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NEWSLETTER OF GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859

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Fall 2022

Start of School 2022



Chris Sonju
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Christopher Sonju

I hope everyone is as excited to start the 2022-2023 school year as I am. The school year is about to begin, and I am looking forward to all the success stories that each year brings. Each school year is always filled with wonderful learning opportunities, great memories, and experiences that will last a lifetime. Our students are the “greatest of all time” and we can’t wait to get started. 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 they do.

We had an outstanding school year last year. While there were certainly challenges that continued in dealing with the pandemic, we persevered and ended the school year with many examples of wonderful accomplishments from our students and staff, and we look forward to many more happening again this year. We are very fortunate that education is a priority in our district and that we have a wonderful, supportive community. We must have the attitude that we expect our students, staff, parents, and community to do their best. After all, greatness has been associated with the GSL school system, and we all expect this to continue.

Finally, I ask all members of each family to continue to read. Get a good book and read every day. Reading is the foundation in all we do. Increasing your knowledge, vocabulary, ideas, and thoughts will help lead to success, and I see a successful year ahead. Here’s to a great 2022-2023 school year!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Check In Day & First Day of School

Lincoln Elementary School
K through 2nd Grade
“CHECK IN DAY” AUG. 31 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SEPT. 6 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SEPT. 7 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES **K-2**

Lakeside Elementary School
3rd through 6th grade
“CHECK IN DAY” AUG. 31 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SEPT. 6 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sept. 7 - First Day of Classes **3-6**

GSL JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
OPEN HOUSE AUG. 31 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
Sept. 6 - First Day of Classes **7-12**

Check in Día y Primer Día de Escuela

Escuela Elemental Lincoln
Kindergarten a Grado 2
Check in Día Agosto 31 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Septiembre 6 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sept. 7 - Primer Día de Clases **K-2**

Escuela Elemental Lakeside
Grados 3 a 6
Check in Día Agosto 31. 10:00 am a las 6:00 pm
Septiembre 6, 8:00 am a las 3:00 pm
Septiembre 7 - Primer Día de Clases **3-6**

GSL Junior/Senior High School
Grados 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Casa Abierta Agosto 31, 3:00 pm a las 6:00 pm
Septiembre 6 - Primer Día de Clases **7-12**

Important Dates

- Sept. 13 - Lincoln Elementary Picture Day
- Sept. 15 - Lakeside Elementary Picture Day
- Sept. 16 - JR High/SR High Picture Day
- Flu Shot Clinic-Sept. 20 @ Lakeside Elem. 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.
- Flu Shot Clinic-Sept. 21 @ GSL HS Media Center 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Parent Teacher Conference Dates Fall 2022:

Lincoln & Lakeside Elementary:

Oct. 17 and 18 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Glencoe-Silver Lake JR/SR High School:

Oct. 17 - Gr. 7-12 Evening conferences

Oct. 20 No School K-12 - Education MN Conference

Oct. 21 No School K-12 - Education MN Conference



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

School Hours

School	Start	End
Lincoln Elementary	8:00	3:00
Lakeside Elementary	8:00	3:00
GSL JR/SR High School	8:07	3:10

Horas Escolares

Escuela	Comienzo	Fin
Lincoln Elemental	8:00	3:00
Lakeside Elemental	8:00	3:00
GSL JR/SR High School	8:07	3:10

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Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior/Senior High School

Hello GSL!
It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a screeching halt! Hopefully you were able to relax and had an opportunity to spend quality time with family. As many of you have heard, GSL Junior High/Senior High start times have changed. The new times are listed below:

2022-2023 Schedule

Senior High:

1st Hour	8:07 AM – 8:56 AM (49 Minutes)
2nd Hour	9:00 AM – 9:49 AM (49 Minutes)
3rd Hour	9:53 AM – 10:42 AM (49 Minutes)
4th Hour	10:46 AM – 11:35 AM (49 Minutes)
PPH/Lunch	11:35 AM – 12:35 PM (60 Minutes)
5th Hour	12:35 PM – 1:24 PM (49 Minutes)
6th Hour	1:28 PM – 2:17 PM (49 Minutes)
7th Hour	2:21 PM - 3:10 PM (49 Minutes)

