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Here's to a great 2018-2019 school year!



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I hope everyone is as excited to start the 2018-2019 school year as I am. I am looking forward to all of the success stories that will once again happen. Each school year is always filled with wonderful learning opportunities, great memories, and experiences that will last a lifetime. Our students are some of the greatest of kids around. They are the reason why we are here and the reason why we educate. At GSL, we take the education of our students very seriously and understand the enormous responsibility we have to prepare our students to excel in our world. Today, our students are not only in competition with students from other towns and states, but also from other countries. They need to be prepared for the ever-changing world that we live in. Building skills both in and out of the classroom will allow our students to succeed in all that they do.

On November 6, 2018, the GSL School District will be asking our voters to support our operating levy. This is an important vote for the financial stability of the district. The money connected with this levy will be used to operate our school so we can continue to keep programs and staff as best we can. Unfortunately, schools are no different from other businesses. With increased costs, you need to increase your revenue to keep pace. The dollars that are connected to this levy are critical to the students of GSL.

Thank you in advance for the support and consideration. Once again, welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. Let's make this one the "greatest of all time!"

Sincerely,

Chris Sonju



Important Dates

Aug. 29 - Open House 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 29 - Grades K-2 "Check-In Day" 3-6 p.m.
Sept. 3 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 4 - First Day of Classes for grades 3-12
Grades K-2 "Check-In Day" 9-2 a.m.
Sept. 5 - First Day of Classes K-2
Sept. 11- Lincoln Elementary Picture Day

Sept. 13 - Lakeside Elementary Picture Day
Sept. 14 - JR High/SR High Picture Day
Flu Shot Clinic-Sept. 26 @ Lakeside Elem. 2:30 - 4:30
Flu Shot Clinic-Sept. 27 @ GSL HS Media Center 3:00 - 5:00
Football - GSL vs. Watertown-Mayer, Friday Sept. 7:00 p.m.
Homecoming Week Sept. 24-28 (Coronation Mon. Sept. 24 @ 8 p.m.)
Homecoming Football-GSL vs. Holy Family, Friday, Sept. 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conference Dates:

Lincoln & Lakeside Elementary:

October 15 and 16 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 17 - K-6 Daytime Conferences

Glencoe-Silver Lake JR/SR High School

Oct. 15 - Gr. 7-12 Evening conferences
Oct. 17 - **7-12 Teacher Inservice - No Students**

Oct. 18 **No School K-12** - Education MN Conference
Oct. 19 **No School K-12** - Education MN Conference



* Full calendar available on www.gsl.k12.mn.us

Lincoln Elementary & Lakeside Elementary Welcome Back!

Dear Parents & Guardians of Elementary Students,

School is fast approaching and elementary staff members are eager to welcome our learners back to school! As your educational partners, we believe that parent/guardian involvement and home/school connections are crucial to your child's success. Our check-in appointments at Lincoln Elementary and Open House at Lakeside Elementary will provide one opportunity for parents and school staff to partner in support of children. Please use door 11 as the main entrance for Lincoln Elementary.

Lincoln Elementary Check-in Days

Check-in appointments with your child's teacher are scheduled for Wednesday, 8/29 and Tuesday 9/4. A separate mailing with detailed information will be mailed to your home. Please call Kim Ruschmeier at 320-864-2666 with any questions.

Lakeside Elementary Open House

A "come-and-go" Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, 8/29 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Student Placement

Your child's classroom placement is determined by academic needs, behavior characteristics, and overall composition of students at individual grade levels. Teaching staff spent many hours of thoughtful work in spring to place children in a classroom that will support learning at the highest level. Your written input, if provided, was considered during these placement sessions.

Therefore, changes in classroom placement will not be made at this time. Please welcome the opportunities provided by a new school year!



Cordially,
Bill Butler & Joy Freitag



Community Schools program connects business community to GSL

Glencoe-Silver Lake schools will once again be offering the Community Schools program. The purpose of the Community Schools meetings is to connect the business community with the school district. Programs vary from meeting to meeting and different students in 2nd through 12th grade have the opportunity for conversations with adults about careers and other areas of interest. We encourage local businesses to participate. For more information about Community Schools meetings during the 2018-2019 school year, contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at 320-864-2498 or at csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us.

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GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE
SCHOOL DISTRICT PATRON



GSL Fall Musical 7:00 PM
November 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17
Nov. 10th after show:

Gathering for alumni/former cast, pit and crew

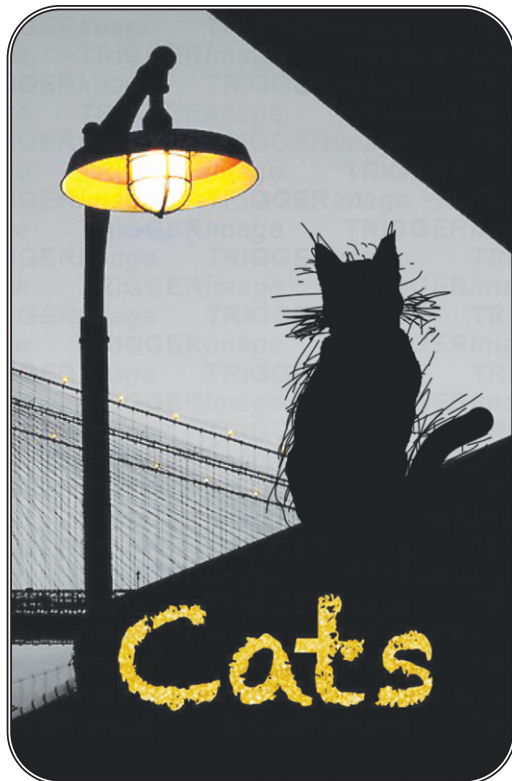
It was ten years ago that GSL performed CATS, "Let the MEMORY live again". Why CATS again in 2018? It's an amazing show with many important character roles that showcase our very creative and talented group of students. After looking over countless shows, we decided to re-explore CATS with its magical, mystical, enchanting moods.

CATS is a very different musical. It is mostly singing and dancing and has many little stories within the show. (Some find it hard to follow.) You need to just sit back, listen, watch, and enjoy as the students bring you into the world of CATS. Don't try to make too much sense out of the story! (Do cats really ever make sense?)

Auditions - We encourage students to come to the informational meeting in the GSL Choir Room on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 3:30 to 5:00, when they will learn more about the musical and learn the dance for the auditions (Sept. 6 and 7 after school). Students **MUST** wear comfortable clothes and either closed-toed dance shoes/sneakers for all sessions.

Performances of CATS will be Nov. 8, 9, 10, and Nov. 15, 16, and 17, at 7:00 pm. We've scheduled an alumni gathering on Saturday, November 10th, after the show. Any and all alumni from previous shows at Glencoe Public Schools and Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools are welcome to attend. We'd LOVE to pack the house with former cast, pit and crew!!!!

If you have any questions. Please contact, Mrs. Wilson kwilson@gsl.k12.mn.us or, her assistant director, Mrs. Corrick corrick@embarqmail.com



"Memory, all alone in the moonlight, I can smile at the old days, I was beautiful then. I remember, the time I knew what happiness was, let the memory, live again."
-Andrew Lloyd Weber based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot.

"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats."
- Alfred Schweitzer.

Purrrrrfect!!!!

GSL Fall Musical, directed by Kay Wilson, with Holly Corrick, Val Bonderman, Dawn Peterson, and Michelle Downie assisting.



Student Insurance

School recess, one-day field trips, and general day-to-day activities can all lead to injuries. Having coverage during school hours, or around the clock, can insure your loved ones get the care they need without financial hardship to your family.

Eligibility Any enrolled student is eligible for coverage.

K-12 accident plans that are available through Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools:

- School Time Accident Only
- 24-Hour Accident Only
- Interscholastic Sports
- 24-Hour Dental

All available plans are offered by Special Markets Insurance Consultants, Inc. To research which plans are being offered by our school, please visit the link on the front of GSL's website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us.

Payment Parents or guardians of students are responsible for enrollment and premium payment.

How to enroll

1. Go to the link on the front of the GSL webpage, "K-12 Student Accident Plan."
2. Click on coverage details at the top.
3. Select state and click "look up."
3. Click on school or district.
4. Click on link to display plan details.

Parents can either print and complete the enrollment application to mail with check or money order or you can enroll online and pay by credit or debit card.

Questions? call:

Michelle Sander, Business Manager,
at 320-864-2496 or email: MSander@gsl.k12.mn.us

Title IX policy

Title IX Coordinator: Superintendent of Schools
Telephone: 320-864-2498 Office: GSL Public Schools
School Address: 1621 East 16th Street Glencoe MN 55336

Whereas, Chapter 173, Minnesota Laws of 1975, requires that districts comply with both state and federal law prohibiting discrimination and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the regulations promulgated thereunder require the adoption of an anti-discrimination policy. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board resolved the following policy on July 12, 1996. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Independent District No. 2859 agrees to comply with federal and state law prohibiting discrimination and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to regulations issued thereto, to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any educational program or in employment, or recruitment, consideration or selection; therefore, whether full-time or part-time under any education program or activity operated by the District for which it receives federal financial assistance.

