

NEWSLETTER

May/June 2024



GLACIER
High School



MOUNTAIN
Home School

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PUBLIC NOTICE WSCS BOARD MEETING

Upcoming Board Meeting:
5/14 @ 3:00
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

"There is virtue in work and
there is virtue in rest. Use both
and overlook neither."

-Alan Cohen, Author



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



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY		JUNE	
5/1	○● A.I. Town Hall Meeting 6pm Zoom	5/8	○ Leadership Class Interview Day - 2pm-5pm
5/2	○ Field Trip to Cal State University Monterey Campus & Monterey Aquarium	5/17	○ GHS Class End Dates - Leadership: May 8 - Art, Chem: May 13 - Theater, Biology, Earth Science, ELA: May 15 - Math: May 17th
5/3	● MHS Field Trip to Coarsegold Rodeo Heritage Day	5/16	○ GHS ELA CAASPP Testing 9:00-11:00
5/4	○● ROV Comp. in Watsonville	5/17	○● LP #10 Ends - attendance due
5/7 & 9	● MHS - CAASPP Testing - Main Building 9am-3pm	5/20	○ GHS Math CAASPP Testing 9:00-11:00
		5/21	● K-8 Calvin Crest Field Trip
		5/22	○ GHS Science CAST Testing 9:00-11:00
		5/23	○ Senior Grad Nite at Magic Mountain
		5/24	○ Senior grades due from Parents
		5/27	○● Memorial Day - No School
		5/28	○ 8:15: NWEA for 9th-11th grade
			○ 11:00: Caps/Gowns - Senior Meeting
			○ 12:00: GHS Yearbook signing and pizza party
			○ 1:00: Community
		5/29	○ Parent grades due for 9th-11th
		5/31	● MHS Promotion @ 10:00 pm
			○ GHS Graduation @ 4:00pm
			○ Awards/Acadec Awards

MOUNTAIN HOME AND GLACIER HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISLAND Waterpark

End-of-the-Year Field Trip

WHO: MHS & GHS Families

WHERE: Island Waterpark 6099 W. Barstow Fresno CA 93727

WHEN: Wednesday, June 5th

TIME: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

HOW TO PAY: Online thru Parentsquare or at front reception

DEADLINE TO RSVP: Monday, May 20th

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- All students MUST be accompanied by a non-student/adult chaperone. For grades TK-12th and families of students.

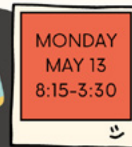
For more information contact:

April Hill | ahill@wscsfamily.org 556-642-1422 ext 108



ID BADGE PHOTO DAYS

If you want a different photo for your student ID badge in the fall, have your picture taken on one of these days!



- Where: On campus - look for signs indicating where photos will be taken.
- Photos taken in May are for ID badges only and are not available for purchase. There will be a \$10 charge to update ID badge photos in the fall.

For more information contact:
Rachel Proto or Kaylene Friesen

MHS YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

\$15

UNTIL MAY 3RD

QR CODE

MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL CHARTER 2024

SEE PARENTSQUARE FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE

GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER 2024 YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

\$15

UNTIL MAY 3RD

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BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Are you interested in hosting an international student who would attend YHS in your home during the school year? CIEE will match your family to an international student based on personality traits, hobbies, and more.

Founded in 1947, CIEE is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization.

Please contact Mountain Home School parent, Danielle Doedens-Lung for more information. Call, text, or email! She looks forward to connecting with you!

Cell: (925)286-8176
Email: drdoedens@gmail.com
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MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TK-8TH GRADE
MHS FAMILY FIELD TRIP

CALVIN CREST ADVENTURE DAY



Activities

- Trail time with MHS teachers 9 am-12 pm
- BYO Sack lunch 12-1 pm
- Free Time 1-3 pm includes climbing wall, boats, and archery



TWO FORMS ARE REQUIRED!

1. CALVIN CREST DAY USE FORM
2. MHS WAVIER AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

See the front desk or download via ParentSquare



Use this QR code to download forms and pay online

Tues, May 21

\$10 per person

Payment
Deadline

May 14

For more info contact
Mr. Sloas at jsloas@wscsfamily.org

45800 Calvin Crest Road, Oakhurst CA

Mountain Home School Charter 8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

WHERE: Mountain Christian Center -
40299 CA-49, Oakhurst, CA 93644

WHEN: Friday, May 31st, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: If you can believe it, it is already time to be thinking about 8th grade promotion. We are proud of the dedication and efforts that our 8th graders have put in during their time at Mountain Home School Charter. However, it is time to send them off to greater adventures as high school students. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments by attending our 8th-grade promotion ceremony.

