



Spring 2024

VIKING NOTES AND NEWS

The school year continues moving at a rapid pace! We are just 14 days from the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Our 7th and 8th grade students completed PSSA testing, and we have students in grades 9-11 completing the Keystone Tests for Algebra, Literature, and Biology.

Students are currently reviewing for final exams. Our final exams are from May 21 through May 28th.

Representatives from the Glendale Medical Center will be providing Fall Sports Physicals at Glendale on May 30. Students needing a physical for fall sports can obtain a physical form from Mr. Matchock.

Final report cards will be mailed home.

Some important dates to note.

- May 22– Senior Scholarship Night
- May 29– District-Wide ALICE Drill
- May 30– Activity Day
Senior Breakfast at 8 AM
Graduation Practice
Last Day for Senior Debts
- May 31– Last Day of School
GRADUATION at 7 PM

Thanks,

Mr. Kozak

From Mr. Mazenko

Prior to applying for my current position of assistant principal, I had to weigh many factors. One concern I had was that the 7th and 8th grade debate project (which I had spent many years refining) might suffer. I am happy to report that those fears were misplaced. Not only are the debate projects not suffering, they are absolutely thriving! I know this because I personally witnessed a few of the debates. There was no drop off whatsoever.

In fact, Mrs. Davis had this to report. "It's truly remarkable to witness the profound impact that empowering students to express themselves can have. Throughout extensive reading and research, our 7th and 8th graders poured their hearts into their debates. What struck me most was the remarkable metamorphosis I observed as our once introverted and reserved students stood tall and spoke with conviction before their peers, radiating confidence."

So thank you 7th grade, 8th grade and Mrs. Davis for carrying on our tradition of hard work and excellence!

Mr. Mazenko



Important Dates:

- 5/22– Scholarship Night
- 5/29– ALICE Drill
- 5/30– Activity Day
- 5/31– Last Day– Dismissal at 9:30
Graduation at 7 PM

Pictured Below

Glendale **Senior Abby Anderson** was named the Service Occupations Senior of the Year by the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center.

Senior Byron Traveny received the Reliance Bank Scholarship for the Engineering Design and Technologies Program.

Congratulations to Both Students!



Glendale High School Happenings

The English and Language Arts Department

From Mrs. Davis....."It's amazing what happens to students when they are given a chance to use their voice. After massive amounts of reading and researching, the 7th and 8th graders put forth all of their efforts into their debates. I couldn't believe the transformation I witnessed from our most introverted and shy students speaking loud and proud in front of their peers, to the confidence shining through every single student. Even if some students had to debate on the opposite side that they originally wanted, their dedication to either proposition to opposition was apparent. As I told all of my classes, debate week was the hardest week I've had at Glendale, simply because how can I choose a winner when everyone was **that** good? I appreciate the fact that I was able to witness our future leaders start to step into their own and take flight in the space of our classroom."

In Mrs. Graffius' 4th period English class just finished reading the novel "Tears of a Tiger." The plot revolves around the main character Andy who was a high school student and star athlete. He was drinking and driving and killed his best friend in the accident. The novel focuses on Andy's mental health after the accident. Instead of taking a test on this novel, the class has been tasked with creating a public service announcement about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Senior English The students in Senior English are swiftly approaching graduation, they are all doing well and excited for their futures after leaving Glendale. They will get to have their last Book Bistro reward day on May 23rd, to celebrate their independent reading journey in the final marking period of their high school careers.

Spanish 2 just successfully completed their hardest test of the year. They mastered the use of the past tense (the preterit tense) with all of the irregular verbs that it entails. Students can now talk about their preferences on food, sports, and school, describe themselves and their families, and talk about their routines in both the past and present tense.

The Science Department

Ms. Rice will be taking a group of Seniors on Friday, May 17th to release trout the class raised during the school year. The trout will be released at the Glendale Sportsman's Club in Irvona.

Mrs. Gobert received a \$2000 grant for her chemistry classroom from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh. This program provides high school teachers of biology, chemistry, physics and general science with the opportunity to request equipment/supplies valued up to \$2,000 to incorporate the use of spectroscopy and related topics in their curriculum. This equipment will be greatly appreciated and used in all of her courses. The equipment will arrive later this month from the Nasco Science Company.

