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NEWSLETTER OF GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT # 2859

Proudly Serving the communities of Biscay, Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato, and Silver

Fall 2025

Here's to a Great 2025–2026 School Year, GSL!

The start of the 2025–2026 school year is upon us, and with it comes the excitement of new opportunities, lasting memories, and meaningful lessons that will stay with our students for a lifetime.

I'm truly looking forward to the many success stories that will unfold this year. At GSL, we understand the critical role we play in the educational journey of our students. Our dedicated staff embraces the enormous responsibility of preparing students for an ever-changing world. Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders, competing not just locally, but globally. The skills, values, and knowledge we foster together will give our students a strong advantage in life—and we're proud to say that our students are not only well-prepared but also genuinely good people.

At GSL, we are fortunate to have a community that values education and shows unwavering support for our schools. That strong partnership between students, staff, parents, and the community is what drives our success. We hold high expectations—for ourselves and for one another—because greatness has long been a part of the GSL legacy, and we are committed to continuing that tradition.

Our vision, "To Connect, To Lead, and To Inspire," guides us in fulfilling our mission:
"Creating a culture where education is valued, excellence is expected, and life-long learning thrives."

Thank you for being an essential part of the GSL family as we step into a new year filled with promise and purpose. I'm especially grateful for our community's continued support—it's what makes our district truly special.

Please take time to read through this publication from the GSL School District. As always, I'm here to support our students and families in every way I can. Feel free to follow me on X (Twitter) and Facebook, or reach out directly at csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us. You can also call the district office anytime.

Here's to an incredible 2025–2026 school year. It's an honor to serve this outstanding community.

Take care,
Chris Sonju
Superintendent

Chris Sonju
Superintendent of Schools
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Picture Days:

Sept. 15 – Lincoln Elementary
Sept. 16 – Lakeside Elementary
Sept. 19 – Jr High/Sr. High

Flu Shot Clinics-

Sept. 17 @ Lakeside Elm.
3:30 – 5:00 P.M.
Sept. 18 @ GSL High School
3:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Check In Day & First Day of School

Lincoln & Lakeside Elementary School

Kindergarten through 6th Grade
"CHECK IN DAY" AUG. 27 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SEPT. 2 – 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SEPT. 3 – FIRST DAY OF CLASSES K-6

GSL Junior/Senior High School

Grades 7th-12th
OPEN HOUSE AUG. 27 – 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
SEPT. 2 – FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 7-12

Check in Dia y Primer Dia De Escuela

Escuela Elemental Lincoln & Lakeside

Kindergarten a Gardo 6
Check in Dia Agosto 27 – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Septiembre 2 – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sept. 3 – Primer Dia de Clases **K-6**

GSL Junior Senior High School

Grados 7th-12th
Casa Abierta Agosto 27 – 3:00 Pm a las 6:00 pm
Septiembre 2 – Primer Dia De Clases **7-12**

Parent Teacher Conference Dates Fall 2025:

Lincoln & Lakeside Elementary:

Oct. 13 and 14 – Evening K-6 Parent – Teacher Conference

Glencoe- Silver Lake Jr/Sr High School:

Oct. 13 - Gr. 7-12 Evening conferences

Oct. 15, 16 and Oct 17 No School K-12 – Education MN
Conference



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

Important
Dates

School Hours

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

Horas Escolares

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Lincoln Elemental	8:00	3:00
Lakeside Elemental	8:00	3:00
GSL JR/SR		
High School	8:05	3:10

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Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior/Senior High School

Hello GSL Families,

I hope you’ve been enjoying your summer and finding time to relax with family and friends. I’m beyond excited to kick off the 2025–2026 school year and can’t wait to welcome everyone back to campus. As we prepare for the first day of school, I’d like to share some important updates and reminders to help students and families get off to a successful start.

One of the biggest changes this year is an update to our daily schedule. Panther Power Hour (PPH) and What I Need (WIN) will no longer be part of the school day. Instead, instructional time has been increased across all class periods. Teachers will have the flexibility to incorporate PPH or WIN style support directly into their classroom routines.

In addition to changes in the daily schedule, please note that backpacks will not be allowed in classrooms this year. All students will be issued a locker for use during the school day. Junior high students will be assigned a locker with a built-in lock, while senior high students will receive a school-issued combination lock to use with their assigned locker. Students should plan to store backpacks, phones, and other personal items in their lockers throughout the day.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE- RAP (FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK)

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	Starts	Ends	Passing Time
Period 1	8:05	8:55	8:55 – 9:00
Period 2	9:00	9:45	9:45 – 9:50
RAP	9:50	10:15	10:15 – 10:20
Period 3	10:20	11:05	11:05 – 11:10
Period 4	11:10	12:40	
A Lunch	11:10	11:40	
B Lunch	11:40	12:10	
C Lunch	12:10	12:40	12:40 – 12:45
Period 5	12:45	1:30	1:30 – 1:35
Period 6	1:35	2:20	2:20 – 2:25
Period 7	2:25	3:10	