For more information contact: Rachel Proto (rproto@wscsfamily.org) or Julie Davis (jdavis@wscsfamily.org)

MHS Student Wins California Photo Contest

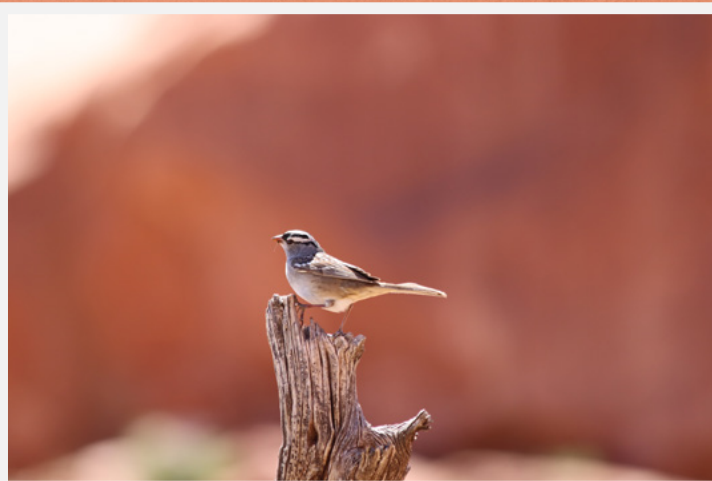
Mountain Home School 7th grader Hannah Farris is one of six state-wide student winners in the 2024 California Streaming Digital Photo Contest. The theme was "adventure" and Hannah's entry of "Little Bird in Arches National Park" won her an SJCAM SJ4000 Action Camera. Each entry had to include a photo and a poem or essay about the photo. This is Mountain Home School's second win in a row in a very

competitive contest. Congratulations, Hannah!
See Hannah's photo and other winners on the California Streaming Contest Gallery website... ([LINK HERE](#))

Hannah's award-winning photo and poem

Little Bird, you have such a large open space,
perched upon a rock formation in Arches National Park.
I wonder what adventures you have had.
Do you enjoy swooping over or under the arches?
I wish I could soar and see it like you.
I wonder what kind of adventures you have.
How much of the world have you seen?
Do you always fly over national parks?
Do you sometimes stop in the city to have a French fry or two?
I wish so much I could ask you what your days are like.
Oh, dear Little Bird, please tell me what your adventures are like.
Are they mysterious and exciting?
Are they silly and chill?
Could they possibly be death defying?!

Have you ever been chased by a bald eagle?
Do you have a plan to see every national park in the U.S., like me?
Or could you possibly just be passing through?
There is so much I wonder about your adventures!
I hope I soar just like you do...



And congratulations to Endeavor student Jade Donsanouphit for his winning photo titled "Rising Up To My Own Adventure" - Way to go WSCS students!



MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peach Blossom

Congratulations to Mountain Home Students who participated in the Peach Blossom Festival at Fresno State on March 7, 2024. This oral interpretation festival began in 1959 to excite Valley youth about literature and performance. Participants this year were Anadel Burrow, Roxane Burrow, Paige Escovedo, Bodie Guin, Josie Guin, Reese Kreiter, Michael Nichols, Harper Rommel, Ember Stout, Keira Stout, and Lacy Stout. All students earned the highest rating of Superior!



Math Team

The Mountain Home School Math Team competed in the Madera County Math Tournament on Friday, April 12th, and placed 2nd overall. Zain Kearney and Lilly Escovedo placed 3rd place in the Mad Hatter event. Hope Judd, Coral Marshall, Zain Kearney, and Lilly Escovedo received 3rd place in Leap Frog. Lilly Escovedo,

Coral Marshall, Zain Kearney, Sofia Octavio, and Micah Mellon placed 2nd in the Relay Race. Congratulations to Mrs. Meeks and the Math Team!





GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GHS STUDENTS WALK THE RED CARPET AT

Prom 2024

More than 70 students danced the night away at the Fresno Elks Lodge on Saturday, April 13 at the annual Glacier High School and Endeavor Charter School prom. The theme was Red Carpet and paparazzi took photos of attendees in front of a movie star backdrop throughout the evening. Centerpieces celebrated blockbuster movies like “Jaws” and “Lion King” and a taco bar, drinks, and desserts were available. Students learned swing dance steps from Mr. Hagen before the DJ took over the music for the rest of the night. Among the amazing dance steps seen that night were the Pretzel, the Russian Squat Kick, the Macarena, and the Worm. Some students reported losing their voices since they sang along to so many songs while others had sore muscles from hours of dancing. What a great way to have fun and boost those PE hours!

