Teacher and then turn it in to your Advising Teacher
- Or email scanned pictures to grads@wscsfamily.org. If you email pictures, please include the Student's Name and name of their Advising Teacher in the subject line. Pictures should be scanned at the highest quality possible and in the jpg format.
- **ALL SLIDESHOW PICTURES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1st**



SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

If you are planning to submit a senior photo for the yearbook, please send a jpeg or pdf to Tammy Eberle at teberle@wscsfamily.org. Deadline is March 31st.



Counselor's Corner

All High School Students - "Counseling Connection"

I am hosting a weekly "College & Career Counseling Connection" for students. It is an informational meeting for high school students every Thursday morning from 10AM-10:15AM via Zoom. Here is the zoom link: <https://wscsfamily-org.zoom.us/j/93141943128?pwd=b1VSRC91RXg0RjZkN-3RvMG8yUHIJQT09>.

The topics will include College/Career and postgraduate information. Here are the topics for the month of November:

- 3/2 Job Interview Tips (Guest Speaker Robert Kuhl)
- 3/9 Interest Profile and Career matching
- 3/16 What does it mean to be College/Career Ready?
- 3/23 Military Guest Speaker
- 3/30 Earn College Credits While in High School

ASVAB Test:

We are offering the ASVAB at Glacier on 3/22/23 from 2:45 - approximately 5:30pm. The test is FREE. Please sign up at the front office by 3/15/23. A one-hour follow-up meeting to help families interpret scores will be held on 4/19/23 at 3:45 PM.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple choice test used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. The ASVAB reveals areas of strength and ability in science, math, and language. Students must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade (although it is more recommended for 11-12th graders.)

**In addition, the ASVAB results are used to guide career exploration. Therefore, all students are encouraged to take the ASVAB and learn more about career opportunities. So, all students are encouraged to take the ASVAB and learn more about career opportunities.



College Application Information:

Local Community College Applications:

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

SCCCD (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

1. Application: October
- 2.. Online Orientation: November
4. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
5. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

Please contact Mr. Hill if you have not completed the above steps.

College Visit to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 18th, 2023:

Look for a ParentSquare coming soon with all of the details! This will be an all day event.

Local Community Award Scholarships:

Reminder, local community awards are due by March 17th, 2023.

<https://www.glacierhighcharter.org/community-awards.html>

Scholarship Opportunity

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarship

<http://www.cabrillocivicclubs.org/scholarship.asp>

- Amount: \$500.00
- Criteria: Portuguese descent, 3.50 GPA, participated in 3 extracurricular activities

Application Process:

Submit application with:

- Transcript
- Three letters of recommendation



Western Sierra Charter Schools Staff Directory (Oakhurst)

School Phone: 559-642-1422

School Fax number: 559-642-1592

41267 Highway 41
Oakhurst, CA 93644

Name	Extension	Primary Assignment
Denise Alvarez	123	Glacier High Teacher
Phil Blas	128	Technology Coordinator
Bruce <u>Boe</u>	121	Glacier High Teacher
Mike Cox	102	WSCS Director of Schools
Melissa Culver	114	Technology Coordinator
Julie Davis	103	Mountain Home Teacher
Kaylene Friesen	122	Glacier High Teacher
Eric Hagen	107	Technology Administrator
April Hill	108	Mountain Home Teacher
Greg Hill	129	WSCS Guidance Counselor
Jody Jeffers	117	Chief Business Officer
Denise Jones	100	Receptionist/Registration
Katie Kelly	116	Glacier High Teacher
Mindy Klang	104	WSCS Oakhurst Principal
Kim Meeks	105	Mountain Home Teacher
Ramon Mendoza	113	Maintenance
Angela Moons	120	Special Education Administrator
Diane <u>Neullinger</u>	112	Librarian/Office
<u>Dawniele</u> Oliphant	124	Mountain Home Teacher
Tiffany Palmer	133	WSCS Accounting Clerk
Rachel Proto	111	Mountain Home Teacher/RSP
John Rumohr	106	Mountain Home Teacher
John <u>Sloas</u>	110	Mountain Home Teacher
Joyce <u>Vind</u>	109	Mountain Home Teacher
Nancy Turner	(559) 248-0482 ext. 217	EL Coordinator

Email addresses for all staff are: first initial and last name @wscsfamily.org (no spaces)

Support Staff: Lisa Boe (Art); Tamara Dent (Music); Tammy Eberle (Yearbook); Barbara Graas (MHS Class) JoAnn Heidebrecht (MHS Class/Tutoring); Sandy Johnson (MHS/GHS Math); Kim Richards (GHS English) Daniel Takanishi (GHS Chemistry);