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Staff Spotlight



John Sloas is in his 2nd year at MHSC. He came to the mountain area to work at Calvin Crest Conferences in the 1990s. Meeting at camp, John has been married to Sylvia for 26 years. She is a 1st grade teacher at Rivergold Elementary. They have 4 children (Carson, Maddie, Samuel, and Campbell). John taught 1st grade for 5 years before coming to MHSC. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and watching ANY sport.



Facebook & Instagram

Did you know that we're on Facebook and Instagram? Feel free to follow us. These periodic reminders can help you stay informed and engaged. To find these pages, click on the links below.



<https://www.instagram.com/glacierteachers/>



<https://www.facebook.com/glacierteach/>



<https://www.facebook.com/MountainHomeSchool/>

Important Dates:

- 12/6 -12/7** Kids Gift Workshop 9:00-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm
- 12/6** GHS End of the Semester/Christmas Party 5:30-8:30
- 12/9** Oliver Musical Theater Show Field Trip
- 12/15** Last MHS onsite math class for semester
- 12/16** LP 5 Attendance due and school closes at 12:00pm
- 12/17-1/2** Winter Break - Campus reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 1/4/23 MHS Onsite Math Classes Resume
- 1/5/23** Mandatory Sr Meeting & Lunch
- 1/9/23** GHS Onsite Classes Resume
- 1/9/23** MHS Ski Program begins
- 1/17/23** MHS Elective Classes Begin

Securly - Parent Tutorial

Securly Home is a parent app that works in tandem with online security that our organization uses to monitor and protect student activities online (school device). We invite you to download this free app to co-monitor your child's online choices. Likewise, you will also have access to internet monitoring inside this app. Would you like to block the internet to your child's Chromebook on a set schedule? You now have the power to do that with this free app. Would you like instant notifications? You can choose that as an option if you wish.

To learn more about this app, click here (bit.ly/securllywscs) or scan this QR code with your phone or computer. The tutorial will walk you through key talking points so that you can feel more comfortable using this resource.



WSCS Family Tech Support

In the Resources tab of our websites, you will find Help Videos/Tech Support. We recently updated that space to include a website to support our families. Each of the tutorials we have been publishing can be found there. Our previous resources are housed there. And future help tools will also be available there. You may bookmark that site if you find it to be helpful. We trust you will use this space to stay informed about present and future technology needs. You can click **THIS LINK** to head straight there.



And, as usual, here's a QR code.



Come help us spread holiday cheer to the residents of Oakhurst Healthcare Center's Nursing Home!



When: Tuesday, December 13th

Time: 3:00pm



Where: Oakhurst Healthcare Center – 40131 Hwy 49

We will be Christmas Caroling!

Meet us at the Center by 2:50pm! Info: Contact Principal, Mindy Klang

*** Masks not required, but there will be a temperature check prior to entering the facility.**



WORTH THE WARMTH

MEN AND WOMEN'S CLOTHES DRIVE

PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE OUR LEADERSHIP PROJECT TO COLLECT DONATIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN'S WINTER ATTIRE FOR THE HOMELESS.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- ALL CLOTHES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION OR NEW
- JACKETS, COATS, SWEATERS, SOCKS, SCARVES, GLOVES, SHOES, AND BLANKETS.
- WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUCH AS TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, HAIRBRUSHES, SLEEPING BAGS, AND GIFT CARDS FOR FOOD.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY DONATION MADE!!

WE WILL HAVE A DONATION BIN AT THE FRONT DESK AT GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Kids Gift Workshop!

We are excited to offer our annual Kids' Gift Workshop!

1. This is a "secret" gift-making workshop to allow your student to make a gift for you or a family member! These gifts are not Christmas specific - they can be for Christmas or for ANY gift-giving occasion!
2. Students will make 2 gifts. We encourage siblings to decide WHO they want to make their gifts for (parent, grandparent, etc.).
3. Siblings will stay together during the workshop
4. When entering our campus, remember to sign-in

Kids Gift Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, December 6th	9:00am-11:00am	1:00pm -3:00pm
Wednesday, December 7th	9:00am-11:00am	1:00pm -3:00pm



MHS Ski Program:

Our ski program will begin on January 9th. There will be 5 Monday's of skiing (1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13). If you are interested in being a parent volunteer please contact **John Sloas** @ jsloas@wscsfamily.org. More information to come!

- Semester 2 Enrichment Class Schedules will be posted soon with Sign-Ups in January!



REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY TRIP

Students from Glacier's Student Leadership/ASB class boarded a charter bus at o'dark thirty on November 10th to begin the drive to the Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley. One hour later, they picked up Endeavor's Leadership students at their campus in Fresno and the group was set. This is the 7th time WSCS Leadership students have made this particular trip and this year's group was made up of thirty-six students and four teachers.