All GHS and ECS high school students are invited to attend prom. The opportunity to plan the annual event alternates between Endeavor’s and Glacier’s Leadership classes and the Red Carpet prom was planned by Mrs. Vaccaro’s Endeavor Leadership class. A photographer was on hand taking posed and candid photos which which are available to download from a link in a ParentSquare message that Mrs. Friesen sent to everyone who attended prom. If you didn’t receive the link or have other questions about the GHS Prom, please let Mrs. Friesen know.





GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

“WHERE ARE THEY NOW?” GUESTS IN LEADERSHIP CLASS

Former Glacier Gryphons surprised the GHS Leadership class during two sessions in April. Mrs. Friesen invited the Glacier alum to speak to the class as part of the Professionalism unit to provide insights about their years at Glacier, examples of the many choices available to students after high school, and encouragement to pursue their passions.

Shayla David, class of 2022, appeared over Zoom on April 10 while on a break from her shift at the Oakhurst CHP office. While at Glacier, she received the CHP Cadet of the Year award for our local office and was hired to work there soon after graduating. In March 2024, Shayla was given the Oakhurst CHP Professional Staff of the Year award celebrating the high level of professionalism that she has displayed. Following Shayla’s visit with the class, numerous students commented on the importance that Shayla placed on dressing professionally for interviews and work as well as not stressing too much since, “Everything will be okay in the end if you put in your best effort.”

Cole Muraszewski, class of 2022, also appeared over Zoom on April 10 in between responsibilities at West Point Military Academy in New York where he is majoring in Life Sciences on his way to becoming an Army physician specializing in some type of surgery. After dealing with some technology issues, Cole was enthusiastically greeted by many friends from his days in Leadership and AcaDec. Two themes students commented on after talking with Cole were the importance of asking for help when you need it and persevering. Cole inspired students by saying, “If you fail or fall short of your goal, try again and follow your dreams.”

Whitney Nickel, class of 2005, was in one of the first graduating classes of Glacier High School and she spoke to the Leadership class in person on April 17. Whitney spoke about how back then only the main building was on the property, there were no onsite classes, and the graduating class consisted of eight students. Despite

being small, GHS was mighty even back then allowing Whitney to participate in the High School Enrichment program and take enough community college classes during high school to graduate a year early and earn an AA degree before turning 19. Even as a teen, Whitney knew she wanted to be a wife and a mom, but she didn’t think she would be a homeschool mom. During her twenties, Whitney married and began traveling with her husband as his job allowed, even living in Ireland for two years. Their two daughters were born and when the oldest was ready for kindergarten, Jon and Whitney chose to join the Mountain Home School community that Whitney had known so well as a child. Whitney’s life shows that becoming a home school family and stay-at-home mom is another wonderful option to consider.

Caleb Wensloff was part of the class of 2020 that graduated over Zoom so it was appropriate that he popped into the Leadership class on April 17 via Zoom. While at GHS, Caleb participated in onsite, online, and college courses, ran cross country, and was in the Leadership class. Caleb moved on to UC Irvine, ultimately graduating with a degree in Political Science, and is now in his second to last year of graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. As the class interacted with Caleb, he unpacked the importance of developing an organized approach to school such as using Google Calendar to track EVERYTHING and resisting the dreaded pull of procrastination, while also making sure to enjoy the stage of life you’re in. Caleb encouraged the Leadership students to make sure to take time to “Just breathe.”

This “Where Are They Now?” series has been so beneficial that Mrs. Friesen hopes to include it in the Leadership program every year. In fact, a way to keep in touch with GHS grads is in the works right now! If you have contact information for someone who graduated from Glacier High School, please send it our way by emailing Mrs. Friesen at kfriesen@wscsfamily.org.



GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GHS Class End Dates

- Leadership: May 8
- Art, Chemistry: May 13
- Theater, Biology,
Earth Science, ELA: May 15
- Math: May 17



GHS Graduation

Location: Mountain Christian Center -
40299 CA-49

Rehearsal: 3:00 - All graduates in caps & gowns

Ceremony: 4:00

Please join the Graduating Class of 2024 for a reception in the foyer immediately following the ceremony.

Congratulations Glacier Academic Decathlon Team!

Congratulations to the Glacier Academic Decathlon team with their third consecutive first place win at the Madera County Decathlon competition.

The Glacier Academic Decathlon Team took first place for the third year in a row this past February. The theme this year has been Technology and Humanity. Team members include: Ian Judd, Tigerlily King, Eli Lockwood, Noah Mellon, Damien Cunningham, Nelson Reitz, Peyton Williams, Will Swan, Ava Simonich, Michael Lockwood, and Rachel Cieslinski.

The team then traveled to Santa Clara to compete at the state level and received three medals. Great job Glacier Decathlon! We look forward to competing again next year!