Hello from Chef Tony

Back to school is an exciting time for students and families, and as the beginning of the school year quickly approaches, we want to extend a warm welcome back to school and back to the café!

Chartwells K12 and Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools are eager to welcome you and your student back to the school café with new flavors, menu stations, and events that are sure to inspire a healthy and fun 2018-19 school year!

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are served at each of the Glencoe-Silver Lake buildings each day. Breakfast is available at no charge to students.

The elementary schools will have a traditional lunch option with an alternate salad or sandwich option.

GSL Jr/Sr high will have a "food court" style servery that will include a Pizza Station, Grill Station, Create Station and the Traditional Lunch Station as well as ala carte options and an "On the Go" station for grab and go options. Plans are in progress to also feature a coffee bar for high school students and staff.

Snacks

An after-school snack program will be offered at the high school café for students participating in an afterschool activity such as athletic practices, ESL, drama, Robotics, Community Education programs and much more. Students can purchase a snack for \$1.10 with cash or with their school food account. Students receiving free/and or reduced benefits will be served a snack free of charge.

Catering

Schools are a great gathering place and our catering service focuses on high-quality food attractively presented with professional, attentive service. Whether it's a small meeting, large event or special student events such as end of year celebrations, field trips and classroom parties, Chartwells is ready to cater your event.



Fresh Produce and Local Partners

Chartwells K-12 and GSL are proud to support local farmers and companies, bringing students the freshest possible produce. Local produce will be served to the students from the FFA school garden as well as from several local farmers through Bix Produce.

Dietary Needs Chartwells believes that managing food allergies is not just about helping children avoid the foods to which they are allergic, it is also about providing safe and nutritious meals in an environment in which they feel comfortable

and accepted. All special dietary requests must have a written request from a physician submitted to the school nurse and/or the food service office. A copy of the special dietary request may be found on the school website or the school nurse's office.

Mobile Menus are in Your Hands - Introduced last year, Nutrislice brings the power of the school menu, nutrition and allergen information right to the palm of your hand! In addition to nutrition information, Nutrislice tells the café menu story with real photos taken by Chartwells chefs in schools, full menu descriptions as well as café event information, nutrition education and food stories helping students connect the food they eat in the café to its origins and health benefits.

Nutrislice is available online through smartphones and the web! Download the free Nutrislice App from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for your menus or find them on the web: <http://gls.nutrislice.com>.

About Chartwells K12

Chartwells k12 is a proud partner with Glencoe-Silver Lake. Our Eat. Learn. Live. philosophy guides our team in delivering on each component of our promise from great food (eat) to developing food and nutrition education (learn), and focusing on the whole child through key partnerships that support students in and out of the café (live).

Tony Menk, Food Service Director
Chartwells School Dining Services
320-864-2474 tmenk@gsl.k12.mn.us



Data privacy policy (Release of student information)

The school will observe the following policy to conform to the requirements of the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974: Student pictures and identifying names will be printed in the school yearbook and all district publications and given to the local news media on occasions that warrant it. However, any student, or the student's parent, if the student is under the age of 18, may request that his/her picture not be published or information released in the news media or school publications. Requests are to be made in writing to the building principal. **Participation in any group picture implies consent for release of picture with name.** This policy does not apply to pictures taken by the news media or information gathered and printed by the media. Due to yearbook publication deadlines, students must submit requests prior to December 15. The school district recognizes its responsibility in regard to the collection, maintenance and dissemination of pupil records and the protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in federal law and state statutes. Directory information means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. This information is public data on individuals. Directory information does not include personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position or nationality. The parent or adult student has the right to refuse to permit the designation of some or all of the categories as directory information with respect to that particular student. If the parent or student notifies the school district that they don't want this information designated as directory information, the classification remains private.

Indoor air quality notice

Glencoe-Silver Lake school district is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission – educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe. School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out-of-school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility

construction, maintenance and house-keeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District Indoor Air Quality contact person is Brady Flaherty, Dashir Management Company, 320-510-0825. If there are any questions regarding the school's IAQ Program, please feel free to contact the District Office at 320-864-2491.

2018-2019 school year asbestos notification

Federal legislation (asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA) requires each primary and secondary school in the nation to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools have a goal to be in full compliance with this law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees. Brady Flaherty, Dashir Management Company, is the person designated as Asbestos Program Manager for our schools. He can be contacted at 320-510-0825. An operation and maintenance program is in place through which we respond to our ACBM on a continuing basis. In keeping with this legislation, all buildings owned or leased by Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools were inspected by EPA-accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly. During the last school year, Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools conducted the following with respects to its asbestos containing building materials: Boiler rooms and tunnels at Lincoln and High School – pipes and glove bagging Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called “surveillance”) every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. Musser Environmental Consulting, Inc. will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillances have been, and will continue to be, dealt with promptly. Short-term workers (outside contractors, i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact Brady Flaherty, Dashir Management Company, 320-510-0825, before beginning work in order to be given this information. Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools has a list of the location(s) and type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in the school buildings and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the District Office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Steve Musser, Musser Environmental Consulting, Inc., 24594 Upsala Lane, Hutchinson, MN 55350, by calling 651-388-7139, or by contacting the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District at 320-864-2491.

Employment and services criminal history background check notice to parents

The school district has adopted a policy, the purpose of which is to pro-

mote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students. Pursuant to this policy, the school district shall seek criminal history background checks for all applicants who receive an offer of employment with the school district. The school district also shall seek criminal history background checks for all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, regardless of whether compensation is paid. These positions include, but are not limited to, all athletic coaches, extracurricular academic coaches, assistants, and advisors. The school district may elect to seek criminal history background checks for other volunteers, independent contractors, and student employees.

Minnesota school districts responsible for identification of students with disabilities

In response to the individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), Minnesota Districts must demonstrate that “all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated.” This responsibility extends to children with disabilities who receive their formal education in a private school. Home schooled children are considered private school children in Minnesota. Upon request, the Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School District will provide information to concerned parents on specific disabilities including information about the educational or behavioral manifestations of each disability. Parents who believe their child may indeed have a disability may request procedural information on how to arrange for an evaluation through the Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School special education staff. Parents of students who are evaluated and are found to be eligible for special education services will become part of a team that will develop, implement, and monitor the effectiveness of an Individualized Education Plan to meet the identified needs of their children. If you have any questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or evaluation, please contact the principal of the school building your child would attend in the Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School District if he/she were not being home schooled. The Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School is committed to promoting academic success for its students.

Bullying is expressly prohibited on school district property or at school-related functions

A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, it is the school district's intent to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond, remediate, and discipline those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented.

The purpose of Policy 514, Bullying Prohibition Policy, is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, and other similar disruptive behavior. An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school district property or at school-related functions. This policy applies not only to students who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to students who, by their indirect behavior, condone or support another student's act of bullying. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student, other students, or employees. The misuse of technology including, but not limited to, teasing, intimidating, defaming, threatening, or terrorizing another student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district by sending or posting e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs, also may constitute an act of bullying regardless of whether such acts are committed on or off school district property and/or with or without the use of school district resources. (Refer to Policy 524, Internet Use Policy Development, for more information). Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of bullying should report the alleged act(s) immediately to an appropriate school district official. The harassment report form is available from the principal of each building or in school offices, but oral reports will be considered complaints as well. For the complete version of this policy and others, go to GSL's website, www.gsl.k12.mn.us. Go to “District Info” and then to “Policies.”

Notice concerning use of pest control materials

The GSL school district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of: 1. Inspection and monitoring to determine whether or not pests are present, and whether any treatment is needed; 2. Recommendation for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials; 3. Utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking and screening; and 4. Utilization of EPA registered pest control materials when needed. Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to label directions per Federal law. Information about the scheduling of interior pest control inspections and possible treatments is available by contacting Brady Flaherty, Dashir Management Company, at 320-510-0825. Similar information about the scheduling for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds is also available by contacting Mr. Flaherty. Parents of students may request to receive prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should such an application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District pest control contact person is Brady Flaherty, Dashir Management Company. He can be contacted at 320-510-0825.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior/Senior High School

Greetings GSL,

I am writing this newsletter to briefly introduce myself. I recently completed the interview process, was offered, and have accepted the position to serve as the high school principal at Glencoe-Silver Lake as we move into the 2018-2019 school year. It is with great excitement that I write this introduction, and I am grateful to have been afforded the opportunity. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the years.