Class	Starts	Ends	Passing Time
Period 1	8:05	9:00	9:00 – 9:05
Period 2	9:05	9:55	9:55 – 10:00
Period 3	10:00	10:50	10:50 – 10:55
Period 4	10:55	12:25	
A Lunch	10:55	11:25	
B Lunch	11:25	11:55	
C Lunch	11:55	12:25	12:25 – 12:30
Period 5	12:30	1:20	1:20 – 1:25
Period 6	1:25	2:15	2:15 – 2:20
Period 7	2:20	3:10	

RAP is our advisory period used for school-wide communications. During RAP, students will participate in Character Strong lessons, receive important announcements, and hear about upcoming events. RAP will always take place on the first school day of each week, usually Monday. If school is not in session on Monday, RAP will be held on Tuesday instead.

As many of you are aware, cell phones and personal devices have increasingly become a distraction during the school day. To create a more focused learning environment, students may only use phones and other personal devices during their assigned lunch period in the cafeteria. At all other times, including in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and during passing time, devices must be turned off and stored out of sight.

If a student’s device is visible or in use outside of the designated lunch period:

- It will be confiscated and held in the office until the end of the school day.
- Repeat offenses may require a parent or guardian to retrieve the device.
- Ongoing issues could result in a student needing to check their device in daily or leave it at home.

We’re also excited to introduce several new teachers joining the GSL Junior/Senior High School team this year:

- Olivia Martinez – ELL/Spanish
- Kristine Edwards – Special Education
- Brynn Cherveney – Special Education
- Lori Schwartz – Junior High PE/Health
- Jon McDonough – Science
- Lilly Ehrke – FACS

Please help us give them a warm GSL welcome!



Matt Foss
Principal – GSL Jr/Sr High School
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Strong communication is key to student success. If you ever have questions or concerns, whether it’s about your student’s progress, school activities, or daily routines, please don’t hesitate to reach out. In addition to direct calls and emails, here are a few great ways to stay connected:

- **Campus Portal** – Track grades, attendance, and assignments. If you need help getting set up, contact the High School Office.
- **School Website** – Find up-to-date announcements, events, and staff contact information.

Whether through a quick phone call, an email, or an in-person conversation, we’re here to partner with you in your child’s success.

We’re looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces back at GSL very soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for a fantastic 2025–2026 school year!

Sincerely,

Matt Foss and Sarah Beckman

Sarah Beckman
Asst. Principal
GSL Jr/Sr High School
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Lincoln Elementary & Lakeside Elementary Welcome Back!

The start of school is fast approaching and elementary staff members at Lincoln & Lakeside are eager to welcome our students back to school! As your educational partners, we know that parent/guardian involvement and home/school connections are crucial to your child’s success. Our check-in appointments at Lincoln & Lakeside will provide an opportunity for parents and school staff to partner in support of children.

Lincoln & Lakeside Check-in Days

Check-in appointments with your child’s teacher are scheduled for Wednesday, 8/27 and Tuesday, 9/2. Detailed information was sent to your email earlier in August. Please call Kim Ruschmeier (Lincoln) at 320-864-2666 or Lori Hatlestad (Lakeside) at 320-864-2500 with questions.

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 dedicated 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.

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



Bill Butler
Elementary Principal
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Elementary Themes

Lincoln Elementary – “Undercover Secret Agents”

Lakeside Elementary – “Challenge Accepted”

Staff will use these themes to engage students as we go about our daily work to encourage, nurture, motivate, and teach.

Joy Freitag
Elementary Asst. Principal
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GSL Food Service

Welcome to Chartwells K12 Food & Nutrition Services

The entire kitchen staff here at Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools is excited to welcome students back to school where they will experience flavors, and events sure to inspire a happy and healthy 2025-26 school year! We do more than feed hungry students at GSL Public Schools. We improve the well-being of our students by preparing fresh, delicious and nutritious meals they love. We engage students and all their senses through the creation of new and fresh dining experiences that improve their school day. Our wide variety of menu items, programs and initiatives nourish student's bodies, minds and spirits.

Breakfast Items - The fruit smoothie bar served on Thursday, as well as the Made-To-Order Omelet station on Wednesday mornings will continue weekly. New breakfast items will continue to roll out as the year goes forward.

Lunch Items – The “Sono” line will continue this year, and we will add condiments to keep it fresh and exciting. It is our version of “Chipotle” and we will offer it daily at the HS. We will run Global Eats throughout the school year. The school cafeteria is often one of the first places a child gets to taste and learn about foods from outside their family’s recipes or traditional cultural dishes. This program highlights the unique ingredients and authentic flavors from cuisines around the world.

