

GLHS: *The PRIDE Newsletter*

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for partnering with us throughout the 2010-2011 school year. Together, we've weathered some storms and came out stronger and better than before. Our students had an exceptional year and continued to do great things in the classroom, in athletics, and in the arts. Congratulations to you, our students, and our Staffulty (staff and faculty) for making such a positive impact on our school!

Growing up, I remember my mom and grandmothers buying books for us (me, my brother, and sister) on a regular basis. It was then that I developed an appetite for reading. My love for reading increased in the sixth grade because of my teacher's love for reading. Fast forward to college, I would read many books that challenged my thinking, provided wisdom from others, or helped me escape to another time.

I remember when I would come home from college, my mom would share with me the novels she had recently read. It was fun to sit and discuss the characters and plot of each novel. Those were great times.

I still have an appetite for reading and like many educators, I use the summer months to catch up on reading and to research topics specific to my field. Listed below are a couple of books I have recently read or will read this summer that you may enjoy as well:

- *Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell. This book is simply about change and why and how sociological changes occur. He explains that there are three types of people in the world: Connectors, Maven, and Salespersons. Each person is an important component of the change process. This was a fun read that caused me to say, "No wonder" a lot! I think you'll enjoy it as well.
- *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck, Ph.D. This book is about the differences between and fixed mindset and a growth mindset. I have heard nothing but great things about this one, so I can't wait to read it.
- *Communicating and Connecting with Social Media* by William Ferriter, Jason Ramsden, and Eric Sheniger. This book is about how school leaders have used social media and web 2.0 tools, such as Facebook, Twitter to communicate their schools message and connect with their stakeholders. Each author is a part of my Professional Learning Network (PLN) that I have gained since I began using Twitter April, 2010.

Enjoy your summer and...

Be Great,

Dwight Carter, Principal

- **John Howard Award-** Congratulations to Math teacher, Mr. Tim Gagliardo for being named the recipient of the John Howard Award, which goes to members of our Staffulty (staff and faculty) who exhibit high ideals of character, motivation, professionalism, and love for students and the profession. John Howard was a teacher and administrator at GLHS from 1968 until her retired in 1995. While many on our staff are deserving of this award, Mr. Gagliardo was overwhelming nominated by several members of the staff to receive such recognition. Each member of the staffulty has the opportunity to nominate someone that has been a part of GLHS for at least ten years. A committee of teachers then reviews the nominations and selects the recipient. The names of all recipients are on display on a plaque in the lobby. Each recipient also receives a medal with the year they received the award inscribed on the back. Please click [here](#) for a list of past recipients.
- **Business/School Partnership-** please click [here](#) to read about Bravo's, Jeff Ramm's visit to GLHS!
- **GLHS Science Academy-** Please click [here](#) to read the about the success of our students in the Science Academy this year.
- **TV Class is Tops!** - Congratulations to Mr. Tom Gregory's TV class on winning the state video awards for the program the students created about the Universal Design Living Laboratory! To see the news story in **Columbus Local News**, click [here](#).
- **Alumni Visits-**Family Consumer Science teachers Mrs. Pat Gaines and Mrs. Betty Amsbary organized a new initiative called Alumni Connections. GLHS Graduates Dana Honick, Jenessa Teague, Eva Patel, and Richard Baas individually met with students in the Café Annex during the first five periods to discuss their career path, how high school prepared them for life after high school, and to answer questions from students. It was a neat experience for both the alumni and our students. We are hoping to expand this even more during the 2011-2012 school year.
- **Calculus Competition-** Congratulations to our students who participated in the national Calculus competition that took place in May. As a school we earned 217/240 points. There are 4 tests, each worth 10 points, right or wrong scoring. The top six scores are submitted as a team (school) scores for each test. Nationally we were 18th of 112 participating schools. Regionally we were 4th of 27 participating schools, and in the state we were 1st of 9 schools!
- **Accounting Student Takes Top Honors-** Congratulations to GLHS Junior Danait Tesfazghi! Danait competed with students from across central Ohio and was selected to attend the Accounting Careers Awareness Program this summer at The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business. She will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the week-long Program presented by The Ohio Society of CPAs and the National Association of Black Accountants. During the week, Danait will have the opportunity to meet business leaders from our area, tour local CPA firms and corporations, and learn more about careers in accounting, finance, economics, technology, and management. Danait is a student in Mrs. Katie Anderson's Accounting class.

- **GLHS and Eastland Fairfield Career and Technical Students do big things-** Click [here](#) to read about GLHS senior, **Dorian Arnold**, a student in the **Eastland-Fairfield Interactive Media Program**. He was a member of the team that took **First Place** in the **National BPA (Business Professionals of America)** contest held in Kansas City, Kansas.
- **GLHS Guidance Department-** Parents and students are encouraged to connect with the GLHS Guidance Department through social media outlets for updates, reminders and resources. You can “like” them on Facebook at “GLHS Guidance” and follow them on Twitter @GLHSCounselor. The web page will also be maintained at <http://bit.ly/jUKl26>.
- **Changes to the Guidance Department-** With the loss of a counseling position due to the retirement of Mr. Rod Tolliver, we will have six counselors during the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Lauren Cloud will be the counselor for all incoming freshmen; Ms. Susan Moore will have students with last names that begin with A-CO and seniors at the Career Centers; Mr. Jim Lewis will have students with last names that begin with CP-HI and juniors at the Career Centers; Mrs. Melissa Monnig will have students with last names that begin with HJ-MI; Mrs. Jenny Savakinas will have students with last names that begin with MJ-SC; Mr. Bernie Hahn will have students with last names SC-Z.