Junior High:

1st Hour	8:07 AM – 8:56 AM (49 Minutes)
2nd Hour	9:00 AM – 9:49 AM (49 Minutes)
3rd Hour	9:53 AM – 10:42 AM (49 Minutes)
Lunch	10:46 AM - 11:16 AM (30 Minutes)
WIN	11:16 AM - 11:42 AM (26 Minutes)
4th Hour	11:42 AM - 12:31 PM (49 Minutes)
5th Hour	12:35 PM – 1:24 PM (49 Minutes)
6th Hour	1:28 PM – 2:17 PM (49 Minutes)
7th Hour	2:21 PM – 3:10 PM (49 Minutes)

As you may have noticed, GSL will be utilizing WIN time to the Junior High level again this year. WIN stands for “What I Need”. This is a small version of the Panther Power Hour that has been utilized at the Senior High level for the past few years. WIN time will allow Junior High Students time to be social, active, access to quiet study, or small group intervention assigned by classroom teachers.

In addition to a new schedule, we also have new faces that have been added to the teaching staff of GSL. I am excited to introduce the following new teachers: Carter Damlo (Business), Shannon Kantack (Special Education), Sundee Kuechle (ESL), Steve Davis (Title), Natalie Nelson (JH Math) and Michelle Nonnemacher (JH Science).



With all of these changes, I would like to stress the importance of communication between home and school. GSL utilizes multiple modes of communication. One area that we hope parents take advantage of is Campus Portal. Campus Portal is a means for parents to monitor their student’s progress in school. If you need help getting set up on Portal, please contact the High School Office, we’d love to help! Our school’s website is also packed with information for students and parents. Here you will find all staff contact information. When questions arise throughout the school year, I encourage a direct email or phone call with teachers as they are the experts at school when it comes to your student. Face-to-face meetings are also available whenever needed. The staff at GSL would love to get to know you better! Although we have several means of communication, I am always open to suggestions that you may have to increase effectiveness in this area.

I am excited to welcome back all the smiling faces to GSL for the 2022-2023 school year.
Have a great rest of the summer and see you all soon!



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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, 8/31 and Tuesday 9/6. Detailed information was sent to your home and 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 spent hours of thoughtful work in the 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!

Elementary Themes

Grades K-2 – “Be a World Changer” through Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship
Grades 3-6 – “A Fresh Start”

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

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GSL Food Service

Chartwells K12

The entire kitchen staff here at Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools is excited to welcome students back to school where they will experience new flavors, menu stations, and events sure to inspire a happy and healthy 2022-23 school year! Chartwells K12 constantly focuses on student wellbeing by offering fresh, delicious and nutritious meals which ultimately improving student's bodies, minds and spirits. Chartwells strives to serve "happy and healthy" meals every day!

Breakfast Items - The fruit smoothie bar and Made-To-Order Omelets on Wednesday were big hits so we will continue to offer those items for breakfast Junior/Senior High. Breakfast is available at all buildings at no charge to students.

Lunch Items - We are adding a new station called "Sono" due to the overwhelming success it has had in other Districts. It's our version of "Chipotle" and we will offer it daily at the Junior/Senior High. Later in the fall, we will look at another program called Student Choice and see how we can take items students have tasted and voted on and incorporate them into the menu.

Serving Smiles

GSL Jr/Sr high will have a "food court" style servery that will include a Pizza Station, Grill Station, Create Station and the Sono Station, as well as a la carte options and an "On the Go" station for grab and go options. Lakeside will have its traditional servings in the main line of the cafeteria with a second option for lunch that will be asked of your child in the classroom what choice they want.

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, Community Education programs and much more. When a program is ran at Lakeside, an afterschool snack will also be offered. 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.