I'd like to take this time to share a little bit of my background with you. I was born and raised by two special education teachers in Plato, MN. Growing up in Plato helped me to fully understand at a young age the significant role that family, community support, academic rigor, and teamwork play in the educational process. I completed my undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota with a degree in Economics. After a brief career as a financial planner, I decided to change career paths. I worked as a paraprofessional for a number of years at Helen Baker Elementary while gaining my Master's Degree from Mankato State University with an emphasis in special education. During my time in the field of education I spent time at Willmar Senior High, Willmar Middle School, Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, and most recently, Dassel-Cokato High School. During this time I completed my K – 12 principal license through Hamline University under the supervision of the infamous Paul Sparby. In addition, I will be exiting Hamline's Director of Special Education program on July 23rd.

My wife Emily and I reside in Silver Lake, Minnesota with our children Bree (12 years of age), Taylor (5 years of age), and Lincoln (2 years of age). I have spent the last 9 years working in the roles of paraprofessional, MRC literacy tutor, SPED teacher, 21st Century Program Coordinator, Dean of Students, and coach. My time as an educator and administrator have given me an appreciation for the importance of transparency, open communication, trust, integrity, compassion, sense of "family" within the staff and of course – the need to have a good sense of humor.

As I prepared for my interview, it was extremely clear to me that Glencoe – Silver Lake is the place that I wanted to transition.

You have a lot to be proud of, and I am eager to join you in your pursuit of excellence. Your commitment to building positive relationships, belief in personal responsibility, and dedication to providing academic rigor was apparent in all that I researched. I look forward to supporting and maintaining focus on our mission and vision.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there should be a need between now and the start of the school year to get a head start on introductions. I am anxious to get to know you all and hear more about the outstanding traditions at GSL – Where we're doing really well, and if you have any suggestions for how we might be even more effective.



Feel free to reach out via email at: MFoss@gsl.k12.mn.us or calling directly at 320-864-2401.

It's a GREAT day to be a PANTHER!

Sincerely,

Matt Foss
Principal - GSL Jr/Sr High School



Dear Students/Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year here at GSL Junior/Senior High School. The start of the school year is a very exciting time for all involved. Our teaching staff has been preparing for a great start to the school year. We are excited to get the ball rolling on another wonderful year. Here are some details about the upcoming school year.

Open house at Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior/Senior High School will be Wednesday, August 29th from 3-6 PM. We will have a large group meeting in the high school auditorium starting at 5:00 PM. At this meeting, we will be discussing our schedule, grading procedures, our "every student completes every assignment" policy (ICU) and information specifically about the transitions between 6th to 7th and 8th to 9th grade. We will also be discussing the extra help we have available for all students before and after school. The programs we have in place are a great opportunity for students to get the extra help they may need to achieve their best. The remainder of the time during open house, parents and students will have the opportunity to visit and tour our facilities at the Junior/Senior High School and become familiar with the building and where to go on their first day. The teaching staff will also be here to greet you and answer any questions you may have about specific classes.

Students

Planners:

Planners will be provided for all Junior High Students on the first day of school at no cost. If the planner is lost and needs to be replaced, the cost will be \$5.00.

Planners will be available for purchase for Senior High Students at a cost of \$5.00. This year we are not requiring all senior high students to buy planners as we had in the past. With the use of cell phones and their calendar capabilities, the decision was made to allow students to use their devices to keep track of assignments instead of a physical planner. A high school student may still want to purchase a planner for \$5.00 as an organizational tool or a passbook, but passes will be in different forms this year at the Senior High School.

Lockers & Locks:

We will be providing lockers to all Junior High students. The lockers have locks built into the lockers and the combination will be on your schedule for the year.

Senior High Students will be assigned a padlock and locker to use for the year. Personal locks are not allowed, as staff may need to have access to the locker. A \$10.00 fee will be assessed for any padlock not returned at the end of the year.

Class Schedules:

Class schedules may be accessed through the parent portal on infinite campus. Please review your class schedule before the start of the school year to assure your schedule is correct. If you see any discrepancies please contact Mrs. Magnuson at 864-2406 for high school schedules or Mr. Svoboda at 864-2456 for junior high schedules. Please note that schedules may continue to change up until the start of the school year based on many different factors. Your RAP advisor, locker assignment and locker combination will also be on your schedule.

Parents/Guardians

Schedule:

The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 4th. Our School day starts at 7:55 AM and ends at 3:10 PM. We have a 7 period day with those periods lasting 50 minutes. The year consists of 3 twelve week trimester grading periods.

Grades:

Every trimester there will be two grading opportunities, a mid-tri grade and an end of trimester grade. Each of these grades can be accessed through the parent portal on infinite campus. Paper grade reports are available upon request from the Junior/Senior High Office.

Trimester 1

Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 15th
Trimester Report Cards Available on Infinite Campus-December 7th

Trimester 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences- January 17th
Trimester Report Cards Available on Infinite Campus- March 8th

Trimester 3

Trimester Report Cards Available on Infinite Campus- May 31st

GSL School District Web Site:

Please check out our school district website at: www.gsl.k12.mn.us

You will find an abundance of information about our district and our school that I am sure you will find helpful.

Parent Access to Infinite Campus:

To gain access to the Parent Portal:

- Access the school's website by going to www.gsl.k12.mn.us
- Click on the "Parents" tab.
- Click on the "Infinite Campus Parent Portal" tab.
- If you have an account already set up, enter your User Name and Password.
- If you do not have an account set up, email Jeff Jenson at jjenson@gsl.k12.mn.us and he will assign an activation key so you can set up your account.

Attendance Line:

The attendance line for the Junior/Senior High School is 864-2421. This is a voice mail and we ask you to leave a message prior to 7:55 a.m. with your student's name, grade, your name, number and reason for his/her absence. If the student is being dismissed early, this allows the student to get a pass so we are not interrupting class.

Our staff here at GSL Junior/Senior High School look forward to another great year serving the student/parents and communities of Glencoe-Silver Lakes Public Schools. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email, as we are glad to help you with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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High School
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Need Information?

Check out the

GSL Website

There is a wealth of information available on the GSL website:

- School Calendar and updates
- Sports and Activities Calendars
- Lunch Menus
- On Line Payment Systems:
- Make Lunch Account Payments
- Pay Activity Fees
- Pay for Community Ed Classes
- Check School Lunch Account Balance
- Teacher Websites
- Staff Directory/Phone Numbers
- Access Student Grades/Attendance
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- Minutes of School Board Meetings
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2018-2019 GSL SCHOOL CALENDAR										Board Approved February 12, 2018	
MONTH	M	T	W	TH	F	Class Days	Tchr Days				
2018											
AUGUST			1	2	3			Equals Teacher Workshop - No Students			
	6	7	8	9	10			Equals Days School Not in Session (No Students or Staff)			
	13	14	15	16	17			Equals Parent/Teacher Conferences - late afternoon and evening			
	20	21	22	23	24	0	0				
	27	28	29	30	31	0	3	August 28, 29 and 30 - Teacher Workshop			
SEPTEMBER	3	4	5	6	7	4	4	September 3 - Labor Day - No School			
	10	11	12	13	14	5	5	September 4 - First Day of Classes 3-12; K-2 Check-in Day			
	17	18	19	20	21	5	5	September 5 - First Day of Classes K-2			
	24	25	26	27	28	5	5				
OCTOBER	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	October 15 - Evening 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences			
	8	9	10	11	12	5	5	October 15 and 16 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences			
	15	16	17	18	19	2	3.75	October 17 - K-6 Daytime Conferences; 7-12 Teacher Inservice - No Students			
	22	23	24	25	26	5	5	October 18-19 - Education Minnesota Conference - No School			
	29	30	31			3	3				
NOVEMBER				1	2	2	2	November 6 - Election Day			
	5	6	7	8	9	5	5	November 11 - Veterans Day			
	12	13	14	15	16	5	5	November 22 and 23 - Thanksgiving Break - No School			
	19	20	21	22	23	3	3	November 30 - Teacher Workshop - No School			
	26	27	28	29	30	4	5				
						58	63.75	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER			
DECEMBER	3	4	5	6	7	5	5				
	10	11	12	13	14	5	5				
	17	18	19	20	21	5	5	December 24-January 1 - Christmas/Winter/Hanukkah Break - No School			
	24	25	26	27	28	0	0				
	31					0	0				
2019											
JANUARY		1	2	3	4	3	3	January 1 - New Year's Day Observed			
	7	8	9	10	11	5	5	January 2 - First Day of Classes - 2017			
	14	15	16	17	18	5	5.25	January 17 - Evening 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences			
	21	22	23	24	25	4	4	January 21 - Martin Luther King Day - No School			
	28	29	30	31		4	4				
FEBRUARY					1	1	1				
	4	5	6	7	8	5	5				
	11	12	13	14	15	5	5.5	February 12 and 14 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences			
	18	19	20	21	22	4	4	February 18 - Presidents' Day - No School			
	25	26	27	28		4	4				
MARCH					1	1	1				
						56	56.75	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER			
	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	March 4 - Teacher Workshop - No School			
	11	12	13	14	15	5	5				
	18	19	20	21	22	5	5				
	25	26	27	28	29	5	5				
APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	5	5				
	8	9	10	11	12	5	5	April 18 - No School			
	15	16	17	18	19	3	3	April 19 - Good Friday - No School			
	22	23	24	25	26	4	4	April 22 - Easter Monday - No School			
	29	30				2	2				
MAY			1	2	3	3	3	May 27 - Memorial Day			
	6	7	8	9	10	5	5	May 29 - Last Day of School for Students			
	13	14	15	16	17	5	5	May 30 - Last Day of School for Staff			
	20	21	22	23	24	5	5	Friday, May 31 - Graduation Day			
	27	28	29	30	31	2	3				
JUNE	3	4	5	6	7	0	1	1 Additional Flex Staff Day During the School Year			
	10	11	12	13	14	0	0.5	Additional 9 hours for 7-12 "Targeted Conferences" (3 Hours Each Trimester)			
	17	18	19	20	21	0	0				
						58	61.5	END OF THIRD TRIMESTER			
						172	182				
Storm Day Note:											
1st 2 Storm Days: Digital Days; 3rd Storm Day: MLK Day - January 21											
Additional Storm Days: Added to End of Year											
There will be a total of 182 teacher contract days. There will be 172 student school days.											