Snacks - An after-school snack program will be offered in the high school café for students participating in afterschool activities such as athletic practices, ESL, drama, Robotics, Community Education programs and much more. Look on the Meal Price page for an explanation of the snack plans offered.

Dietary Needs

Chartwells believes 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 be written by a physician and submitted to the school nurse and food service office. A copy of the special dietary request form can be found on the school website or in the school nurse’s office

Nutrislice Menus in the Palm of Your Hands

The Nutrislice App powers our school menu, nutrition and allergen information right to your mobile phone. 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 FREE and available for download at the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). Menus can also be found on the Nutrislice web site or on the GSL District site.

Search for your menus or find them on the web:
<http://gls.nutrislice.com>.



Thank You and let’s make it a GREAT YEAR!!!

Joni Kimble, Director of Dining Services
Chartwells School Dining Services
320-864-2474 JKimble@gsl.k12.mn.us

Meal Prices for 2025-2026 School Year

Our School offers healthy meals each day. Minnesota’s Free School Meals Programs offers all students one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school.

Although no application is required to receive this free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school or reduced price for after school snack. Your application may also help the school qualify for education funds, discounts, and other meal programs. A new application must be submitted each year. Applications can be found on the school website, at the District Office, or during check in and open house days. Completed applications can be emailed to Heidi Hennessey HHennessey@gsl.k12.mn.us, dropped off at the District Office, or send to Glencoe-Silver Lake, Attn: Heidi Hennessey, 1621 16th St. E, Glencoe MN 55336.



Students are also able to get a 2nd meal for a cost of \$2.65 for K-6 and \$2.85 for 7-12. An extra milk or to purchase just a milk is \$.50 cents. 7-12 graders are also able to purchase A la Carte items. These purchases are charged to their lunch accounts or can be purchased with cash. If you wish for your child to not have seconds or purchase A la Carte items, contact Heidi Hennessey.

Heidi Hennessey
Business Services
320-864-2496
HHennessey@gsl.k12.mn.us



Beth Jerabek,
MPH, MSN, RN, PHN, LSN
Glencoe-Silver Lake
District School Nurse
bjrabek@gsl.k12.mn.us

Student-School Health Information

- Do you have questions regarding medication administration in schools?**
Please review our policy 516, Student Medication Policy (available on GSL’s website at www.gsl.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 our 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: 320-864-2500
Lincoln Elementary: 320-864-2666
GSL Junior/Senior High: 320-864-2400

Health Staff:

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

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

Lincoln Elementary:
Sharry Good, LPN 320-864-2665

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



Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools Community Education

Welcome Glencoe-Silver Lake district community. Here at GSL we believe that learning enriches our lives at any age. Our Community Education program provides a broad range of learning opportunities that reflect the needs and interests of our community members regardless of age. The goal at GSL is to keep people of all ages active in both mind and body throughout the year. We encourage everyone to spend their time developing a healthy lifestyle, academic strengths, positive social skills and character. Whether you participate in your favorite activity or learn something new – we hope you have fun! In addition, we are always looking for individuals who will share their knowledge and passions by teaching a class. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like to provide feedback on any of our programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at 320-864-2696 or mmenchow@gsl.k12.mn.us. We are also open to new ideas that anyone has to offer. Growing opportunities into our community is another goal for Community Ed this year and with your assistance with hope we can do that at a faster pace. Lastly, we want to thank everyone for the great support to make this all possible.

Please continue to watch your email for our weekly flyer of our latest activities, as well as, some new exciting recreational and enrichment opportunities. You can also find this information on our website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us under the Community Education tab or like our Facebook page “Panther Field House”.

As always, Thank you for supporting GSL Community Education!



Any Questions Please Contact
Matt Muenchow, Community Education Director
320-864-2696 or mmuenchow@gsl.k12.mn.us



Panther Adventure Club School Age Childcare

Looking for a fun, engaging program for your school-age child before and after school, school breaks, and summer months?

Our Program Offers:

- Breakfast, Lunch & Snack
- Field Trips & In-House Camps WEEKLY (summer)
- Phenomenal Staff
- Water Days & Swimming
- A fully structured day!
- And MORE

Program Schedule:

- Monday-Friday
- 6:30am-5:30pm (summer)
- 6:30am-8:10am & 3:00pm-5:30pm (school Year)
- Part-Time & Full-Time Spots Available!



Registration, Questions & More Information:

TJZajicek@gsl.k12.mn.us | 320.864.2681



GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Become a Panther Super Fan!

Help support our student activities and become a Panther Super Fan for just **\$25 per family!** You will receive the Panther Logo painted on your driveway!

