



GLACIER
High School



MOUNTAIN
Homeschool

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PUBLIC NOTICE WSCS BOARD MEETING

November Board Meeting:
11/14, 3:00pm
at Endeavor Campus
in Room E

This meeting will be held at Endeavor
Charter School.

Can be viewed online at: www.wscsfamily.org/live-broadcast.html For more info go to:
www.wscsfamily.org/board.html

NEWSLETTER

October 2023



**"A river cuts through a
rock not because of its
power but because of its
persistence."**

-James N Watkins, Author



IMPORTANT DATES

- - Indicates GHS event
- - Indicates MHS event
- - Indicates both GHS & MHS event

OCTOBER

10/3 ○ PSAT
registration
due
○ GHS & ECS
Leadership
classes to
Tenaya for
Team Building

10/6 ○● LP 2 End/
Attendance
Due

10/12 ○ Yosemite/
Mono Lake
Field Trip
for GHS
Earth Science
Students

10/16-○● October Break
10/20

10/26 ○ PSAT Test @
12pm-4pm

10/30 ○

ZOOM -
Community
College -
High School
Enrichment
Process -
Mandatory
for Students
wanting to
take college
classes in
Spring

10/31 ●

PE Day for
TK-8 at Camp
Oakhurst
10am-11am
Staff meeting
day - Campus
closed.

○●

NOVEMBER

11/2 ● MHS Field
Trip Fresno
Chaffee Zoo

11/3 ○● LP 3 End/
Attendance
Due
○ Grad Night
Deposit \$25
Due
○ GHS
Leadership to
Reagan

11/6-● Scholastic
11/9 Book Fair

11/10 ○● Veterans Day

11/14 ○ Possible UC
or 11/16 Merced Visit

11/14-● Last week
11/16 of MHS
Enrichment
Classes

11/20-○● Thanksgiving
11/24 Break

11/28 ○● PE Day for
TK-8 at Camp
Oakhurst
10am-11am
○● Staff meeting
day - Campus
closed

11/30 ● Monterey Bay
Aquarium
Field Trip

MOUNTAIN HOME AND GLACIER HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

It's Book Fair Time!



Date: November 6-9, 2023

Times: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: Mountain Home School Charter

Dates/Times/Place

Check out with Book Fair eWallet, the convenient, cash-free payment system and earn BIG rewards for our school! Woo hoo!



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SPIRIT WEEK!

~FOR MHS AND GHS~

WHERE: On campus

WHEN: Monday-Friday,
October 23-27

- Themes for each day will be announced via ParentSquare the first week of October
- Come to school dressed for the theme of the day and be part of the celebration!

For more information, please contact
Mrs. Friesen: kfriesen@wscsfamily.org



MOUNTAIN HOME AND GLACIER HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome our **NEW TEACHERS:** Mike and Sandy DeCarli



Meet our new advising teachers at Mountain Home School! Mike and Sandy DeCarli have come out of retirement just recently to join the staff. They will be sharing the

position that opened during the summer with Mrs. Oliphant's departure for a principal's position in Madera.

Mike comes to us from Bass Lake Unified where he taught physical education. However, all of his prior teaching assignments were in Clovis and Fresno. He has taught mainly in grades 5-8 in regular, special needs, and gifted classrooms. This marks his 40th year in education. Mike spent many years coaching cross country and track and field. In his spare time he likes to mountain bike and play the ukulele (not at the same time).



Sandy has 31 years of teaching experience with her last 15 years being a fifth grade teacher at Manchester GATE in FUSD. Prior to that she taught middle school science and math. In retirement, she spent three years as the librarian at Oakhurst Elementary School. After that, her next three years were spent homeschooling her grandson, Benjamin. In her extra time Sandy likes to read, travel, and peruse thrift stores for antiques.

Mike and Sandy have lived in Oakhurst for 22 years, having moved up from Fresno in 2001. Of course, spending time with daughter Rebecca, son-in-law Brandon, and grandkids Benjamin and Alexandra

rank as their favorite thing to do.



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

ParentSquare Digest Notifications

If you are new to our learning environment, you may be surprised at the number of notifications we send out. This can be quite distracting. We suggest you choose the Digest option of you would prefer notifications to populate once each day at the end of the day. bit.ly/wscspsdigest



We encourage you to follow us on social media. Click on any of our logos to find us.