"The more you read
the more *things* you know.
The more that you *learn*
the more *places* you'll go."
Dr. Suess



Beth Jerabek,
MSN, RN, PHN, LSN
Glencoe Silver-Lake
District School Nurse
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As you prepare for the return to school, here is what you need to know about keeping your child safe and healthy at school:

- Every year GSL's Health Department asks you to fill out a health survey for each of your students. It is very important that you fill this out to the fullest extent each academic year. We do not keep this form from year to year. Old information does not carry over. Student health surveys may be turned in during the Open house.
- Prescription medications cannot be given in the school setting until we have received an authorization form with signatures from both the physician and parent.

Student-School
Health Information

- Inhaler/Epi pens: Please remember that students CANNOT self-carry/self-administer unless it is advised by the physician (this information is included on the form mentioned above).
- Do you have questions regarding medication administration in schools? Please review our policy 516, Student Medication Policy (available on GSL's website www.k12.mn.us) If you have further questions please contact me or your student's building health office.
- Immunizations: Please ensure your student is up to date on their immunizations, and that you provided the school with an updated shot record. We check immunization status annually and are required to report our findings to the State of Minnesota.
- Forms are Online! You can access health forms mentioned, on the school website. For all students, regardless of age, select "schools" then "high school." Under the links on the right-hand side, select "health department," and on the right hand side you can find forms under "Contents." If you have additional health questions/concerns, please contact me or your student's building health office.



Health offices:

- Please remember: If your student is sick or unable to attend school for another reason, Please contact the appropriate **attendance line**:

Lakeside: 320-864-2503
Lincoln Elementary: 320-864-2665
GSL Junior/Senior High: 320-864-2421

Health Staff:

JR/SR High School:
Lori Eischens, LPN 320-864-2404

Lakeside Elementary:
Angela Laxen, LPN 320-864-2503

Lincoln Elementary:
Chelsey Busse, LPN 320-864-2665

GSL District Nurse: Beth Jerabek,
MSN, RN, PHN, LSN 320-864-2446
Office number: 320-864-2446
bjerabek@gsl.k12.mn.us

2018-2019 Glencoe-Silver Lake bus route information

Glencoe and Silver Lake bus routes are found on the following pages. Due to data privacy issues, rural bus stops are not printed in this newsletter. All times are approximate to start the year. Times may be off by five minutes either way and will be adjusted as needed throughout the year.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
TO BE MAILED TO ALL FAMILIES

Please check in your child’s “back-to school- packet” for the “Census Verification Report.” It contains your child’s bus number and pickup times (if your child is eligible for busing). Please call your child’s school building if you don’t receive the mailing.

SILVER LAKE RURAL ROUTES

If any changes have been made, you will be notified directly by the bus driver. New families on rural routes should call the bus garage at 320-864-3032, with any questions.

MORNING TRANSFER INFORMATION

All buses will arrive at GSL Junior/Senior High School at 7:35 a.m. Buses will leave at approximately 7:40 a.m. to transfer to Lakeside and First Lutheran. Students will ride the following buses to each school:

Lakeside Elementary School:
Bus C, Bus D, Bus 2, Bus 3, and Bus 8, and Bus 9

First Lutheran School: Bus 4

AFTERNOON TRANSFER INFORMATION

Students will be picked up at their school and taken to GSL Junior/Senior High School. All buses will leave the transfer location at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Glencoe Bus Routes

All bus times are approximate and may be changed during the school year.

Bus #1

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:10 Biscay -All students
- 7:15 Rural stops
- 7:25 Fir Ave. and Park St.
- 7:26 17th St. and Fir Ave.
- 7:28 14th St. and Greeley Ave.

Bus #2

- 6:15 Rural stops
- 6:50 Essex Trailer Court
- 7:20 18th St. and Ives Ave.
- 7:25 18th St. and Louden Ave.

Bus #3 NEW AUBURN

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:02 2nd St. and 7th Ave.
- 7:04 5th St. and 10th Ave.
- 7:05 6th St. and 7th Ave.
- 7:25 Glencoe - 7th St. and Baxter Ave.
- 7:27 15th St. and Desoto Ave.

GSL busing eligibility

Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools will provide bus transportation for students who are in:

- Grades K-6 and live over 1 mile walking distance from the school they attend.
- Grades 7-12 and live over 2 miles walking distance from the school they attend.



Call the Bus Garage at 320-864-3032 with questions. All bus times are approximate and may be changed during the school year.

Bus #4

- 6:30 Rural stops
- 7:19 7th St. and Elliott Ave.
- 7:20 9th St. and Elliott Ave.
- 7:23 12th St. and Baxter Ave.
- 7:25 12th St. and Elliott Ave.

Bus #5

- 6:40 Rural stops
- 7:10 M and R Estates
- 7:13 Fairway Dr. and Fairway Cir.
- 7:17 Edgewood Dr. and Mitchell Ln.
- 7:20 Wooddale Dr. and Reeds Ln.
- 7:24 Churchill Ln. and Edgewood Dr.
- 7:25 Sumac Ln. and Glenmoor Ln.

Bus #6

- 6:41 Rural stops
- 7:25 18th St. and Birch Ave.
- 7:28 16th St. and Louden Ave.
- 7:29 16th St. and Ford Ave.
- 7:30 16th St. and Ives Ave.

Bus #7

- 6:32 Rural stops
- 7:10 Buffalo Highlands
- 7:14 11th St. and Baldwin Ave.
- 7:15 11th St. and Abbott Ave.
- 7:16 11th St. and Morning Ave.
- 7:18 11th St. and Stevens Ave.
- 7:23 14th St and Baldwin Ave.
- 7:25 15th St. and Union Ave.

Bus #8 LESTER PRAIRIE & PLATO

- 6:32 Rural stops
- 6:37 2nd Ave. S. and Cedar St. S., Lester Prairie
- 6:39 2nd Ave. S. and Hickory Street, Lester Prairie
- 6:40 2nd Ave. S. and Pine, Lester Prairie
- 6:45 Lily & Hope, Lester Prairie
- 6:58 Rural stops
- 7:16 1st St. NE and McLeod Ave., Plato
- 7:18 1st St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE, Plato
- 7:20 2nd St. NW and 2nd Ave. NE, Plato

Bus #9

- 6:40 Rural stops
- 7:20 1st St. and Wacker Dr.
- 7:23 Ford Ave. and Abby Ln.
- 7:27 11th St. and Louden Ave.
- 7:29 11th St. and Owen Ave.

Bus #10

- 6:45 Rural stops
- 7:10 335 3rd St. S., Brownton City Office Bldg. Grades 3-6 directly to Silver Lake

Bus #11 BROWNTON

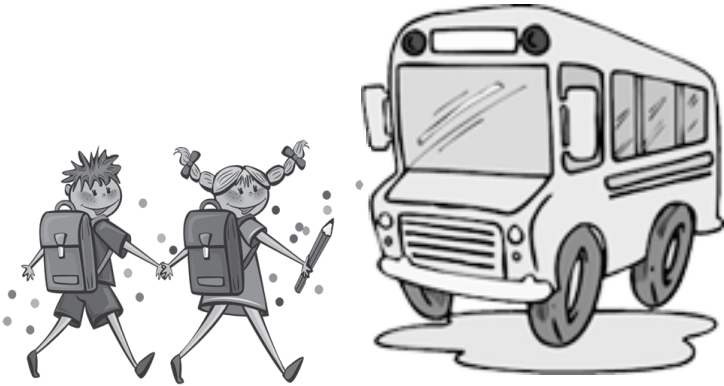
- 7:00 Division and 11th Ave. N.
- 7:02 2nd St. N. and 8th Ave. S.
- 7:03 2nd St. S and 6th Ave. S
- 7:04 6th St. S. and 6th Ave. S.
- 7:06 4th St. N. and 3rd Ave. N.
- 7:08 3rd St. N. and 1st Ave. N.
- 7:10 City Office, Brownton

Who to call if you DO NOT need bus service:

If you have a child or children who are eligible for regular transportation to and from school, but who do not need busing, you may voluntarily waive their busing needs.