Scan the QR Code to sign up:

Ways to pay:

1- Mail check to GSL Boosters
PO Box 281, Glencoe, MN 55336

2- Venmo



2025/26 Booster Events/ Fundraisers:

- Aug 8th- Golf Tournament @ GCC 12:30pm
- Aug 11-20th - Sale of Panther Gold Cards
- Aug 27th- Garage Sale @ GSL HS, 7am-7pm
- Sept 11th- Mums Fundraiser Pickup
- Sept 12th- Homecoming Parade
- Dec 3rd - Donation night @ Happy Hour 4-8pm
- Jan 31st, 4pm - Bingo @ King Pin Pub
- Feb 1-26th - Cash Calendar Fundraiser
- Mar - Murder Mystery Night- Date TBD
- May - Night at the Ballpark / Cash Raffle, Date TBD

A big thank you to all the local businesses and community members who supported us—your generosity made a big difference. Go Panthers! The 2025-2026 Booster Club Board members: Tiffany Simonson - President, Chris Graf - Vice President, Emily Schilling - Treasurer, Jess Neid - Secretary, Sarah Waller, Steph Wilkens, Jamie Schlechter, Jay Rickert, Katie Rickert, Trevor Coon, Larisa Kosek, Jen Schauer, Josh Stuewe, Danielle Ratike & Dave Brown.



Be a Part of Something GREAT, Become Someone GREAT.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter is home to 7-12 grade Panthers who are COMPETITIVE, HARD-WORKING, FUN-SEEKERS, and SUCCESS-DRIVEN. Check out some common concerns we hear and learn why FFA might be the next right move for you!

1. *“I don’t know what I’m doing after high school.”*

Sometimes this is a scary thought - but exposure to career fields you never knew existed is what FFA is all about. FFA also looks great on resumes. When employers (especially in our town!) see you have been involved in FFA, it tends to make a difference!

2. *“I’m not a farmer.”*

FFA was established as an organization to build the skills of farmers. The skills of these members caught so much attention that others wanted to be involved. Today, FFA is for students like you - who want to find motivation, confidence, and success.

3. *“I’m too busy.”*

Yep we get it - so are we! A year-round activity can seem like a big commitment. FFA is an organization that works with your schedule. Pick and choose what you want to get out of it. This isn’t a year-long commitment - this is a year’s worth of opportunities.

4. *“I can’t afford it.”*

Being involved in activities can be expensive - but we don’t want that to hold our members back. Each year, we work to fundraise and find support for our members, keeping the cost to attend events free or as low as possible. A year-long membership costs only \$30 and includes our annual t-shirt.

5. *“That sounds...boring.”*

Ask anyone else who is involved in FFA - we do some pretty cool stuff. Monthly meetings range from messy kickball to cook-offs. Travel opportunities exist throughout the nation and even internationally. The friends you make state-wide will be lifelong. Want us to keep going?

Message from the President

“I grew up in an agricultural background, but the thought of joining FFA was challenging for me. I was one of the shyest kids you had ever met. I was very hesitant to join an activity where I didn’t know anyone but a few friends pushed me to join, and it's something I will always be thankful for. I immediately found a family in our FFA Chapter. Plus, it was a lot of fun to partake in competitions and make friends with other members outside our chapter. These things helped me to become the leader I am today. While I have a background in agriculture, a phrase that FFA stands for is “not a farmer, not a problem.” This is something that I have really seen embodied in our chapter. Many of our members do not have a background in agriculture but are still very active in the FFA chapter. Over the years I have found that no matter who you are, there is a place for you to flourish in the chapter, and you will learn things that can help you for the rest of your life. I can't wait to see what all of our members will accomplish this year, and the great people they will become.” - Samantha Mattson, 2025-2026 Chapter President

Students, take a trip to the Ag Room or check out the school website for membership details. Community members, if you are interested in supporting the 100+ GSL FFA Members in your area, please reach out to our advisor, Rebekka Paskewitz at rpaskewitz@gslpanthers.net to explore the fun involved with being an Ag Promoter.

We are excited to support you this year fellow Panthers!



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 School meetings during the 2025-2026 school year, contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at 320-864-2498 or at csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us

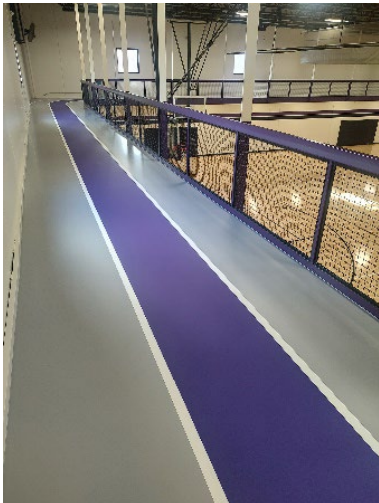
District News from the Director of Finance

My name is Trisha Zajicek, and I have had the privilege of serving in the district for the past seven years as the MARSS Coordinator/Business Services. I am thrilled to announce that I have recently stepped into the role of Director of Finance for the school. This transition comes as we bid farewell to Michelle Sander, who has dedicated 18 years to our district as the Business Manager for Glencoe-Silver Lake. Her retirement marks the end of an era, and I am eager to build upon the strong foundation she has established.