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 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 Three years ago, 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>.

For more information please visit: <http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/glencoesilverlake>.

New Director of Dining Services

Lastly, I would like to introduce myself, Dan Hutchinson, your new Director of Dining. I just finished my 17th year with Chartwells K12, the last seven up the road at Edina Public Schools, and couldn't be more excited to join the Panther community. My goal is to continue building on the wonderful program Chef Tony has in place, and share new and exciting offerings our Corporate Chefs continually design and rolled out. By engaging students in new food tastings and student surveys, I will be able to listen and tailor our cuisine to the needs of our student body.

Thank You!

Dan Hutchinson, Director of Dining Services
Chartwells School Dining Services
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Meal Prices for 2022-2023 School Year

For the 2022-2023 school year, STUDENT LUNCHES WILL NO LONGER BE FREE. This is based on federal and state funding. Meal prices for the 22-23 school year are as follows: Breakfast is free; lunch cost is \$3.00 for students in grades K-6 and \$3.20 for students in grades 7-12.

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. We encourage all families to complete the Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. Applications can be found on the school website, stopping at the District Office, or during check in and open house days. Completed applications can be emailed to Trisha Zajicek TZajicek@gsl.k12.mn.us, dropped off at the District Office, or send to Glencoe-Silver Lake, Attn: Trisha Zajicek, 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 .45 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 Trisha Zajicek.

Trisha Zajicek
Food Service Secretary
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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 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: 320-864-2565
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:
Sharry Good, LPN 320-864-2665

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



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.

• **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).

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 mmuenchow@gsl.k12.mn.us. 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. 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



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 2022) 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!

Please be advised:

- When school lets out early due to weather the PAC afternoon program will be canceled. Please watch/listen for the report on the television or radio.
- When school is closed due to the weather the PAC program is closed.
- Alternate plans are necessary for your child on days when school starts late or gets out early due to weather or other emergencies. Please talk to a neighbor or friend and make arrangements for your child to go to their house in the event of an emergency school closings.
- When we go outside, in the gym, or leave the site a sign will be posted. We will try and adhere to a schedule of days and times when we leave so you will know where and when to find us.

Location:

Lincoln Elementary School
1621 16th St, E. Glencoe, MN 55336

Hours of operation:

6:30 AM - 8:00 AM Monday through Friday (before school)
3:00 PM - 5:30 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 \$60.00 per child.
- Daily AM fee is \$5.00 and daily PM fee is \$8.00 per child.
- Non-School, Full Release days are \$27.00 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/Activity Materials
- Quality care

Dates:

- The 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR program begins September 6 and ends June 1.
- The 2023 SUMMER PROGRAM will begin June 2.
(Dates are subject to change with the GSL school calendar)

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

September 6	October 20 & 21
December 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, & 31	
February 20	March 27, 28, 29, 30, & 31

Days when P.A.C. is closed:

September 5	November 24 & 25
December 26	January 2
April 7	May 29

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 ‘23 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

Become a GSL Panther Super Fan



The Panther Booster Club proudly supports student activities and athletic programs at Glencoe-Silver Lake. The Boosters provide financial support and resources that help create safe and memorable programs for students and fans.

With donations from our GSL families, friends and local businesses, the Booster Club has supported projects including upgrading the sports complex fields and parking areas to purchasing sports equipment and fine art supplies.

You may be asking – how can I help? With a donation of \$40, your status becomes Super Fan! Your donation goes directly toward GSL student programs, and you can choose how active or inactive your roll will be as a Super Fan. Do you have an hour to sell merchandise at an upcoming game? Are you interested in volunteering at a tournament fundraiser? Or perhaps, you can help by working at the concession stand during activities and games? If so, we would appreciate your help! It takes all of us to make this happen for our kids.