You may notify the following transportation official:

Terry Becker at the
Bus Garage at 320-864-3032



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Stop in to apply at the
GSL Bus Garage
1203 12th St E, Glencoe
or call
320-864-3032

Must have a good
driving record.
We will train.

4.0 School Services of
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Inc.



SILVER LAKE BUS ROUTES

Please check in your child’s “Back-to-School-packet” for the “Census Verification Report.” It contains your child’s bus number and pickup times (if your child is eligible for busing). Please call your child’s school building if you don’t receive the mailing.

New families on rural routes should call Terry Becker at the bus garage with any questions. Buses will arrive at Lakeside Elementary School at approximately 7:15 a.m. and leave at 7:20 a.m.
All bus times are approximate and may be changed during the school year.

Bus A - Ron Posusta’s Route

6:30	Rural stops
7:09	Summit Ave. and Center St.
7:10	Center St. and Park Ave., Silver Lake
7:18	Lakeside School
7:20	Leaves Lakeside for K-2 students

Bus E - Brenda Posusta’s Route

6:35	Rural stops
7:10	Century Lane
7:18	Lakeside School

Bus C - Gene Piehl’s Route

6:35	Rural stops
7:12	Frank and Grove Ave.
7:18	Lakeside School

Bus D - Derald Bielke’s Route

6:35	Rural stops
7:10	Railroad St. and Grand Ave., Silver Lake
7:18	Lakeside School

School bus safety

Students will be given school bus safety information the first weeks of school. Training will take place in the classroom and on a school bus. Parents, students and bus drivers play an important role in school bus safety. Bus drivers attend training meetings on issues including first aid, safe driving, and transporting students safely to and from school. Students need to practice, follow the bus rules and respect the rights and privileges of others. Parents should:

- Make sure students understand the transferring to other buses in the morning and afternoon to get to school and home.
- Make sure elementary students know their name, address, telephone number and bus number.
- Be at the bus stop the first couple of times or until the student is comfortable about the bus stop.
- Send a note along with the student if there are any changes in pick-up or drop-off.
- Remind students to always look both ways before crossing any street or roadway.

You, as a parent/guardian, are responsible for your child's comprehension of the school bus safety information. Transportation to and from school can be safe and efficient when riders cooperate with the bus driver, teachers and other passengers.

School bus expectations and policy

All students must ride their designated buses unless a written note from the parent(s) or guardian(s) is brought to school. If a student is going to ride a different route, a signed note must be presented to the classroom teacher or office. The teacher will sign the note and it is then handed to the driver of the bus. Without parental and school permission, no student is allowed on an alternate bus route. Buses will stop only at regularly scheduled stops.

Glencoe-Silver Lake school buses transport students in grades K-6 who live more than one mile from the schools they attend or students in grades 7-12 who live over two miles walking distance from the school they attend.

The bus driver will make every effort to abide by the schedule. Extremes in weather and poor roads do occasionally cause minor deviation from the schedule. The care and discipline of children on the bus lies solely with the bus driver.

Your assistance is requested to encourage good safety and citizenship. Children are asked to obey the following rules when riding the bus. The bus driver is in charge of enforcing the following rules:

- Walk on to the bus
- Listen to bus driver
- Use a quiet voice and respectful language
- Sit and face forward
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Walk off the bus

All misbehavior cases should be reported to Terry Becker at the transportation office (320-864-3032).

Parents or guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges. Consequences for elementary students may include, but are not limited to:

- 1st offense – warning
- 2nd offense – three-school-day suspension from the bus.
- 3rd offense – five-school-day suspension from the bus.
- 4th offense – 10-school-day suspension from the bus/meeting with parent.
- Further offenses – individually considered.

Note: When any student goes 60 transportation days without a report, the student’s consequences may start over at the first offense.

The safety of our students is of primary concern to the bus drivers. Here are “bus stop expectations” to discuss with your child:

- Listen to the supervisor
- Play safely
- Be friendly
- Line up when buses arrive



Get together and form a walking bus

Studies show that fewer children are walking and biking to school, and more children are at risk of becoming overweight. Changing behaviors of children and parents requires creative solutions that are safe and fun. Implementing a walking bus can be both. One of the primary reasons why parents are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school is because of safety issues. Many children are now driven to and from school every day. A walking bus gives more children the opportunity to walk to school safely every day. Items to consider include:

1. The school district is not responsible for students participating in a walking bus. Parents are responsible for their own children.
2. To begin, invite children from families who live nearby to walk.
3. Pick a route and take a test walk.
4. Take a look at the sidewalks or paths along the route.
5. Consider the traffic. How busy are the streets?
6. Look at the crosswalks along the route. Is it easy to cross the street?
7. Everyone meets at a pre-arranged time and walks to school together. More students will join the walking bus just because they see it.

There are benefits to a walking bus:

1. It’s sociable, healthy and enjoyable.
2. It reduces parking problems near the entrance of school buildings.
3. Children learn about safety and become more aware of their environment.

Student Pick-Up Notice - Important!

Beginning in September, all of our student pick-ups will take place at the main Lincoln Elementary Entrance (Door 11), which is located along 16th Street. We are making this change to improve our ability to supervise children and assure their safety. Parents, when picking up children during the day and/or after school, park in our lot at the corner of 16th & Pryor. Walk along the south side of the building and enter Lincoln Elementary through Door 11.



At dismissal, please wait on the ramp as children are dismissed at 3:00 PM. Please call 320-864-2666 with any questions.

We will send additional reminders throughout the summer.

*You must check in at the Lincoln Elementary Office if you are visiting the school, volunteering, dropping off late, picking up students early or at the end of the day. Door 14 on the west side of Lincoln is no longer a student “pick up” door.

Thank you - Lincoln Elementary



“If everyone started the day off singing, just think how happy they’d be”
- Lauren Myracle

GSL Early Childhood: Getting Ready to Learn

Early Childhood Family Education & School Readiness Preschool



ALICIA BESTE
GSL ECFE &
Preschool Director/
Parent Educator

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program of Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools. **ECFE** is for all **families with children age 0-5 years** (kindergarten entry). We have a variety of ongoing classes and single session special events. ECFE programs supply resources and teach skills that support your child’s growth and development from birth to kindergarten and beyond. We are here to support new parents, veteran parents, and everyone in between! GSL School Readiness Preschool offers half-day classes for 3-5 year old children. The goals of this program are to provide learning experiences that recognize each child's unique abilities and assist families in laying a foundation for school success. GSL ECFE/Preschool benefits families through support, information, friendship, and fun.

Fall
Open
House

Join us at the Early Childhood Learning Center (1621 16th St. E., Glencoe) on Wednesday, August 29 from 3-6 p.m. as we kick off the 2018-2019 school year. This will also be the last chance before school starts to register for any available spots in our preschool program. Come to play, visit, meet others with young children, and register for fall classes. Check the website and Facebook for more details. www.gsl.k12.mn.us >COMM ED>ECFE Facebook: [GSLECFESR](https://www.facebook.com/GSLECFESR)

Glencoe-Silver Lake
School Readiness
Preschool

Parent *Aware*
Rated Program
★★★★★
Highest Possible Rating

Class	Days	Time
Cubs (3 years by Sept.1)	Tue./Fri.	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Pre-K Panthers (4 years by Sept.1)	M/W/Th	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Pre-K Panthers (4 years by Sept.1)	M/W/Th	12:00-2:30 p.m

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Readiness Preschool is for children who are 3-5 years old by September 1, 2018 and are toilet trained. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open and ongoing until classes are filled. Classes fill early, so register as soon as possible to reserve your spot. **Our preschool teachers are licensed** by the Minnesota Department of Education and have been trained in child development and **kindergarten readiness**. We use the HighScope Preschool Curriculum, which is rich in reading, math, art, and science. It is also aligned with GSL Schools’ K-12 curriculum to encourage a **smooth transition to kindergarten**. We use the Desired Results Developmental Profile to assess students at the beginning and end of the school year. The GSL Early Childhood Learning Center has **class-rooms designed especially for children ages 0-5 years**. We offer access to a preschool-friendly playground, indoor large motor room (little gym) and the Lincoln Silver gym. In our classrooms, we use SMART boards, iPads, and computers to **enrich learning opportunities** for your child.

- We also offer:**
- Transportation** within the GSL District.
 - Scholarships** and sliding scale tuition for income-eligible families.
 - Integrated classes** with Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE).
 - Free Parent-Child** classes and Family Events.
 - Field trips** and access to the ECFE Library.