I am pleased to provide an update on the roofing project. I am happy to report that Phase 1 is progressing smoothly. We have successfully completed all façade work, and the roof replacements at the Field House, Lincoln Elementary, and the Purple Gym areas have also been finalized. Thank you for your continued support as we are moving forward with this important project.

In addition to the roofing improvements, we have undertaken several enhancements to our facilities. We have installed four new windows in the Field House, which will not only improve natural lighting but also enhance the overall aesthetic appeal. Additionally, a new walking track has been constructed, providing a valuable resource for our community's health and wellness initiatives. Furthermore, the Lincoln Elementary Gym has been upgraded with a brand-new gym floor, a change that I am confident will significantly benefit both our students and the wider community.



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Director of Finance
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If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to supporting our district's goals.

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 ensure 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 Student Assurance Services. 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 we enroll:

1. Go to the link on the front of the GSL webpage, "K-12 Student Accident Plan."
2. Click on www.sas-mn.com or scan the QR code for details.
3. Click on K12
4. Scroll Down – Find my school
5. Review plans and complete enrollment form.

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

Questions? Call:
Trisha Zajicek, Director of Finance
At 320-864-2494 or email: TZajicek@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, required that districts comply with both state and federal law prohibiting discrimination and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the regulation promulgated thereunder required the adoption of an anti-discrimination policy. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board reviews this policy regularly. The most current update is 11/12/2024. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Independent District No. 2859 agrees to comply with federal and state law prohibiting discrimination and requirements imposed by or pursuant to regulation 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 received federal financial assistance.

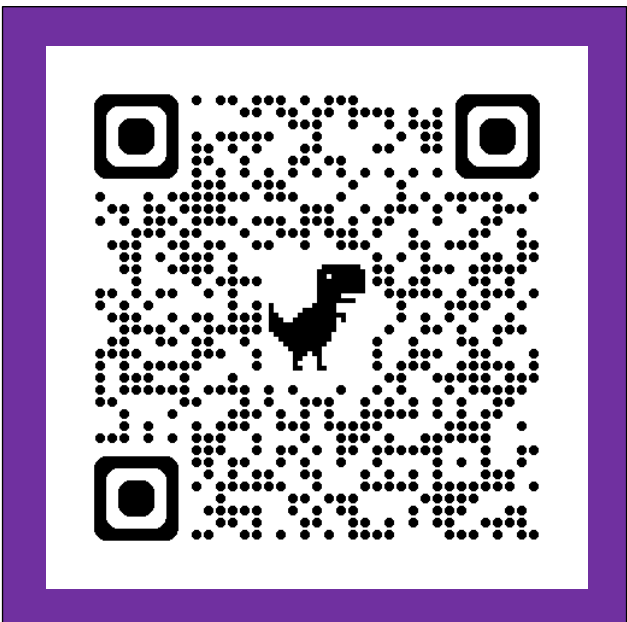
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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

At GSL Early Childhood Learning Center, we are constantly growing and evolving our programs to meet the needs of our local families. Our goal is to provide as many resources as possible to our littlest learners and their families – and to build a solid foundation for their education. The Early childhood Learning Center consists of a wide variety of programs that serve different purposes from Birth – Age 5.

Early Childhood Programs:

- School Readiness Preschool
- Panthers Cub-House
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education



Our Programs Offer:

Year Round childcare from 6:30 AM-5:30PM
FREE Family Events!
Parent/Child Classes
Early Intervention and Special Education Support
Field Trips and Community Connections



2025 – 2026 Glencoe-Silver Lake Bus Route Information

Glencoe-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 ELEMENTARY 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

MORNING TRANSFER INFORMATION

All buses will arrive at GSL junior/Senior High School at 7:35 a.m. Buses will leave at approximately 7:45 a.m. to transfer to lakeside and First Lutheran. Students will ride the following buses to each school:

Lakeside Elementary School:

Bus 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15

First Lutheran School: Bus 4

AFTERNOON TRANSFER INFORMATION

Lakeside Students will be picked up and taken to the Glencoe Campus. All buses will leave the Glencoe Campus at approximately 3:20 p.m.

GLENCOE BUS ROUTES

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

Bus #1

6:35 Rural Stops
7:08 Biscay – All students – Ames St & Grant St.
7:15 Rural stops
7:28 Fir Ave. and Part St.

Bus #2

6:45 Rural Stops
7:22 18th St. and Greeley
7:24 18th St. and Ives Ave.
7:26 20th St. and Judd Ave.
7:28 18th St. and Louden Ave.

Bus #3New Auburn

6:50 Rural Stops
7:02 2nd St. and 7th Ave.
7:04 4th St. and 8th Ave.
7:08 6th St. and 6th Ave.
7:27 Glencoe – 7th St. and Baxter Ave.
7:28 7th St. and Elliott Ave.
7:29 9th St. and Elliott Ave.