To become a Super Fan, contact any of the Booster Club Board members, or send your name, email, and \$40 donation one of two ways:

- 1. Mail: GSL Panther Booster Club
P.O. Box 281
Glencoe, MN 55336
- 2. Venmo (@GSL-BoosterClub)



2022-2023 Booster Club Board members are: Dave Brown, Kim Busse, Susie Christianson, Eric Dietel, Kim Dietel, Chris Graf, Ryan Graf, Susie Hedtke, Sam Hussong, Beth Petersen, Emily Schilling, Myrnada VanDamme, Sarah Waller and Joia Ziegler.

The Booster Club Board members would like to take this opportunity to thank all local businesses that support our programs! Whether it was a cash donation or an in-kind donation, the generosity of our community is sincerely appreciated! **GO PANTHERS!**

Our Mission Statement
**Creating a culture where education is valued,
excellence is expected and lifelong learning thrives.**
#GSLCultureofsuccess



Our Vision Statement
To Connect, To Lead, To Inspire.

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
- Interscholastic Sports
- 24-Hour Accident Only
- 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 to 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
 - 3. Scroll Down - Find my school.
 - 4. Review plans and complete enrollment form.

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

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 2022-2023 school year, contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at 320-864-2498 or at csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Plant a Seed – Watch it Grow!

One of the projects that has been on our list for a number of years is how to improve our greenhouse that is attached to the high school. As I understand it, this was original to when the building was built over 50 years ago. It has served a good purpose, but we think it is time to look at how we can improve our horticulture and plant biology offerings to our students. A greenhouse large enough that you can take a classroom of students to work in seems like a great plan.

Just like we are always looking for ways to improve our facilities, our grounds and our financial status, we are also always looking for ways that we can improve what we can offer our students.

How beneficial would it be to have a free-standing greenhouse on the east side of the high school? A greenhouse can offer so many educational offerings to our students in many different subject areas.

From a Biology perspective, the greenhouse would be used for plant biology, discussing photosynthesis, ecology, and genetics. The Science Club would be able to use the greenhouse for growing plants and trees. Our Agriculture courses that we offer are currently missing a critical component when you don't have live plants to work with during the course of the year. Plant science, floriculture, plant and soil sciences, Nursery Landscape Design, Ag work place-ment and Summer Ag are just a number of classes that would benefit by having a greenhouse.

For the past year, we have had a committee that has been researching greenhouses to see what would be the best solution for GSL and our students. We have met with experts in the greenhouse industry, reviewed plan options and costs, talked to local sub-contractors and started to work on curriculum and class offerings.



The cost of a free-standing greenhouse will be approximately \$230,000. The current greenhouse will stay in place and we are looking to fix/replace the current glass. We have a great partner working with the Stevens Seminary Foundation as they have committed matching money of up to \$115,000 towards this project. Our school board facilities committee has designated \$50,000 of our operating capital budget towards the project at this time. Which leaves us short about \$65,000. We are now working on writing grants, fundraising and looking for primary sponsors for this project. If you would like to be a sponsor or help support this project, please reach out to us.

Improvements have already taken place on the east side of the school. A new pergola was built and installed by our student in construction class, landscaping was updated and new raised garden beds have been built and are in use by our FFA students.

We live in an Ag community and we want to be sure we continue to meet the needs of those students that have an interest in Agriculture, Horticulture and Plant Sciences. Thanks for your continued support for our district and the progress we are making in providing great opportunities for our students.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime you have questions regarding the greenhouse, facilities or budgets.



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Glencoe Silver Lake Activites 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 e-mail: 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 offers and grade level requirements for the fall.
 - 7-12 Cross Country
 - 9-12 Girls Soccer COOP with Hutchinson
 - 9-12 Boys Soccer COOP with Hutchinson
 - 7-12 Girls Tennis
 - 7-12 Volleyball
 - 7-12 Football
 - 9-12 Cheerleading
 - 7-12 Fall Musical
 - 7-12 Art Club
 - 9-12 History Club
 - 7-12 Science Club



Dean Schwirtz
GSL Activities Director
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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 neurocognitive testing. This type of concussion assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete's post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of a concussion.