Fall Dates

August 29
GSL ECFE/Preschool Fall
Open House 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

September 6
Pre-K Panthers Check In Day
All day, by appointment

September 7
Cubs Check In Day
All day, by appointment

September 10
Pre-K Panther Classes Begin

September 17
Fall ECFE Classes Begin

September 14 & October 5
Early Childhood Screening
All Day, By Appointment

GSL ECFE programs are located at:

Early Childhood Learning Center
1621 16th St. E.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Phone: 320.864.2681
Email: gslecfe@gsl.k12.mn.us

Online:
www.gsl.k12.mn.us>COMM ED>ECFE
www.facebook.com/GSLECFESR

United Way
Awards Funds

United Way

The United Way of McLeod County has awarded funds to the GSL ECFE/School Readiness Preschool program for the first phase of construction on our Outdoor Classroom. Volunteers from the National Education Association, our local Education Minnesota chapter, and our programs begin work prepping the courtyard area between the Early Childhood Learning Center and Lincoln Elementary on Friday, June 29. Early Childhood Special Education was also awarded funds to add new equipment and sensory items to our large motor room. Thank you to the United Way for their continued support of early learning at GSL! Please consider supporting the work of the United Way in McLeod County.



Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools
Community Education

Welcome to another year of Community Education, a program that reaches all ages and needs. Whether you are looking for adult basic education, preschool recreation, youth and adult recreation and enrichment opportunities, AARP Driver Safety classes, swim lessons or school-age care (Panther Adventure Club), Community Education offers something for everyone. Community Education strives to meet the needs of all of our community members.

Thanks to Our Volunteers

The Community Education staff would like to thank all our volunteers who make our programs a success. This summer alone, we had over 68 volunteers helping with our youth recreation program. Without the dedication and support of volunteers, our programs would not be what they are today.



Fall 2018 Catalog

The Fall 2018 Community Education brochures were delivered with the Advertiser the weekend of August 4th. The brochure contains all of our current activities, classes and community events.



Tina Schauer
Community Education/
Panther Field House Director
320-864-2496
TSchauer@gsl.k12.mn.us

A copy of the Community Education brochure is also available on our website at:
www.gsl.k12.mn.us under the “Community Education” tab

2018 Fall Recreation Deadlines

Please note many of the recreation activities for youth have registration deadlines in August, prior to the start of school.

Please take time to register before the deadline to ensure your child will have a place on the team.

What is “P.A.C.” (Panther Adventure Club) all about?...

- The P.A.C. program is offered by the GSL Community Education Department to provide child care for students attending Kindergarten (fall 2018) through 6th grade, who would normally be at home alone or without parental supervision.
- Our program is designed to meet the needs ranging from: snack, homework time, gym time, group games, art projects, outdoor play, quiet, down time with board games and puzzles.
- There are so many things to do at P.A.C. with friends the same age~everything your child needs to have fun in a safe and well-supervised environment, with caring and professional staff. Whether you need care every day, or you are looking for some options for your daughter or son, the Panther Adventure Club program is here for you!



District 2859 elementary children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade in the Fall of 2018

Location:

Lincoln Elementary School
1621 16th St, E. Glencoe, MN 55336
Jane Goettl, Coordinator, 320-864-2693
320-510-0116 PAC cell number

Hours of operation:

6:30 AM - 8:00 AM Monday through Friday (before school)
2:55 PM - 6:00 PM Monday through Friday (after school)
Participants will need to provide a schedule

Transportation:

- AM P.A.C. program, transportation to your child’s school from the Lincoln P.A.C. site is provided.
- PM P.A.C. program -Transportation from your child’s school to the Lincoln P.A.C. site is provided.
- Transportation times will coincide with the regularly scheduled bus routes for your child’s school. Before school, drop your child off at the Lincoln P.A.C. site. After school your child will ride the bus back to Lincoln PAC site. At the end of the day, pick your child up at the Lincoln PAC site.

Meals:

Breakfast will be offered in the AM and is optional.
Snack will be offered in the afternoon and is optional.

Fees:

- Weekly fee for school year participation in both AM and PM is \$55.00 per child
- Daily AM fee is \$4.50 and daily PM fee is \$7.00 per child
- Non-School, Full Release days are \$25.00 per child
- Registration Fee of \$10.00 per child needs to be paid prior to child attending the program.

Fees are based on the schedule you provide. Students who miss due to illness or other reasons are still responsible for their full, weekly tuition.

Fees include:

- Caring/Professional staff
- Special events/programs
- Breakfast/Afternoon snack
- Choice Activities
- Quality care

Dates:

- The 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR program begins September 4 and ends May 29.
- The 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM will begin May 30
(Dates are subject to change with the GSL school calendar)

Non-school days when P.A.C. is open if care is needed:

October 17,18,19	November 23, 30
December 24, 26 ,27, 28, 31	January 21
February 18	March 4
April 18,19, 22	

Days when P.A.C. is closed:

November 22	December 25
January 1	May 27

Registrations:

- Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with full-time registrations receiving priority over part time registrations.
- Drop-ins will be accepted, but participants must be registered with the program in order to use drop-in services.
- Participants in drop-in services require a 48 hour notification.
- Registration/Activity fees are nonrefundable. School year program participants waive Summer ‘19 registration fee

**Please register early if you have AM needs.
For more information call:**

Jane Goettl, PAC Coordinator, at (320)-864-2693
PAC cell number: (320)-510-0116

Welcome to the start of another school year.

Now that we have most of the building project behind us, the start of this school year is looking quite a bit different than when we started school a year ago. Thank you again for all of your patience as we got through the building project and the start of the school year last year. It was indeed a year of change and adjustments for staff, students, parents and community members.

So, you might be wondering what we have been doing this summer to stay busy besides our normal schedule. We have tried to keep things a little bit calmer and let our custodial staff catch up with cleaning instead of moving furniture! We did however still have some work to do in the high school auditorium that was part of the building project that is now just about complete. We had to finish the fire suppression in that area as well as new ceilings in the upper auditorium and new lights in both the upper auditoriums and the house lights. Our next project for that space is a new sound system which should be completed this fall. A huge thank you goes out to the Stevens Seminary Foundation for their donation of \$100,000 to make the sound system happen. Without them, this wouldn't have been possible. A huge and heartfelt thank you, thank you. Our goal is to continue to make improvements to the auditorium to make it a top notch performing arts center. We will continue to do what we can as the budget allows.

We have met with the engineer and have gotten started on our plan designs for the reconstruction of the high school parking lot and the paving of the parking lot at the Lakeside campus. We know that everyone has been waiting for this to happen. Unfortunately, it takes time and money (a lot of money) to get everything done. The sub soils at the high school lot are in tough shape. Believe it or not, we have a very wet sub soil that we will have to take care of! Our plan as of right now will be to bid out the project in December/January. We will be funding this project by using abatement bonds as our revenue source. There will be a public hearing in the future that will explain how the abatement bond will affect your taxes.

Next on our docket, is the November election for our Operating Referendum. The school board has decided to hold the election a year earlier than when the referendum expires to help with the budgeting planning process. The current operating referendum will expire June 30, 2020. But, if you don't have a new levy authority in place by November of 2019, you will lose that levy authority and risk a substantial loss of revenue coming to the district for general operating expenses. The school board will be finalizing the dollar amount at the August school board meeting. This additional revenue is used to support our students, staff and existing programs. Watch for additional information and public hearings the next few months regarding the referendum election. As a reminder, the operating referendum is only taxed on the house, garage and one acre and all types of property are taxed the same. No Ag land is taxed in a referendum levy.

As for me, this is the time of year that is extremely busy as I try to work in three fiscal years at the same time. We are just finishing up the 2017-2018 school year and the auditors have been here working on completing the audit which keeps everyone in our district office busy. Then, of course as of July 1st, we have started the 2018-2019 school year. So, we are already busy checking budgets, getting out orders, working with staff, completing hiring's and making sure we are ready to go when staff and students come back. August is also when I start preparing the preliminary levy documents for the levy that will get approved in December for taxes payable in 2019 for revenue for the 2019-2020 school year. So, you have to have all of your information entered into the levy system at Minnesota Department of Education to make sure your preliminary levy numbers that come out in September are correct. Incorrect data could affect your revenue for the 2019-2020 school year. Indeed a busy time.

Our budget is still holding strong even though we had to make a few reductions. Our enrollment numbers at this point are stable so that helps with the budget planning. We should have an audit report in October so that will give us a good picture of how we ended the 2017-18 school year and help us start planning for 2019-2020.

