

**GLHS: *The PRIDE Newsletter***

**Second Quarter, 2011-2012**

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**GLHS: Educating Our Students Today for the Challenges and Opportunities of Tomorrow**

Dear Parents,

We had quite an exciting week last week with the visit of Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and Senator Sherrod Brown. I want to thank you all for your patience, support, and words of encouragement and praise. With the help of social media and our local TV station, many students were able to participate in the event without physically being in the gym. This is truly an exciting time to be a GLHS Lion!

Please take a few minutes to read some of the highlights of GLHS from second quarter as well as other pertinent information:

- **Communication Survey:** Please click [here](#) to complete a brief survey about our school's communication patterns. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, January 23rd. Thank you!
- **Gahanna hosted annual Rotary Speech/Debate Invitational:** The Gahanna Lincoln High School speech and debate team hosted its 12th annual Gahanna Rotary Speech and Debate Invitational on Saturday, December 10th, 2011. Gahanna placed second overall with 13 individual placers. Click [here](#) for more details!
- **My True Beauty:** S Club is hosting its 4th annual girls-only speaker session on **TUESDAY JANUARY 31st** during 3rd period in the auditorium. Our speaker is **Debbie Penzone**, of Penzone Salons. She will be speaking with us about peer pressure including: self-respect, self-confidence and being comfortable with and proud of personal uniqueness. All girls interested in attending must complete a permission slip (available via -- <http://tinyurl.com/dpenzone>) and return it to the main office or attendance office by 2:50pm on Monday January 30th. No permission slips will be accepted the day of the event. This is a wonderful opportunity -- don't miss it! For more info, visit the Debbie's Club website at <http://www.debbiesclub.com> or contact Mrs. Aiello at [aiellom@gjps.org](mailto:aiellom@gjps.org)
- **Act of Service:** S Club hosted a **Wacky Wednesday fundraiser** (organized by club officer, Senior Nisitha Sengottuvel) on Wednesday December 14th to benefit **Gracehaven House**, a local shelter for human trafficking victims. ([gracehavenhouse.org](http://gracehavenhouse.org)) Staff members volunteered "wacky" ideas to perform, and the staff member who collected the most donations was Science teacher **Mr. Tyler Bruns!** Mr. Bruns donned blue and gold face paint for the day and even appeared live on the morning announcements! Other staff member volunteers included: Mrs. Cindi Macioce (wear chicken suit), Mr. Mark Miller (dress as Sherlock Holmes), the Lunch Lady Crew (dress as Men in Black--they still dressed up even though they were not the winning "wacky idea"! What spirit!), Mrs. Jennifer Hawkins-Newman (dress as a princess), Ms.

Jolie Ankrom (wear rollerblades all day), and Mr. Shawn Johnston (sing karaoke). S Club raised a total of **\$141.88** for Gracehaven House.

- **Interact Club** members have been busy, busy, busy. This group of students meets solely to get involved in the community and lend a helping hand. So far this school year members have volunteered at *Pets Without Parents* Animal Shelter, hosted a Halloween gathering for The Worthington residents, raked leaves to raise money for Rotary's Purple Pinkies for Polio initiative, and partnered with S-Club to collect funds for homeless youth. Beginning this month, students will make blankets to donate to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The community is invited to support this initiative by donating fleece material or JoAnn Fabric gift cards. Monetary donations are also welcome.
- **Key Club** hosted an Art Show of student and teacher art on Dec. 2nd, 2011. The Art Show raised \$717 and 6 boxes of canned goods for GRIN.
- **Interesting Class:** Did your son or daughter sign up for **Personal Law** second semester?? There are still a few openings in this fun, yet challenging semester class! Learn about civil and criminal law in a project-oriented environment. Take part in discussions, analyze legal cases, participate in a mock trial, and much more. After completing this course, you will be more knowledgeable of your legal rights and be better equipped to handle legal events. A GREAT class for all students! Open to grades 9-12. **Students should to see their counselor today** -- class begins Tuesday, January 24th!
- The **satellite programs at Eastland-Fairfield** have been busy this year. In November, Bioscience Technologies, Teaching Professions, and Architecture/Construction Management visited the University of Cincinnati. They toured the campus, visited classes in their prospective majors, and lunched with their college Deans. It was a great opportunity to see what programs UC offered. In the spring, the Bioscience Technologies class will visit the University of Kentucky.
- **Bioscience Technology** students have been learning and applying laboratory research techniques, isolating and extracting DNA from various organisms, and preparing all the solutions needed for the operation of the laboratory. Research scientists from Scott's, Inc., Limited Brands, and Invasc Therapeutics have shared with the students how what they are learning in Bioscience Technologies is relevant in the research and labs with the respective companies
- The **Architecture** Seniors presented their Branch Bank design to a jury of design professionals and hosted a senior project showcase, where Architects & Planners came in and spoke with the students about the Senior Projects. In addition, the developer for The Shoppes at Clark Hall presented the plans and development criteria for the new retail center on the Clark Hall campus. Both the juniors and the seniors will be working closely with the developer, Jason Zadeh, to learn more about the design and building process as this retail center is constructed
- In **Teaching Professions**, the students have completed their classroom observations at the elementary and high school. They will be doing their observations at the middle schools in the spring.

- **Celebration of Excellence:** The Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation is hosting its annual Celebration of Excellence event on Saturday, February 25th from 7pm-10pm. Please click [here](#) for more details!
- **Staff and Faculty Appreciation:** The Renaissance Action Team has begun to have *Appreciation Days* for members of the GLHS Staff and Faculty. They recognize each department by making a huge banner that is hung up in the building, send them flowers, and surprise them with a cake. Members of the team feel good about making a difference by showing their appreciation for the work of our staff and faculty! They Make It Matter!
- **Mark Your Calendars:** Please click [here](#) to find out what events are coming up during third quarter.
- **GLHS Principal's Page:** I have recently created a blog to provide the latest news and updates about Gahanna Lincoln High School along with various topics related to education. From this point on, the newsletter will be replaced by this blog so that the information is timelier. You can subscribe to the blog and receive an email notification when a new post has been submitted. I will also post it on our school's Facebook page and Twitter account. I hope that you will find it beneficial!

Be Great,

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