Thank you and Go Panthers!

GSL Early Childhood: Let's Play

Early Childhood Family Education & School Readiness Preschool

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— DOOR 18) on Wednesday, August 31 from 3-6 p.m. as we kick off the 2022-2023 school year. This is 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 ECFE classes.

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Readiness Preschool



Cubs 3 years old by Sep. 1	Mon./Wed. or Tue./Thu. A.M
Pre-K Panthers 3 4 years old by Sep. 1	Mon./Wed./Thu. P.M.
Pre-K Panthers 4 4 years old by Sep. 1	Mon./Tue./Wed./Thu. P.M.
Pre-K Panthers 5 4 years old by Sep. 1	Mon./Tue./Wed./Thu./Fri. A.M



United Way Awards Funds

United Way



The United Way of McLeod County has awarded funds to the GSL ECFE/School Readiness Preschool program for additional paraprofessional support this year. 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 School Readiness Preschool is for children who are 3-5 years old by September 1, 2022 and are toilet trained. Registration for the 2022-2023 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 **classrooms 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. We also enjoy learning in our Outdoor Learning Center in the courtyard between the ECLC and Lincoln Elementary.

We also offer:

- **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.



GSL ECFE programs are located at:

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

Phone: 320.864.2681
Email: gslecfesr@gsi.k12.mn.us

Online:
www.gsl.k12.mn.us>Schools>Early Childhood Learning Center
www.facebook.com/GSLECFESR

Fall Dates

August 31	GSL ECFE/SR Preschool Fall Open House 3:00-6:00
September 6	Early Childhood Screening
September 7-9	Preschool Check-In Day All day, by appointment
September 12	Preschool Classes Begin
September 19	Fall ECFE Classes Begin
September 30	Early Childhood Screening



2022-2023 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’s 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 12, Bus 14, Bus 15, Bus 2, Bus 3, Bus 8, and Bus 9

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
- 7:10 Biscay -All students
- 7:15 Rural stops
- 7:28 Fir Ave. and Park St.

Bus #2

- 6:15 Rural stops
- 7:30 18th St. and Ives Ave.
- 7:33 18th St. and Louden Ave.

Bus #3 NEW AUBURN

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:12 2nd St. and 7th Ave.
- 7:13 4th St. and 8th Ave.
- 7:14 5th St. and 10th Ave.
- 7:15 6th St. and 7th Ave.
- 7:30 Glencoe - 7th St. and Baxter 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
- 7:20 7th St. and Elliott Ave.
- 7:21 9th St. and Elliott Ave.
- 7:23 12th St. and Elliott Ave.
- 7:24 12th St. and Baxter Ave.
- 7:27 15th St. and Desoto Ave.
- 7:30 14th St. and Greeley Ave.

Bus #5

- 6:40 Rural stops
- 7:21 Fairway Dr. and Fairway Cir.
- 7:25 Edgewood Dr. and Mitchell Ln.
- 7:26 Wooddale Dr. and Reeds Ln.
- 7:29 Churchill Ln. and Edgewood Dr.
- 7:30 Sumac Ln. and Glenmoor Ln.

Bus #6

- 6:41 Rural stops
- 7:28 16th St. and Cedar St.
- 7:30 17th St. and Fir Ave
- 7:32 18th St. and Birch Ave.
- 7:34 16th St. and Ford Ave.
- 7:35 16th St. and Ives Ave.
- 7:37 16th St. and Louden Ave.

Bus #7

- 6:32 Rural stops
- 7:25 11th St. and Baldwin Ave.
- 7:26 11th St. and Abbott Ave.
- 7:27 11th St. and Morning Ave.
- 7:28 11th St. and Stevens Ave.
- 7:30 14th St and Baldwin Ave.
- 7:31 9th St. and Taylor
- 7:33 15th St. and Union 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:

Tina Teubert at the Bus Garage at 320-864-3032

Bus #8 LESTER PRAIRIE & PLATO

- 6:32 Rural stops
- 6:41 2nd Ave. S. and Cedar St. S., Lester Prairie
- 6:42 2nd Ave. S. and Hickory Street, Lester Prairie
- 6:43 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
- 7:27 1st St. and Wacker Dr.
- 7:28 Ford Ave. and Abby Ln.
- 7:31 11th St. and Louden Ave.
- 7:33 11th St. and Owen Ave.