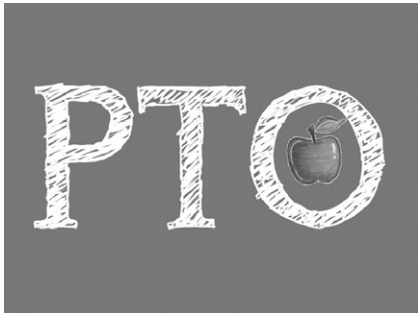


Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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Spotlight on PTO



The GSL Elementary PTO has been busy working behind the scenes to support the K-6 community!!! While the Rotary generously donated trees for the wind-break at Lincoln Elementary, we were able to pay to deliver them to their future home! Back-to-school is right around the corner, and our annual "welcome back" gifts to our faculty will be assembled shortly. Everyone loves to feel appreciated, and we want to show our support in a tangible way. This year, we will be presenting each grade level (and specialists, too,) with a monetary gift to use as they deem necessary.

Finally, look for announcements on our Facebook page (GSL Elementary PTO) regarding our upcoming Fall Carnival!



What exactly is an "Elementary PTO?"

Parent – Parenting touches all aspects of our children's lives, especially their education during these formative years. It is not uncommon,

then, for parents to reach out and be involved in the elementary schools, whether it is volunteering to chaperone a field trip, attending a parent-teacher conference, or sending a supportive e-mail to your child's teacher!

The GSL Elementary PTO gives parents a way to encourage the faculty and students by providing community-building events on a large scale and morale boosters to teachers on a smaller scale.

Teacher – The PTO has both parents and teachers in our core group. The principals of both schools and teacher liaisons from each building provide input on how the PTO can best meet the needs of students, families, and staff. Parents can make such a difference by simply reaching out to their child's teacher! Even if you feel too busy to volunteer at the school, a friendly e-mail can serve to open the lines of communication and support with someone who has your child's best interest at heart.

Organization – Our group has filed the necessary paperwork to become an official organization. We have Articles of incorporation, a tax ID number, and officers. We have our own bank account and treasurer, and are allowed to host fundraisers and use the money as we see fit. Although we happily serve our schools, we are a separate entity from Lincoln Elementary and Lakeside Elementary.

Your GSL Elementary PTO has been meeting over the summer to plan some wonderful events for the upcoming school year! Stay abreast of our happenings by visiting our Facebook page or requesting periodic e-mail updates (gslelementarypto@gmail.com). As always, you may contact your child's teacher or school to find out more about the PTO, as well.

GSL PanthersBooster Club



The GSL Panthers Booster Club supports all activities at GSL. They provide funding and volunteers to promote and support fine arts, athletics and other school-sponsored activities. For the 2017-2018 school year, they raised and donated \$17,000 to GSL activities.

Supported projects include: background checks for all volunteer coaches, Pep Band music, parts of the softball fields, iPads for various teams, the athletic trainer that is present for all home JV and varsity games, serving refreshments at the Fall Musical, the Senior Awards Night and a host of other items. The Booster Club has various fundraisers throughout the year, the first of which will be the Tailgate Party at the September 7th Panthers football game. Other fundraisers include a wrestling tournament and a basketball tournament.

All families are encouraged to become a "Super Fan". You can be as active or inactive as you want to be. You can simply support the Booster Club by becoming an individual member at \$30 /family and do nothing else, or you can volunteer to

help when needed by working events or the concession stand at activities and games.

The Booster Club Board Members graciously thank all local businesses that support with cash donations and/or donating supplies for events. They are a huge reason that the Booster Club can fund the requests that come to them.

The 2018-2019 Booster Club Board Members are: President, Jodi Richer; Vice-President, Joel Voelz; Treasurer, Mindy Lemke; Secretary, Beth Rumrill; Dave Brown, Becky Edwards, Rob Lemke, Troy Higgins, Jim Kosek, Karen Thalmann, Trevor Butcher, Eric Dietel, Kim Dietel and Joia Ziegler.

To become a Super Fan, you can contact any of the Booster Club Board members, or stop in at the merchandise stand or concession stand at any of the sporting events or, **send your name and email (email only if you would like to help with Booster events) and include a \$30 check payable to: GSL Panthers Booster Club Joia Ziegler 1709 McLeod Ave N Glencoe, MN 55336.**

SUPPLY LIST FOR ELEMENTARY K-6 STUDENTS

- Kindergarten**
- 1 backpack or school bag (without wheels)
 - 2 one-subject, wide rule, 70 count spiral notebook
 - 2 two-pocket folders (without clasps)
 - 1 large Kleenex tissue
 - 2 pop-up canisters antibacterial wipes (use on skin)
 - 1 Fiskars five-inch pointed scissors
 - 2 packages 10-count Crayola washable markers, broad tip classic colors
 - 2 packages 24-count Crayola crayons
 - 2 packages of Ticonderoga sharpened pencils (30 count)
 - 6 large Elmer’s washable glue sticks, dries clear
 - 1 4oz bottle of Elmer’s Washable School Glue
 - 1 eight-count set Crayola watercolor paints with brush
 - 1 four-count Expo low odor dry erase chisel tip assorted markers (black, blue, red, and green)
 - 1 package of highlighters
 - 1 One & one half (1 ½) inch 3 ring binder with clear plastic front sleeve/cover
 - 1 package 50-count 3x5 spiral bound index cards

If your last name begins with the following letters, please bring the item listed below:

- A-E 1 package large paper plates
- F-J 1 package small paper plates
- K-O 1 package gallon zip lock baggies
- P-T 1 package quart zip lock baggies
- U-Z 1 package snack size zip lock baggies
- A-M 1 box, 12 count colored pencils
- N-Z 1 box, 3.5 oz. Dixie cups

- 1st Grade**
- 1 backpack/school bag (without wheels)
 - 1 Fiskars five-inch pointed scissors
 - 1 eight count Crayola classic color markers
 - 1 wide ruled composition notebook
 - 1 set headphones or ear buds
 - 2 packages 24-count Crayola crayons
 - 9 giant or large Elmer’s glue sticks
 - 1 four-count Expo Dry Erase markers (low odor)
 - 1 8.25x5.25x2.25 plastic pencil box (no zippers or buckles)
 - 1 yellow highlighter
 - 1 Papermate erasers
 - 2 wide ruled 70 count spiral notebooks, solid red & blue (no glitter, designs and etc.)
 - 3 two pocket folders, solid red, blue, and yellow (no prongs, no glitter, designs and etc.)
 - 1 large box tissues
 - 1 package napkins
 - 1 large box of baby wipes
 - 1 package disinfecting wipes
 - 36 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
 - 2 packages post-it notes
 - 1 bottle of Elmer’s liquid glue



- 2nd Grade**
- 1 backpack/school bag (without wheels)
 - 30 Ticonderoga sharpened pencils
 - 4 one-subject, wide ruled 70 count spiral notebook (solid red, green, blue, and black)
 - 3 two pocket paper folders without clasps (solid red, blue, and green)
 - 1 Fiskars pointed scissors
 - 1 eight-count washable markers
 - 2 12 –count package colored pencils
 - 2 packages 24-count Crayola crayons
 - 6 large Elmer’s washable glue sticks
 - 1 clipboard 9x12
 - 1 large pink erasers
 - 2 large Kleenex boxes
 - 1 container baby wipes
 - 1 package of sticky notes 3x3
 - 1 set of headphones
 - 1 package Expo Dry Erase markers
 - 1 gallon size box zip-lock baggies
 - 1 roll of paper towels
 - 1 highlighter

- 3rd Grade**
- 3 24-count Ticonderoga pencils
 - 3 two-pocket folders without clasps (any colors but one must be red for Health)
 - 2 yellow chisel-tip highlighters
 - 1 24-count pencil top erasers
 - 1 large box of tissues
 - 1 pointed scissors
 - 6 large washable glue sticks
 - 1 zippered pencil pouch
 - 1 clipboard
 - 1 set of headphones
 - 4 wide-rule composition books
 - 1 canister disinfecting wipes (used for surfaces)
 - 1 package eight-count broad tip washable markers, classic colors
 - 1 package eight-count fine tip washable markers, classic colors
 - Boys: 24-count Crayola crayons and 1 four-count low odor dry erase markers
 - Girls: 12-count colored pencils and one package four count fine tip dry erase markers

- 4th Grade**
- 1 24-count Ticonderoga #2 pencils
 - 3 one-subject, wide rule, 70-count spiral notebooks
 - 1 12-count Crayola pre-sharpened colored pencils
 - 1 24-count Crayola crayons
 - 6 two-pocket folders (one must be blue– for health)
 - 2 red pens
 - 1 24-count package eraser caps
 - 1 five-inch pointed scissors
 - 3 large glue sticks
 - 1 zipper pencil pouch/bag
 - 2 yellow highlighters
 - 1 large box of tissues
 - 1 four–count set Expo dry erase markers
 - 4 packages, 100-count, 3x3 self-stick note
 - 1 large package loose leaf paper, wide ruled
 - 1 set of midsize headphones (ear buds are not recommended)