Securly

For school-provided devices, WSCS provides a layer of security and protection while your children are on the internet. As the parent, you can tighten up some of those details on your own. Do you want to block access to the Chromebook during the evening hours? You can do that. Do you want to prevent your child from visiting particular websites? You can do that too. Want to see what your children are searching on the internet? You can get a customized report. bit.ly/securllywscs



Fresno County Library

If you attend Endeavor Charter School, you will want to access the Fresno County Library. There are several excellent resources on their website related to learning, reading, and beyond. bit.ly/fcplclever



Digital Citizenship

As the students transition to technology-rich learning strategies, it is helpful to have meaningful conversations on the topic of wise choices while using technology. We call that Digital Citizenship. Common Sense Media has a few helpful tools to consider. Head here to find out more. bit.ly/wscsdigcit



Typing.com

Typing.com is live! Students in K-8 should find a link to Typing.com *inside of Clever*. This is developmentally perfect for students who are just getting familiar with the keyboard. Small videos will walk them through proper hand placement and keystroke habits. Students will authenticate with Google when they arrive at the login page. bit.ly/wscstypingcom



MOUNTAIN HOME SCCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRICULUM RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: Reflex and Frax



Does your child need extra support with math fluency and/or fractions? This year, the online resources of Reflex (math fact fluency) and Frax (fractions) are available to ALL students of Mountain Home School. Both programs use an engaging, game-like approach to supporting student's math skills. Below are links to the program's websites that have an introduction video.

To use the programs, your advising teacher will need to set up an account for you (this is quick and easy). Reflex is recommended for 2nd grade and up. Frax is recommended for third grade and up. Click the links below to find out more!
<https://www.reflexmath.com/> | <https://www.fraxmath.com/>



Field Trip

for MHS Students

WHERE: Fresno Chaffee Zoo
894 W Belmont Ave, Fresno

WHEN: Thursday, November 2

TIME: 9:00am arrival time

COST: Students \$8 (includes Stringray Bay admission and Giraffe Feeding) Adults \$9 - Look for a Parent Square with payment and sign-up information soon

DEADLINE TO PAY/RSVP: 10/27/23

For more information, please contact Mrs. Julie Davis:
jdavis@wscsfamily.org



Monterey Bay Aquarium Field Trip

for MHS Students

Where: Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA.

When: Thursday, November 30

Cost: Free admission for enrolled MHS students, Adults \$20

Deadline To Pay/Rsvp:
Details coming soon via ParentSquare.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Julie Davis:
jdavis@wscsfamily.org



GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Decathlon ART POSTER COMPETITION

Where: Glacier High School

Time: 4:00pm

Deadline: Deadline to submit is
Wednesday, November 29, 2023

A hardcopy 8.5"x11" (copy paper) portrait of the artwork must be submitted.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful submissions!

Additional Details:

Please submit a copy of the Registration & Liability Release Form with your entry. (include meeting place, parking notes, etc. if applicable): Go to this Madera County Superintendent of Schools website for more information...

<https://www.mcsos.org/>



For more information contact Lisa Boe (Art1, 2): lboe@wscsfamily.org

POETRY OUT LOUD®



WHERE: On campus

WHEN:

Coaching: October-January.

Competition:

January 17 or 18

For more information contact Mrs. Friesen:
kfriesen@wscsfamily.org

BE A PART OF POETRY OUT LOUD THIS YEAR!

Why? Because it's AWESOME! And you'll discover that there are some really great poems to choose from & you'll meet wonderful people.

What? Poetry Out Loud is a national program that encourages the study of great poetry through dynamic recitation competitions for high school students. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. GHS students have been participating in POL for over 10 years and our students have won at the county level and have gone on to the state competition numerous times.

When? Contact Mrs. Friesen now for more information. Once a month coaching sessions will happen October-January and the GHS competition will be January 17 or 18.

How? It's simple. Contact Mrs. Friesen via ParentSquare or email by October 24 if you need more information or to let her know you're in!

It's as simple as that!





GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GHS LEADERSHIP CLASS TEAM BUILDING AT TENAYA LODGE

Where: Tenaya Lodge
1122 CA-41, Fish Camp, CA 93623

When: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Time: 9:45 am-2:00 pm

Additional Details:

Please see this document for more details:

[Team Building at Tanaya Lodge FAQ's](#)

For more information contact Mrs. Friesen:
kfriesen@wscsfamily.org



GHS & ECS LEADERSHIP CLASSES DAY AT THE REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Where: Ronald Reagan
Presidential Library in Simi Valley

When: Friday, November 3, 2023

Time: From o' dark thirty to approximately 10:00 pm

Cost and How to Pay: Students will pay for their own lunch and dinner unless they bring along their own food.