Bus #10

- 6:45 Rural stops
- 7:15 4th St. N. and 3rd Ave. N.
- 7:18 3rd St. N. and 1st Ave. N.
- 7:20 5th Ave. S and 3rd St. S (School) 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 (School) Grades K-2 and 7-12 transfered to Glencoe

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 Tina Teubert 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
- 7:14 Summit Ave. and Center St.
- 7:15 Center St. and Park Ave., Silver Lake
- 7:18 Main St. W and Lane Ave.
- 7:19 Lakeside School



Bus 14

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:15 Frank and Grove Ave.
- 7:19 Lakeside School

Bus 15

- 6:35 Rural stops
- 7:15 Railroad St. and Grand Ave., Silver Lake
- 7:17 Century Lane
- 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 onto 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 Tina Teubert 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.

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 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 housekeep-

ing 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.

2022-2023 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 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 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 FFA

The 90 members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter have paved the way this year through growth, service and state-wide success. We have experienced growth in membership, funds raised during Corn Drive and community members fed at our Pork Chop Supper. GSL FFA ranked second statewide for service hours contributed to our local communities. Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA was ranked the sixth best FFA chapter in Minnesota. Kyle Hagen was named State Star in Production Placement, an honor reserved for four elite members who rise to the top. Caleb Besmehn, Elise Betcher, Afton Nelson and Elisabeth Schmieg were named State Champions for proficiency in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences, all developed through their experiences in the GSL community. Elise Betcher was named State Champion in Employment Skills and will compete at the National FFA Convention in October. Ten GSL FFA members earned their State FFA Degree, the highest membership status achievable at the state level.

Momentum is propelling this organization into its next year. Chapter Reporter Emma Salisbury remarks, "Our officers made three goals. We will create a kind and inclusive environment to help others know their worth and why they're in FFA throughout the year. We will build stronger ties by transforming how people view FFA, informing all of the benefits and opportunities of FFA and increasing our community outreach and involvement throughout the year. We will maintain membership and keep members engaged and growing in leadership throughout the year."

Year-round, GSL FFA and the ag program can be found growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. The FFA officers encourage everyone to try FFA or sign up for an ag class. Chapter Sentinel Grady Schuft shares, "FFA isn't just for farmers. Even though you think it is just farming... flowering, landscaping, and mechanical work are also some of the many ways you can be connected to agriculture." Chapter Treasurer Caroline Dostal says, "I was unsure about joining myself, but once I stepped foot in the door I felt almost relieved because I knew it was meant for me to be there - everyone was so welcoming and kind." The chapter will be hosting a kickoff event on September 12th - mark your calendars!

We encourage everyone to find their home within FFA - whether it's as a member or supporter. If you are interested in joining the Ag Promoters, please contact Brian Thalmann at (320) 434-0402 or reach out to advisor Rebekka Paskewitz (rpaskewitz@gslpanthers.net) to find out how you can uniquely support our young leaders within your Glencoe-Silver Lake Ag Program. Keep up to date with all FFA and Ag Program activities by liking Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA on Facebook and Following GSL FFA on Instagram and Twitter.

