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MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL CHARTER & GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER

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PUBLIC NOTICE
WSCS BOARD MEETING
November 8th at 2:00pm
This meeting will be by
teleconference
pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20
and N-29-20.

[click here](#)
for more information

Staff Spotlight



Dawniele Oliphant is starting her 5th year at MHS and her 20th year in teaching. She has taught all grades from Kindergarten to 8th and loves them all. During her time with Mariposa County Unified she spent 8 years teaching Kindergarten and one year on special assignment writing math benchmarks for the district. She is the proud mom of two handsome boys, Brady who is attending college at Reedley and Conor who is a sophomore at MCHS. When she isn't working on homework for her Masters she enjoys backpacking, camping, traveling, and sewing.



AmazonSmile - Donations

Did you know that Amazon gives away millions of dollars each year to charity? Best thing: you get to choose where some of those dollars go! **Western Sierra Charter Schools is an AmazonSmile recipient.** Without spending any extra money, you can request that Amazon donate a portion of all of your qualifying purchases to our schools. Here's how:

Head to **smile.amazon.com**. Sign in using your Amazon credentials. It's the same account. If you are new to AmazonSmile, the website may walk you through the process. If not, follow the next set of instructions.

If you are an existing AmazonSmile donor, it's easy to change who will receive donations.

Important Dates:

- 10/31-11/4** Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/31-11/4** School spirit week
- 10/28** Kingsburg John Seaman Cross Country Invitational
- 11/2** Central Valley JV Cross Country Championship 2022
- 11/4** Grad Nite \$25 Deposit Due
- 11/10** GHS Leadership Class to Reagan Library
- 11/15 & 11/17** Last class for onsite electives
- 11/20-11/25** November Break-campus closed
- 11/29, 12/6 & 12/7** Kids' Gift Workshop
- 11/30** CSU & UC applications due
- 11/30** Oakhurst Community Tree Decorating
- 12/6 or 12/8** GHS End of the Semester/ Christmas Party in the evening
- 12/9** Oliver Musical Theater Show Field Trip

WORLD KINDNESS DAY: NOVEMBER 3RD

How do you show kindness? Share your story of kindness by submitting a written or typed piece to share on our wall at campus! Submissions due during the month of November!

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't." Rikki Rogers

Click the link or use the QR code to find all the details you need to change or select a recipient.

<https://bit.ly/wscsamazon>





CMT FIELD TRIP!

- What:** To watch the CMT production of OLIVER!
Where: Fresno Memorial Auditorium Theater-2425 Fresno Street
When: Friday, December 9
Time: 9:30 the show starts! Arrive no later than 9:15.
Cost: \$8.00 per person
Sign-Ups Begin: Monday, November 7th



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MHS October 31-November 4
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mountainhomecharterschool1>

Oakhurst Community Tree Decorating **Theme: America the Beautiful (with a Western Flare)**

- When:** November 30th @ 1pm
Where: The Talking Bear in Oakhurst



It's the most wonderful time of year!! Join Mrs. Proto on November 30th at 1pm in Oakhurst at The Talking Bear (Hwy 41 and Road 226) to decorate our own Mountain Home School Tree. Each local elementary school in our area will decorate a tree for the community to enjoy. This year we will also be joined by Mrs. Dent's choir class. They will perform various songs and carols while we decorate the tree and enjoy some tasty refreshments and snacks. All materials will be provided to decorate the tree. Simply show up, lend a helping hand and enjoy the festivities.



Kids Gift Workshop!

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

1. Parents/Guardians sign-up your student/s for 1 date and 1 session.
2. Sign-up online using the provided link
3. 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!
4. Students will make 2 gifts. We encourage siblings to decide WHO they want to make their gifts for (parent, grandparent, etc.).
5. Siblings will stay together during the workshop
6. When entering our campus, remember to sign-in

➔ Please use this link to sign up for KGW <https://forms.gle/ZaeWwXH9W2Ft1Ms56>

Kids Gift Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, November 29th (only 1 session)		1:00-3:00pm
Tuesday, December 6th	9:00am-11:00am	1:00pm -3:00pm
Wednesday, December 7th	9:00am-11:00am	1:00pm -3:00pm



Tech Corner

A new **Learn to Type** program, called **Nitro Type**, has been added to Clever ! To learn more: <https://bit.ly/wscsnitrotype>

What is Clever? a useful tool for students! Websites you use often can be found in one place! You do not need to make bookmarks to locate important resources. a) Some of the links in Clever do not need a username or password. They simply direct the user to a website. b) For other tools in Clever, our school loads the student's username and password into the "app" so that the family does not need to memorize this information. It's always right here. c) In some situations, the user enters the username and password for the app and that information is stored all year long.