For more information contact Mrs. Friesen:
kfriesen@wscsfamily.org



On Friday, November 3, Leadership students from Glacier and Endeavor High Schools will return to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley for the 8th time. Why is this trip included year after year? Because every year, student descriptions of the trip include things like “unforgettable”, “eye opening”, that they were “greatly impacted”,

and that “the library reminded me how far-reaching and impactful events in history are and inspired me to be a more active citizen.”

A more detailed schedule will be available to Leadership class families in October and they can look forward to students and staff traveling to Simi Valley in a chartered tour bus. For part of the day, the group will tour the grounds and museum including seeing a portion of the Berlin Wall, walking through Air Force One and Marine One, and viewing many interactive and exciting displays. During the rest of the time at the library, the group will participate in a simulation of an actual event from Ronald Reagan's presidency with each of the students fulfilling a specific role from the scenario.



(Photos from 2022 trip)



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

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 Tuesday morning from 10AM-10:15AM via Zoom. A zoom link was sent out through ParentSquare with information about the topics I will be covering. The topics will include College/Career and postgraduate information. Here are the topics for the month of September:

- 10/3 - Understanding the PSAT and SAT test
- 10/10 - Why attend a community college & How to apply
- 10/24 - Cal Fire - Guest speaker
- 10/31 - Earn college credits while in high school

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

PSAT test for 9th - 11th graders: October 26th at 12-4PM

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is structured similarly to the SAT®, has the same sections and timing, and measures the same Reading and Writing and Math skills students learn in the classroom—the knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. The PSAT is a great way to see where the student is at academically, see what academic areas of improvement are, and is designed to help students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The SAT is taken in the Spring of a student's junior year. The SAT is used primarily for scholarships and subject validation for college admissions.

We are offering the PSAT on Thursday, October 26th at 12-4PM.

Please register at the front office by October 3rd. The test fee is: \$20 - payable to the front office. Exact cash or check is acceptable. The PSAT tests students in reading, writing and math skills. This test is designed to help students prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Grad Nite Deposit at Magic Mountain: \$25

\$25 is due by November 3rd, 2023 to secure your spot.

Please submit payment at the front desk.

Grad Nite will be Thursday, May 23rd, 2024. Total ticket price to be determined. Look for more details to come on ParentSquare.

Grad night registration includes a Six Flags Magic Mountain Grad Pass (a season pass that allows students to come back to the park for the rest of 2024 with only black out dates during Fright Fest).

College Application Information:

California State University & University of California applications open on October 1st! They are both due on November 30. Apply online.

CSU: www2.calstate.edu

UC: www.ucop.edu/pathways

Private University: Deadline varies

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

Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

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

FAFSA and Money Matters

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school:

The FAFSA application opens October 1st. www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarship Opportunity:

The California Jaycee Foundation (CAJCF) annually gives scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating California high school seniors. This year the selection was from twenty candidates whose applications were very good. The CAJCF nominates two of the academic awardees and one vocational awardee to the USJCI Senate for consideration in the awarding its 35 scholarships of \$1,500 across 50 states.

Go to this link for more information:

<https://www.cajcfoundation.org/scholarship-grants-2023>

Please email me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions!

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Mike Cox	102	WSCS Director of Schools
Julie Davis	103	Mountain Home Teacher
Kaylene Friesen	122	Glacier High Teacher
Eric Hagen	107	Principal/Tech Admin
April Hill	108	Mountain Home Teacher
Greg Hill	129	Guidance Counselor
Jody Jeffers	117	Chief Business Officer
Denise Jones	100	Receptionist/Registration
Katie Kelly	116	Glacier High Teacher
Kim Meeks	105	Mountain Home Teacher
Ramon Mendoza	113	Accommodations
Angela Moons	120	Special Education Administrator
Mike & Sandy DeCarli	124	Mountain Home Teacher
Diane Neulinger	112	Librarian/Office
Melissa Culver and Aaron Kiang	114	Tech Office
Tiffany Palmer	133	WSCS Account Clerk
Rachel Proto	111	Mountain Home Teacher
John Rumohr	106	Mountain Home Teacher
John Sloas	110	Mountain Home Teacher
Joyce Vind	109	Mountain Home Teacher

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

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Lisa Boe (Art); Rebecca Brokaw (Spanish); Reghina Crump (ROV); Tamara Dent (Music); Linda Nichols (MHS Math) Barbara Graas (MHS Class); JoAnn Heidebrecht (MHS Class/Tutoring teacher); Sandy Johnson (MHS/GHS Math); Daniel Takanishi (GHS Chemistry); Nick Teddleton (Safety/Supervision Specialist)