GHS LEADERSHIP CLASS INTERVIEW DAY - EXTENDED CLASS TIME

WHERE: BEGIN IN MOD A AS USUAL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

TIME: 2:30-5:00

Parents - Be advised that our class will meet for an additional hour on this day. Please pick up your student promptly at 5:00.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Students in the GHS Student Leadership/ASB class will participate in interviews with local business owners and managers as the culminating activity for their study of PROFESSIONALISM. Leadership students should come to Mod A at 2:30 "Dressed for Success" where they will receive the interview schedule. Immediate feedback will be given to participants after each of their two interviews and written feedback at a later date. Past students and parents have said that the PROFESSIONALISM UNIT is incredibly impactful and provides students with skills and strategies that directly apply to school and job settings. Mrs. Friesen is happy to facilitate this annual event for GHS Leadership students!

WSCS ROV PROGRAM FUNDRAISER!

The Glacier High Ranger Robotics Team is having a fundraiser! This is your chance to represent WSCS ROV Program with awesome Tees and stickers!

Go to: <https://pathoscreenprinting.printavo.com/merch/glacierhighrov/> to support our team! The store closes at midnight May 10th.



WSCS ROV Tee // Multiple Colors Available!
\$25.99 - \$27.99



3" x 2" ROV sticker
\$3.25

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Google Takeout Policy 2024 Graduating Seniors and Departing Students

Dear Families,


As our seniors prepare to leave our campus, we want to ensure that you are aware that their email and Google accounts will no longer be active after July 19, 2024 [their school-issued accounts]. If you wish to keep any of the information in that account, it is recommended that you download or transfer any essential documents to a secondary account [Dropbox, Microsoft, Google, etc.]. Our IT Department will not provide support for exporting or transferring those files.

Our seniors have until July 19, 2024, to export those files. These accounts will be suspended at that point [Gmail, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides, etc.].

You are not required to transfer anything. However, if you have a resume, a cover letter, a project, a picture, a video, or a file of any kind that is important to you, we encourage you to download or transfer those items.

How can I do this?

- 1) If you log into your Google account from a personal computer, simply download any of those files to that computer [<https://takeout.google.com/>].
- 2) Transferring that content to another cloud-based account is another option that may work for you [<https://takeout.google.com/transfer>]. Google can transfer those files for you. Follow the steps inside that webpage to request that transfer. Depending on how many files you plan to transfer, this may take a few days. Try to plan accordingly.

Have a lovely day. 

Kindly,
Melissa Culver
IT Coordinator



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 May:

- 5/7 - What we learned from CSU Monterey Campus Visit
- 5/14 - Saving Money Takes Discipline
- 5/21 - Summer Job? Basics of Income Taxes
- 5/28 - Productive things students can do in the summer

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

FAFSA and Money Matters

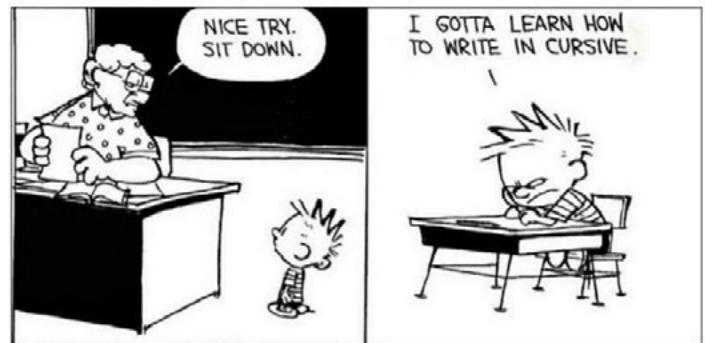
All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school:

The FAFSA application opened December 1st.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Local Community Awards Presentation Day

Tuesday, May 28th at 1PM. Come support your fellow students and celebrate their achievements. topics for the month of April:



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

STAFF DIRECTORY

Mountain Homeschool and Glacier High School

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NAME	EXTENSION	PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT
Denise Alvarez	123	Glacier High Teacher
Courtney Alves	121	Glacier High Teacher
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 DeCarli Sandy DeCarli	124	Mountain Home Teacher
Diane Neulinger	112	Librarian/Office
Melissa Culver Aaron Kiang	114	Tech Office
Tiffany Palmer	133	WSCS Account Clerk
Rachel Proto	111	Mountain Home Teacher
John Rumohr	106	Mountain Home Teacher
Holli Shipp	128	HR
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)

SUPPORT STAFF

Support Staff: Lisa Boe (Art); Reghina Crump (ROV); Tamara Dent (Music); Barbara Graas (MHS Class); JoAnn Heidebrecht (MHS Class/Tutoring teacher); Sandy Johnson (MHS/GHS Math); Daniel Takanishi (GHS Chemistry); Kelly Maples (Student Supervision)