Leadership teachers, Diane Vaccaro and Kaylene Friesen, helped the classes prepare for the trip during the month leading up to it as students deepened their knowledge of the Cold War, Communism, Ronald Reagan, and other world leaders of that era with specific attention paid to how decisions were made and information evaluated. GHS Leadership students completed the Myers-Briggs Traits Assessment in September and team building activities at Fresno State in October, so the Reagan trip offered further opportunities to put into practice what they had gleaned from these experiences and to both work from their strengths as well as step out of their comfort zones.

While touring the museum, students learned about Reagan's early years, his career path, political life, and later years. Other sections inside the museum focused on world leaders leading up to and during the Cold War as well as Nancy Reagan and 9/11 with one huge room displaying a presidential convoy, a Marine Two helicopter, and an Air Force one. The grounds of the library display various statues, planes, and Ronald and Nancy Reagan's burial site.

As impactful as the museum displays are, the highlight of the day for many students was the simulation of a Reagan-era event. While we won't go into detail about the event itself since we want to allow future Leadership students to be surprised by the details, we can say that each Leadership student preselected a role in either the Oval Office, Press Corps, or Intelligence Community and then worked with other members of their module to respond to a crisis. Students came away from the experience with deeper knowledge about what it is like to work under pressure, the importance of working as a team and having credible information on which to base decisions, and a better understanding of a significant event in world history.

The Leadership classes would like to thank Mr. Cox, Mrs. Klang, Mr. Hagen, and Mrs. Garcia for all that they do as our administrators to make this type of trip possible; Mr. Blas and Mr. Mallard for chaperoning; the Reagan Foundation for putting together an outstanding experience; and the museum docents for sharing their knowledge and stories with us.

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Leadership students practice identifying credible sources before moving to the simulation.



Seeing and also even touching an actual piece of the Berlin Wall is always a highlight of the trip.



Glacier and Endeavor Leadership students in front of the mural of all Air Force Ones over the years.



Some students fulfill their simulation roles in an impressive replica of the Oval Office.



POETRY OUT LOUD

The “pause” that the GHS POETRY OUT LOUD program experienced for the last two years has ended! Hooray!

GHS teacher and POETRY OUT LOUD (POL) Coach, Kaylene Friesen, encourages each of you to click [HERE](#) to view a brief set of Google Slides that preview the Poetry Out Loud program. As you’ll see on one of the final slides, all interested students should message or email Mrs. Friesen this week so that she can provide you with all of the information that you need to decide if you want to participate.

To view the Google Slides, click on the link above, then on a computer, click SLIDESHOW near the upper right-hand corner of the page, then click through the presentation. On a phone, click on the link above and either OPEN the slideshow in Google Slides or simply scroll through the pages.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- December 2022 - Information and sign-ups. Participants identify 4 possible poems on the POL website.
- January 2023 - Coaching with Mrs. Friesen, memorize and practice 2 poems, GHS competition, top 3 or 4 move on to county competition.
- Mid-February 2023 - (Probably Wednesday evening, February 8) Madera County competition, winner moves on to state competition.
- March 19-20 - CA POL in Sacramento.

What is **POETRY OUT LOUD**? The briefest definition from the CA Arts Council is that “Poetry Out Loud encourages high school students to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Participants master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. California’s Poetry Out Loud is the largest event of its kind in the U.S., and has grown steadily since its inception. The 2018 competition series encompassed 46 counties, 261 schools, and 783 teachers, reaching nearly 73,000 students statewide.” Please view the video available in the linked Google Slide or the ones available **HERE on the POETRY OUT LOUD** website since they are way more fun than just reading a dry definition.



Chloe DePledge won the GHS and Madera County Poetry Out Loud competitions and went on to the state competition in Sacramento.



Glacier students Olivia Hagen, Jackson Roeder, Cameron Richards, and ECS student Lilly Llanos nearly swept the February 2020 Madera County competition with Lilly moving on to the state level which was completed virtually.

GLACIER HIGH FITNESS AND HEALTH

Coordinated by Quentin Gonzalez



Glacier High Fitness and Health is a group that focuses on encouraging each other to be strong and healthy people as we move forward and strive to live our best lives. Students, parents and teachers from Glacier High School are all welcome to come and participate in physical activities. We will be running, hiking, biking and various seasonal activities. Some activities may require a small cost.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sign up for the monthly newsletter! Use the email at the bottom, saying that you would like to receive the newsletter and we will do the rest. The first newsletter will be sent on December 5th. The newsletter will be full of great information including tips on how to stay healthy, awesome recipes, information on how to stretch for physical activities and more! The newsletter will have the dates, times and locations of the monthly activities.