How to Get into Clever? Your school's website has the direct link if you ever misplace the link to Clever. It is located in the Resources tab. You can also go directly to clever.com. Choose Log in as a student in the top right corner. Here is a link to the full tutorial that was sent on Parent Square a couple of weeks ago.

<https://bit.ly/wscsclever>



Spelling Bee

Mountain Home School will host our local school site spelling bee on **Friday, March 31st**. A minimum of 3 participants are required per grade level to host a local bee. The winner of each grade-level will represent MHS at the District Spelling Bee which will be held on 5/1 and 5/2. Pick up your wordlist today to begin studying. Wordlists are now available in the MHS main building at reception.





Academic Decathlon ART Competition

The Academic Decathlon is a 10-event competition for high school students. The purpose of the Decathlon Art Competition is to promote art in Madera County and to select artwork that will be used to create the program book cover, posters, and other printed materials for the 2022-2023 Madera County Academic Decathlon and Academic Pentathlon. This year's theme is **"The American Revolution and The New Nation."**

Click on this link to learn more and register:
<https://www.mcsos.org/Page/7508>



REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY TRIP

GHS Leadership students will leave campus at o' dark-thirty on Thursday, November 10 bound for the Reagan Library and Museum in Simi Valley. This is the 7th time that Glacier and Endeavor Leadership classes will spend the day learning about the era of Reagan's presidency, the Cold War, the effect of U.S. foreign policy over the years, and take part in a simulation of a real event from the Reagan era.

This is a mandatory event for Leadership students and one that is often mentioned as the highlight of the year by students.

Families of GHS Leadership students can find details and the necessary paperwork for this trip in ParentSquare posts and in the Leadership GClass.

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'!

Save the Date

ANNUAL GHS END OF SEMESTER/ CHRISTMAS PARTY

Either the evening of Tuesday, December 6
or Thursday, December 8

Stay tuned for details!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Make a Difference That Matters

Did you know that you don't have to be in the Leadership class to do community service? In fact, every GHS student should be spending time volunteering their time to help others throughout their years in high school. Why? I'm glad you asked!

Reasons to be involved in Community Service include:

- It's great to help others!
- You can earn elective credit if you follow the steps for creating a Community Service elective. Check with your Advising Teacher about this.
- It can help you pay for next steps after high school. Tons of Community Awards, grants, and scholarships factor in time spent volunteering when they are deciding who should receive their awards and these organizations LOVE to see that students have volunteered throughout their years in high school.

If you're wondering how you can find opportunities to volunteer, the best advice is to open your eyes and look! Families in your community need help with yard work and other tasks. Churches and non-profit organizations like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Eastern Madera County SPCA, and many others are waiting for people just like you to call them and talk about how you can help. Look for the GHS Community Service Log on the GHS website if you need a way to track your hours since it is essential that you do this rather than trying to remember each little thing that you did 3 and 4 years ago.

https://www.glacierhighcharter.org/uploads/1/3/4/6/13462031/ghs_community_service_log.pdf



Clovis North Twilight Run 10/21/22:

The Glacier H.S. Cross Country team enjoyed an amazing 2-mile race located at the Clovis-North H.S. campus. This was fun and exciting for the team due to participating in a race that was held during the twilight hours along with each earning a PB (personal best) time. Cross Country is a competitive sport where not only are you competing against others but also against yourself in which you are always working at improving your time. The team knows that it takes desire and dedication to improve and so is a very disciplined group that is up at the break of dawn to meet up 4 times a week between 6:30 and 7:00 am. As the Coach for GHS XC I am not only privileged to meet up with the high school students but also 2 middle school students, Violet Gonzalez and Royce Williams have chosen to come out and run with us in the early morning hours and so Royce Williams was extremely proud to be able to compete in the Middle school race that Clovis North High School included in this invitational.





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 November:

- 11/3 Earn college credits while in high school
- 11/10 Nuts and bolts of 9th and 10th grade year
- 11/17 Guest Speaker CHP

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**

Grad Nite Deposit at Magic Mountain

Grad Nite Deposit at Magic Mountain: \$25

\$25 is due by November 4th, 2022 to secure your spot. Please submit payment to Rosanna at the front desk.

Grad Nite will be **Friday, May 19th, 2023**. Total ticket price to be determined. Look for more details to come on parentsquare that will have information about the trip, charter bus, and fundraising.

Six Flags Magic Mountain Grad Pass (a season pass that allows students to come back to the park for the rest of 2023 with only black out dates during Fright Fest).



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