GSL busing eligibility

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

- Grades K-7 and live over 1 mile walking distance from the school they attend.
- Grades 9-12 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 12th St. and Elliott Ave.
7:20 12th St. and Baxter Ave.
7:26 15th St. and Desoto Ave.
7:28 14th St. and Greeley Ave.

Bus #5

6:50 Rural Stops
7:22 Fairway Dr. and Fairway Cir.
7:23 Fairway Dr. and Pleasant Ave.
7:24 1st St. and Edgewood Dr.
7:25 Edgewood Dr. and Mitchell Ln.
7:26 Wooddale Dr. and Reeds Ln.
7:28 Reeds Ln. and Interwood Dr.
7:30 Interwood Dr. and Glenmoore Ln.

Bus #6

6:40 Rural Stops
7:25 16th St. and Cedar St.
7:26 17th St. and Fir Ave.
7:28 18th St. and Birch Ave.
7:31 16th St. and Ford Ave.
7:32 16th St. and Ives Ave.
7:33 16th St. and louden Ave.

Bus #7

6:35 Rural Stops
7:23 11th St. and Baldwin Ave.
7:24 11th St. and Abbott Ave.
7:25 11th St and Stevens Ave.
7:26 9th St. and Stevens Ave.

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:

Dan Wanous at the
Bus Garage at 320-864-3032

Bus #8 Lester Prairie & Plato

6:45 Rural Stops
6:53 Pine St. and Central Ave., Lester Prairie
6:56 Blake and Hana/Hope, Lester Prairie
6:58 Lily & hope, Lester Prairie
7:00 Co Rd 9 and Prairie Ridge Ln., Lester Prairie
7:15 1st St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE, Plato
7:18 2nd St. NW and 2nd Ave. NE, Plato
7:19 2nd St. NW and 3rd Ave. NW, Plato

Bus #9

6:40 Rural Stops
7:27 Ford Ave. and Wacker Dr.
7:30 11th St. and Louden Ave.
7:32 11th St. and Owen Ave.

Bus #10 Brownton

6:45 Rural Stops
7:16 4th St. N & 3rd Ave. N
7:17 3rd St. N & 1st Ave. N
7:19 2nd St. N & 5th Ave S
7:20 4th Ave. S and 3rd St. S
(Brownton Library)
Grades 3-6 directly to Silver Lake

Bus #11 Brownton

7:08 2nd St. N and 8th Ave. S
7:10 11th Ave. N and Division St.
7:13 6th Ave. S and 3rd St S
7:17 6th St. S and 6th Ave S
7:20 5th Ave. S and 3rd St. S
(Brownton Library)
Grades K-2 and 7-12 transferred to Glencoe

Bus Drivers Needed

Stop in to apply at the
GSL Bus Garage
2397 Hennepin Ave N, 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 Dan Wanous 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 #12

- 6:30 Rural stops
- 7:13 Summit Ave & Center St
- 7:15 Queen Ave & Center St
- 7:16 Oliver Ave & Center St
- 7:17 Main St. W & Lane Ave.
- 7:20 Lakeside School

Bus #14

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:15 Lakeside School

Bus #15

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:12 Railroad St & Grand Ave
- 7:13 Railroad St & Lake Ave
- 7:18 Century Lane
- 7:20 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 meeting on issues including first aid, safe driving, and transporting students safely 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 students 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 the 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 school 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 onto the bus
- Listen to the bus driver
- Use a quiet voice and respectful language
- Sit and face forward
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Walk off the buss

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

Parents/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 and kind
- 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 require 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 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. Take a look at the sidewalks or paths along the route.
4. Consider the traffic. How busy are the streets?
5. Look at the crosswalks along the route. It is easy to cross the street?
6. Everyone meets at a pre-arranged time and walks to school together more students will join the walking bus just because they see it.
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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.

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

When dropping off your child(ren) in the morning, please use the west parking lot or the designated area on 16th Street and have your child enter Door 11.

After School pick up will take place at Door 14.

Please use the west parking lot, wait outside, and walk them to your vehicle.



**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 of 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 education 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- education 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 checklist 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 housekeeping 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 Jon Templin, 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.

**2025-2026 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 full compliance with this law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community’s youth and employees. Jon Templin, 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 building safely and responsibly. During the last school year, Glencoe-Silver Lake Public School 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 required 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. Environmental Testing & Inspection, 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 Jon Templin, 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 building 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 Daniel Johnson, Environmental Testing & Inspection Inc. 15787 Martin St NW, Andover, MN 55304, 763-370-6266 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 promote 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 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. Homes 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 environmental of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control 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 email messages, instant messaging, 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 Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, 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 others, go to GSL’s website. www.gsl.k12.mn.us. Go to “District” 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 pests control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pests 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 Jon Templin, 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. Templin. 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 Jon Templin Dashier Management Company. He can be contacted at 320-510-0825.