(You are not required to participate but it'll be fun if you do)

1st Activity: December 8th, 3:00 to 4:00pm, meet at the Ahwahnee Hills Park to go on a beginners 2 mile run/walk: Participants must bring water, and comfortable clothes to run in. *Weather permitting

2nd Activity: December 14th, 3:00 to 4:00pm, meet at The Way of the Mono trailhead at Basslake for a beginners 1/2 mile hike. Participants must bring water and comfortable clothes to hike in. *Rain or Shine

If you would like to sign up for the newsletter or get more information please contact: Quentin Gonzalez at glacierhighfitness@gmail.com



ACADEMIC LAB

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:

NEW TIME! Mondays from 2:00-3:00 in the Brick classroom -

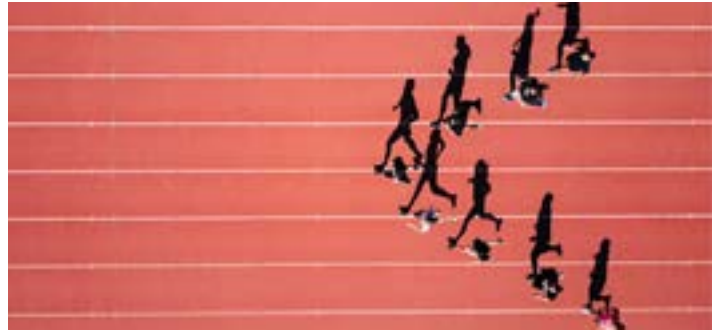
Wednesdays from 10:15-11:45 in Mod C

■ **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'!



Track: Run to Live. Live to Run.

Track is starting and we are looking for more runners. If you are interested please contact Denise Alvaraz at dalvarez@wscsfamily.org



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-3RvMG8yUHlJQT09>.

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

- 12/1: Financial Aid-How to fill out the FAFSA
- 12/8: Alternatives to College
- 12/15: Former GHS graduate talks about college experience
- 1/5: Scholarships and Resources
- 1/12: ASVAB-Military Information
- 1/19: Guest Speaker from Loca Business
- 1/26: Top 5 things you should know before graduating

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
4. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
5. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed



FAFSA and money matters

All seniors planning on attending any college or a vocational school the FAFSA application opens October 1st. www.fafsa.ed.gov

Take College Classes!!

The High School Enrichment Program (HSE) at the community college is an opportunity for students to earn CSU/UC General Education transferable college units. Certain courses are eligible as "dual credit" which means that students will have an opportunity to earn college units on a community college transcript and also earn credits on their high school transcript. Applications are due now. **Tuition is free! Email ghill@wscsfamily for more information.**



Ready to Bake

*pre-order and pay on Parent Square or at the front desk

11/14 - 12/15

For more information, contact Greg Hill

\$35

6 cinnamon rolls

Camarena Health Foundation Scholarship:

1. Career focus must be in the Health Care Field.
2. Be a Madera County residents or
3. Non-resident currently enrolled in a Madera County school or works in Madera County
4. Have a minimum accumulated GPA of 2.5 for persons currently enrolled in school or
5. Minimum accumulated GPA of 2.5 from the last school or college attended for persons not currently attending school

Link: <https://www.camarenahealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023-Camarena-Health-Foundation-Scholarship-Application.pdf>



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The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship offers **\$40,000** college scholarships for high school seniors nationwide who showcase leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship.

Application period: October 17, 2022-January 5, 2023, 3 p.m. CST

Link: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

College & Career Spotlight : Nursing

Nursing offers a wide range of career opportunities—from entry-level practitioner to doctoral-level researcher. Nurses are hands-on health professionals who provide focused and highly personalized care. They are also in demand—employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 16% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Nurses provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members. Although an entry-level nurse can find a job with a 2 or 3-year RN degree, there is a growing national movement to require all nurses to hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Once you are a nurse, you might choose to focus on a particular specialty. There are numerous specialty options to choose from!

Types of Nurses:

- **Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN):** LVNs typically have a certificate or two-year degree and provide basic bedside care to the patients. They are directed by the physicians or RNs and have to work accordingly.
- **Registered Nurse (RN):** RNs have, at the minimum, a two-year or four year degree. RNs have an expanded set of duties and are more frequently employed in hospital settings. They are generally expected to do more critical thinking on the job.
- **Nurse Practitioner (NP):** An NP is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who has additional responsibilities for administering patient care than RNs. NPs can prescribe medication, examine patients, diagnose illnesses, and provide treatment, much like physicians do.



Western Sierra Charter Schools Oakhurst Staff Directory

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