The **engineering students** from Mrs. Gobert class assisted by Mr. Maneval were chosen to attend the final round of the Governor's School STEM competition. The students created a floating wetland to help with the problem of acid mine drainage. **The students involved were Jared Brink, Carissa Diehl, Brooklyn Dudurich, Madison McClellan, Meghan McClellan, Emma Spanik and Breanna Stahl.** They worked with Dr. Tasker, an environmental engineer from Saint Francis University, for testing and research. Their project was in the top 20 out of 75 projects and they won Best in Science! We are Viking Proud!



The History Department

The 4 projects this month have been the Plains Indian Symbol "The God's Eye" known as ojos de Dios..these were done by the 11th Grade US history classes. The 1960s poster projects were completed with a partner and detailed 20 events or people who made the 1960s a decade to remember. The 1970s Music project was where the students Identified either a Peace Protest song or an Anti-war song of the 1970s and described its impact on making changes in society. The last poster is a large group timeline of the 1980s and key events and people of the 80s. these were completed by My 10th grade World History classes.



High School Electives Classes

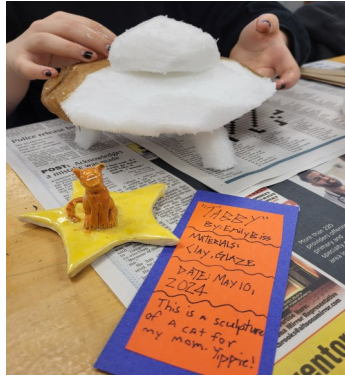
Mrs. Gittings Class.....In the Family and Consumer Science classroom, students continue to work on a wide range of skills. Food and Nutrition classes are currently selecting and making student choice recipes. In the past month students have independently made: pasta salad, various cookies, from scratch macaroni and cheese, hamburgers, and even a New York Style Cheesecake! Students in Child Development are currently working on analyzing several child development theorists and analyzing the strong points as well as the weak points of the theories.

In the BCIT Department

In the business and accounting classes, the students have learned about how to invest and the importance of investing as early as possible. We have also been coming up with business ideas that the students think would be successful and would help the area.

In the Art Room

7th Grade Students Emily Biss and Hadley Oshall work on their paper mache sculptures. Also pictured are their finished clay sculptures with name tags. Both students worked hard to complete their projects!



In the Guidance Department

We are excited to partner with Penn Highlands Community College to offer our students at Glendale additional dual enrollment opportunities. Additional dual enrollment opportunities include the following.

- College Algebra with Mrs. Pusey
- English Composition with Ms. Lloyd
- General Psychology with Mrs. Gittings
- Child Development with Mrs. Gittings

A DAY TO SHINE!

Glendale School District had the honor of hosting A Day to Shine Prom for Clearfield County School Districts' students to attend on Friday May 3rd. Clearfield, Curwensville, Moshannon Valley, West Branch, and Philipsburg-Osceola School Districts attended the prom arriving at 10 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. 87 students attended the event, along with approximately 48 staff members.

The Glendale gymnasium was twinkling with lights and shining with smiles of students dancing. The hallway was transformed into a sensory room with a space for students who needed a break from the dancing and music. Mr. Putorek, our DJ, played fun music that kept the students singing and dancing for hours! It truly was a day to SHINE for each student in attendance!



In Club News

Student Council worked with Aavidum to provide an ice cream bar for the staff in honor of teacher appreciation week. They are also making preparations for next year's homecoming celebrations. Aavidum went above and beyond to honor each of the teachers every day of the week.

Aavidum highlighted the special teachers we have in the school during teacher appreciation week by being a 'secret student' to every teacher in the high school. They then delivered their teacher a special treat/kind note to show their appreciation.

School Wide Positive Behavior made each staff member a circle honoring them. Check out the mural we made from all of the circles!



On Friday, April 26th, the LLS Volleyball Tournament and Concessions/Bake Sale was held at the HS gym with all proceeds going to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Thanks to all who donated items, paid to play or watch the volleyball game, purchased items at the Concessions/Bake Sale and donated money for dress down. Also thanks to everyone who worked the concessions/bake sale and volleyball tournament. **Since 2007, Glendale High School has raised \$16, 691.43 for LLS. We were able to raise an additional \$1,020 from Friday's event.**



Fly Fishing Club The Fly Fishing Club went on its annual fishing trip on May 6th. 15 students were able to go to East Freedom to fish a branch of the Juniata River. For some of the members it was their first time catching a fish on a fly rod, and the club is especially proud of them. The students were complimented on their behavior when they stopped for lunch, and they represented Glendale beautifully in everything they did that day.