Glencoe Silver Lake Activities and Athletics

Please learn to use our school’s website for schedules, directions to sites, and updates. Go to www.gsl.k12.mn.us >Links>Activities Calendar. You may also view the advanced view of the calendar, which notes bus times and any noted comments. Also click on “notify me” if you want e-mails sent when changes are made to schedules. It is also important for parents to use the GSL activity lines. Information is also listed on each activities home page > www.gsl.k12.mn.us > Activities > Athletics > Fall Sports. There is a mobile app that you can download to your phone which you will be able to connect directly to the GSL activities Calendar > www.gsl.k12.mn.us > Links > Activities Calendar > on the right hand side scroll down > Get Mobile App and also sign up for the Notify Me notifications.

The Minnesota State High School League requires that all student athletes have a physical examination performed within the previous 3 years to be eligible for sports. For most students, this means when entering 7th and 10th grade. Students who had an updated or first time sports physical must turn in the form to the GSL Activities Office. Forms are available at the school or online at www.mshsl.org or on the GSL website under each sport.

The activity fees are also listed on the GSL website under each sport. If you need financial assistance, or would like to make payment arrangements for the fee, contact Lori Harms in the GSL Activities Office at 320-864-2455 email: lharms@gsl.k12.mn.us. We want all students who want to be involved in activities to have the opportunity.

Here is a list of what GSL offer and grade level requirements for the fall:

7-12 Cross Country	7-12 Girls Tennis
7-12 Volleyball	7-12 Football
9-12 Cheerleading	7-12Fall Musical
7-12 Art Club	7-12 Science Club
9-12 Boys Soccer COOP with Hutchinson	9-12 Girls Soccer COOP with Hutchinson

In order to protect our students, GSL provides ImPACT Testing. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first most widely used and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. Given the inherent difficulties in concussion management, it is important to manage concussions on an individualized basis and to implement baseline testing and/or post-injury condition and tract recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of a concussion.

Thank you and Go Panthers!

Dean Schwirtz
GSL Activities Director
320-864-2402
DSchwirtz@gsl.k12.mn.us



Emergency school closings
notification information



School closings due to weather or other emergencies will be announced using 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	Television Stations
KDUZ (AM 1260)	WCCO (Channel 4) Fox 9 (Channel 9)
KARO (FM 106.9)	KSTP (Channel 5) KARE (Channel 11)

Community Education, Early Childhood Family Education, and Preschool 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 Preschool or ECFE classes. 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 three 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 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).

You’re never too young to
dream big - Unknown

Phone Numbers

District Office	320-864-2491
Chris Sonju/Superintendent of Schools	
District Office.....	320-864-2498
Trisha Zajicek/Director of Finance	
District Office.....	320-864-2494
Heidi Hennessey/Food Service Accounts	
District Office.....	320-864-2496
Jon Templin/Facilities Manager	
Custodian Room.....	320-864-2692
Dan Wanous/Transportation Director	
Bus Garage.....	320-864-3032
Field House	
Front Desk.....	320-864-2690
Matt Muenchow Community Ed	
Director.....	320-864-2696
Tamera Zajicek/ECL Coordinator	
ECLC	320-864-2681
Comm. Ed. Activities Line	320-864-2487
GSL Jr/Sr High Office	320-864-2400
Matt Foss/7-12 Principal	
GSL High School	320-864-2401
Sarah Beckman/Assistant 7-12 Principal	
GSL Junior High School.....	320-864-2449
Dean Schwirtz/Activities Director	
High School.....	320-864-2402
Lori Harms/Activities Secretary.....	320-864-2455
Beth Jerabek/District Nurse	
High School.....	320-864-2446
Lincoln Elementary Office.....	320-864-2666
Lakeside Office.....	320-864-2500
Bill Butler/Elementary Principal	
Coordinator of the Title Programs	
& Special Education	320-864-2677
Joy Freitag/Elementary Asst. Principal	
Lakeside Elementary.....	320-864-2501
Jeff Jenson	
Technology Director.....	320-864-2407
Lupita Acevedo	
Interpreter.....	320-864-2686



Minnesota School Districts must provide parents, students, and/or public notification on where to find policies and information. There is a wealth of information available on the GSL Website:

- District Policies
 - School Calendar and Updates
 - Sports and Activities Calendars
 - Lunch Menus
 - Online 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
 - Handbooks
 - Online Forms
 - Event Information
 - Community Ed Information
- Community Ed Catalog
 - PAC/Panther Adventure Club/Childcare
 - ECCE Information
 - ECCE/Preschool Activities/Events
 - School Board Meeting Agendas
 - Minutes of School Board Meetings
 - Notifications
 - And Much More!