- 4th Grade, continued**
- 1 12-count fine tip Crayola washable markers
 - 1 10-count broad tip Crayola washable markers
 - 1 3-ring binder, one inch, clear view insert cover
 - 1 canister disinfecting wipes
 - 1 covered individual pencil sharpener for desk
 - 1 clip board, 9x12
- 5th Grade**
- 10+ count Expo low odor dry erase, chisel tip markers
 - Headphones
 - 1 8.5x11 plastic clipboard
 - 1 pkg of mechanical pencils & refills or 2 pkgs of regular pencils
 - 1 pkg of colored pencils
 - 1 package of washable markers
 - 2 large erasers
 - 1 large box of tissues
 - 2 folders
 - 1 large zippered pencil pouch/box
 - 2 yellow highlighters
 - 1 package 100-count 3x5 white ruled index cards
 - 3 single-subject college-rule notebooks OR 1-3 subject college-rule notebook
 - 1 stick of deodorant for locker
 - Scissors
 - 3 large glue sticks (one for Art) & 1 bottle of glue
 - 1 container of disinfecting wipes
 - 1 yellow 2-pocket folder (health)
 - 5th BAND - Tradition of Excellence Band Method Book 1 and one ½” 3-ring binder with 5 dividers

- 6th Grade**
- 5 college-rule spiral notebooks (4 red, 1 yellow)
 - 2 packages 100-count 3x3 post-it notes
 - 1 packages 12-count latex-free pink eraser caps
 - 2 yellow chisel-tip highlighters
 - 1 8.5x9.75 inch zippered pencil pouch to fit in trapper
 - Scissors
 - Calculator
 - 1 8.5 x 11 plastic clipboard
 - 2 pens (any color)
 - 1 large box tissues
 - 1 four-count Expo dry erase, chisel tip, assorted markers (black, blue, red and green) with dry erase cleaner
 - 1 eight-count Crayola washable markers, broad tip, classic colors
 - 1 colored Pencils
 - 1 roll invisible tape (3/4” x 36 yard) refill
 - 1 green two-pocket paper folder (health)
 - 1 set ear buds
 - 2 large washable glue sticks (1 for Art)
 - 1 stick of deodorant for locker
 - 1 trapper with expanding file folders
 - 6 12-count yellow #2 sharpened pencils
 - 1 Graph Composition Notebook, quad-ruled 4 x 4 (Walmart)
 - For Health Project (January) – 1 sheet of tag board, thin black marker and bottle of glue
 - 6th BAND - Tradition of Excellence Band Method Book 2 and one ½” 3-ring binder with 5 dividers

SUPPLY LIST FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS GRADES 7-8

One Notebook (either wide or college rule), One Folder (with pockets) for each class (color-coded) (Unless two are indicated) If you cannot find the specific color – any color will work

Please label each notebook and folder with class name and student name in black or blue ink

* Science	Green (two 70-page spiral notebooks for Science 7 & 8)	* Health/Phy. Ed.	Blue
* Social	Purple (two purple notebooks for Geo 7 & History 8)	* English	Red (two red notebooks for English 7 & 8)
* FACS/Ind. Tech/Music/Art	Yellow (You will need three of these, one per trimester)		
	* Pens; black, blue, (2 each), red (4 each)	* Pencils #2 pencils (2 packages)	
	* Markers (1 set)	* One set of colored pencils	
	* 1 pack of 100 3 x 5 note cards - lined on one side	* 1 roll of scotch tape	
	* Jumbo book cover for Science		

These supplies are for specific classes:

- * Math 7/8 Scientific Calculator Texas TI-30XA
- * Math 7/8 Headphones / Ear buds – needed for computers (for other subjects as well)
- * Math 7/8 3-ring binder w/ three dividers
- * Math 7/8 1 pencil pouch to keep calculator and supplies in for daily use
- * ART Sketchbook 9 x 12 (spiral is preferable), 8th Grade can continue in last year’s sketchbook if you still have empty pages.
- * Phy. Ed Tennis shoes, socks, t-shirt or sweatshirt, shorts or sweatpants
- * 7th Band Tradition of Excellence Band Method Book (which you used in 6th grade band)
- * Science 7 3-ring binder, minimum 1-1/2 inch

Chromebook minimum specifications:

- * Screen size of 10”
- * 2 GB of RAM
- * Full sized keyboard
- * Wireless Connectivity
- * Minimum 6 hour battery life
- * Allows the use of Google Chrome Browser

These supplies need to go to your RAP Advisor (Optional)

- * Two boxes of Kleenex – give to your RAP Advisor
- * One roll of paper towels – give to your RAP Advisor
- * 1 pack of Broad Expo markers to be given to teacher for use in the classroom (Math)

Welcome back to school!

You learn something everyday
if you pay attention
-Ray LeBlond

Open House & First Day of School

Lincoln Elementary School
K through 2nd Grade
AUG. 29 & SEPT. 4 "CHECK IN DAY"
OPEN HOUSE AUG. 29 3:00 TO 6:00 PM
SEPT. 5 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES **K-2**

Lakeside Elementary School
3rd through 6th grade
OPEN HOUSE AUG. 29 3:00 TO 6:00 PM
Sept. 4 - First Day of Classes **3-6**

GSL JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
OPEN HOUSE AUG. 29 3:00 TO 6:00 PM
Sept. 4 - First Day of Classes **7-12**

Casa Abierta y Primer Dia de Escuela

Escuela Elemental Lincoln
Kindergarten a Grado 2
Agosto 29 & Septiembre 4 "Día para Conocer
a su Maestra"
Casa Abierta Agosto 29, 3:00 pm a las 6:00 pm
Sept. 5 - Primer Día de Clases K-2

Escuela Elemental Lakeside
Grados 3 a 6
Casa Abierta Agosto 29, 3:00 pm a las 6:00 pm
Septiembre 4 - Primer Día de Clases 3-6

GSL Junior/Senior High School
Grados 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
CASA ABIERTA AGOSTO 29, 3:00 PM A LAS 6:00 PM
SEPTIEMBRE 4 - PRIMER DÍA DE CLASES 7-12

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District Office _____ 320-864-2496

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Field House _____ 320-864-2696

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GSL Jr/Sr High Office _____ 320-864-2400

GSL JR High Activities Line _____ 320-864-2555

High School Activities Line _____ 320-864-2444

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Lori Harms/Activities Secretary _____ 320-864-2455

Beth Jerabek/District Nurse
High School _____ 320-864-2446

Lincoln Elementary Office _____ 320-864-2666

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Bill Butler/Elementary Principal
Coordinator of Title Programs
& Special Education _____ 320-864-2677

Elementary Asst. Principal/Joy Freitag
Lakeside Elementary _____ 320-864-2501

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Technology Director _____ 320-864-2407

John McBride - interpreter _____ 320-864-2686

School Hours

School	Start	End
Lincoln Elementary	8:00	3:00
Lakeside	8:05	2:55
GSL JR/SR High School	7:55	3:10

Horas Escolares

Escuela	Comienzo	Fin
Lincoln Elemental	8:00	3:00
Lakeside Elemental	8:05	2:55
GSL JR/SR High School	7:55	3:10



Emergency school closings notification information



School closings due to weather or other emergencies will be announced using the School Messenger telephone broadcast system, over the website: www.gsl.k12.mn.us the GSL information telephone line (864-2499 then press "1"), and the following radio and television stations:

Radio Stations

WCCO (AM 830)
KDUZ (AM 1260)
KARP (FM 106.9)

Television Stations

WCCO (Channel 4) Fox 9 (Channel 9)
KSTP (Channel 5) KARE (Channel 11)

Community Education and Early Childhood and Family Education classes, as well as elementary and secondary activities, will not be held when school is closed due to inclement weather. When school is two hours late, there will be no morning ECFE preschool or classes. For more specific information, including cancellation of extra-curricular activities, parents can call 864-2499 and then press "1," or call the individual building activities lines. Please don't call the schools to find out early closing information. This ties up the phone lines so that emergency calls can't get through.

Radio and TV stations will provide a specific closing time (for example: 12:00 noon), rather than listing it building by building. Buses cannot be at all four buildings at the same time, so dismissal times are staggered. Listed below are the scheduled times for a 12:00 noon early dismissal:

Building	Dismissal Time
GSL High School	12:00 noon
GSL Jr. High	12:00 noon
Lincoln Elementary	12:00 noon
Lakeside	11:45 a.m.
First Lutheran	11:50 a.m.

Generally, school will be in session if it is felt that the buses can make their routes in relative safety. However, when weather conditions are questionable, the district's road conditions are checked and a determination is made as to whether or not to start late, dismiss school early, or close.

Even if school is in session, parents are asked to assess their particular situation to determine whether or not it is safe for their child(ren) to attend school on a particular day. During inclement weather, parents may take their child(ren) home at any time during the day by reporting to the principal's office in the building the child(ren) attend(s).



Our Mission Statement

Creating a culture where education is valued,
excellence is expected and lifelong learning thrives.

Our Vision Statement

To Connect, To Lead, To Inspire.