Board Approved 4-08-24

2025-2026 GSL SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONTH	M	T	W	TH	F	Class Days	7-12	
2025								
AUGUST					1			Equals Teacher Workshop - No Students
	4	5	6	7	8			Equals Days School Not in Session (No Students or Staff)
	11	12	13	14	15			Equals Parent/Teacher Conferences - late afternoon and evening
	18	19	20	21	22			Equals Progress Days 7-12 - School is in Session for all students
	25	26	27	28	29	0	3	Equals Early Dismissal - Teacher Workshop PM
SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	4	4	September 1 - Labor Day - No School
	8	9	10	11	12	5	5	September 2 - First Day of Classes 7-12; K-6 Check-in Day
	15	16	17	18	19	5	5	September 3 - First Day of Classes K-6
	22	23	24	25	26	5	5	
	29	30				2	2	
OCTOBER			1	2	3	3	3	October 10 - Mid Tri
	6	7	8	9	10	5	5	October 13 - 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences
	13	14	15	16	17	2	3.5	October 13 and 14 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences
	20	21	22	23	24	5	5	October 15 - K-6 Conference, 7-12 Teacher Workshop - No School
	27	28	29	30	31	5	5	October 16 and 17 - Education Minnesota Conference - No School
NOVEMBER	3	4	5	6	7	5	5	November 5 - Early Dismissal
	10	11	12	13	14	5	5.25	
	17	18	19	20	21	5	5	November 26 - Teacher Workshop - No School
	24	25	26	27	28	2	3	November 27 and 28 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
						58	63.75	END OF FIRST TRIMESTER
DECEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	5	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	5	5	
	15	16	17	18	19	5	5.25	
	22	23	24	25	26	0	0	December 22 - January 2 - Winter Break - No School
	29	30	31			0	0	
2026								
JANUARY				1	2	0	0	January 1 - New Year's Day - No School
	5	6	7	8	9	5	5	January 5 - First Day of Classes - 2025 / January 7 - Early Dismissal
	12	13	14	15	16	5	5.25	January 16 - Mid Tri
	19	20	21	22	23	5	5	
	26	27	28	29	30	5	5	
FEBRUARY	2	3	4	5	6	5	5	
	9	10	11	12	13	5	5.25	February 10 and 12 - K-2 Grade Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
	16	17	18	19	20	4	4	February 16 - Presidents' Day - No School
	23	24	25	26	27	5	5	
MARCH	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	March 6 - Teacher Workshop - No School
						58	59.75	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER
	9	10	11	12	13	5	5	March 10 and 12 - 3-6 Grade Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
	16	17	18	19	20	5	5	
	23	24	25	26	27	5	5	
	30	31				2	2	
APRIL			1	2	3	2	2	April 3 - April 6 - Spring Break - No School
	6	7	8	9	10	4	4	
	13	14	15	16	17	5	5.25	April 17 - Mid Tri
	20	21	22	23	24	5	5	
	27	28	29	30		4	4	
MAY					1	1	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	5	5.25	
	11	12	13	14	15	5	5	
	18	19	20	21	22	5	5	
	25	26	27	28	29	3	4	May 25 - Memorial Day - No School
JUNE	1	2	3	4	5			May 28- Last Day of School for Students
	8	9	10	11	12			May 29 - Last Day of School for Staff
	15	16	17	18	19			Friday, May 29 - Graduation Day
	22	23	24	25	26		1	1 additional Flex Staff Day During the School Year
	29	30						
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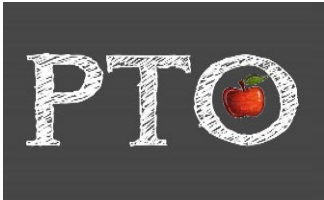
Storm Day Note:

1st & 2nd Storm Days: Digital Difference Days (E-Learning);

3rd Storm Day: President's Day; 4th Storm Day: Easter Monday; 5th Storm Day: End of School Year

Check the school website for the most current school calendar. www.gsl.k12.mn.us/domain/14

GSL Elementary PTO: We Appreciate Your Support!!!



The GSL Elementary PTO puts your dollars to work to lend support to the staff and students at both Lincoln and Lakeside Elementary! For Teacher appreciation week, for example, we were able to fund a staff meal, as well as stock both teacher’s lounges with treats to show our gratitude. We also give a gift to the Administrative Assistants in each building on their day of recognition, as those particular staff members go above and beyond for our schools! Teachers recess equipment, to more expensive endeavors such as offsetting field trip transportation and supplying gym equipment that will last for decades

We look forward to seeing our elementary communities come together at our annual Fall Festival, Scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2025. Always on the look for new fundraiser ideas, the PTO tried an electronic Panther Gold Card two years ago. This summer we offered school supply kits through an organization called School Toolbox. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or would like to submit other feedback, please email us at gslelementarypto@gmail.com, visit us on our Facebook page “GSL Elementary PTO”, or have your student deliver a note from you to their classroom teacher. The PTO wishes you all a happy and healthy 2025-2026 school year!