Rebekka Paskewitz, FFA Advisor

Be Kind, Be Cool,
Be You!
-Nikki Miles

Phone Numbers

District Office _____ 320-864-2491

Chris Sonju/Superintendent of Schools
District Office _____ 320-864-2498

Michelle Sander/Business Manager
District Office _____ 320-864-2496

Trisha Zajicek/Food Service Accounts
District Office _____ 320-864-2494

Brady Flaherty/Facilities Manager
Custodian Room _____ 320-864-2692

Tina Teubert/Transportation Director
Bus Garage _____ 320-864-3032

Field House
Front Desk _____ 320-864-2690

Matt Muenchow Community Ed
Director _____ 320-864-2696

Tamera Zajicek/ECLE 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

Dan Svoboda/Assistant 7-12 Principal
GSL Junior High School _____ 320-864-2456

Dean Schwartz/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 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



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		Television Stations	
WCCO (AM 830)		WCCO (Channel 4)	Fox 9 (Channel 9)
KDUZ (AM 1260)		KSTP (Channel 5)	KARE (Channel 11)
KARP (FM 106.9)			

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 ECFE or preschool 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 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).



Need Information?
Check out the
GSL Website
www.gsl.k12.mn.us

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
- ECFE Information
- ECFE/Preschool Activities/Events
- School Board Meeting Agendas
- Minutes of School Board Meetings
- Notifications
- And Much More!

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2022-2023 GSL SCHOOL CALENDAR									
MONTH	M	T	W	TH	F	Class Days	Tchr Days		
2022									
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5			Equals Teacher Workshop - No Students	
	8	9	10	11	12			Equals Days School Not in Session (No Students or Staff)	
	15	16	17	18	19	0	0	Equals Parent/Teacher Conferences - late afternoon and evening	
	22	23	24	25	26	0	1	Equals Progress Days 7-12 - School is in Session for all students	
	29	30	31				3	School Team Planning Day	
								August 29 - 31 - Teacher Workshop	
SEPTEMBER	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	September 1 - Teacher Workshop	
	12	13	14	15	16	4	4	September 5 - Labor Day - No School	
	19	20	21	22	23	5	5	September 6 - First Day of Classes 7-12; K-6 Check-in Day	
	26	27	28	29	30	5	5	September 7 - First Day of Classes K-6	
OCTOBER	3	4	5	6	7	5	5	October 17- Evening 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences	
	10	11	12	13	14	5	5	October 17 and 18 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences	
	17	18	19	20	21	3	3.5	October 20-21 Education Minnesota Conference - No School	
	24	25	26	27	28	5	5		
	31					1	1		
NOVEMBER	7	8	9	10	11	4	4		
	14	15	16	17	18	5	5.25	November 23 - Early Release - End of Tri I	
	21	22	23	24	25	3	3	November 24 and 25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School	
						55	60.75	END OF FIRST TRIMESTER	
DECEMBER	28	29	30			3	3		
	5	6	7	8	9	2	2		
	12	13	14	15	16	5	5.25		
	19	20	21	22	23	3	3	December 22-January 2 - Christmas/Winter/Hanukkah Break - No School	
	26	27	28	29	30	0	0		
2023									
JANUARY	2	3	4	5	6	4	4	January 2 - New Year's Day Observed - No School	
	9	10	11	12	13	5	5.25	January 3 - First Day of Classes - 2023	
	16	17	18	19	20	5	5		
	23	24	25	26	27	5	5		
	30	31				2	2		
FEBRUARY	6	7	8	9	10	3	3	February 7 and 9 - Evening K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences	
	13	14	15	16	17	5	5.25		
	20	21	22	23	24	4	4	February 20 - Presidents' Day - No School	
	27	28				2	2		
MARCH			1	2	3	3	3	March 3 -Early Release - End of Tri II	
						61	61.75	END OF SECOND TRIMESTER	
	6	7	8	9	10	5	5		
	13	14	15	16	17	5	5.25		
	20	21	22	23	24	5	5	March 27 - March 31 - No School	
	27	28	29	30	31	0	0		
APRIL	3	4	5	6	7	4	4	April 7 - Good Friday - No School	
	10	11	12	13	14	5	5.25		
	17	18	19	20	21	5	5		
	24	25	26	27	28	5	5		
MAY	1	2	3	4	5	5	5		
	8	9	10	11	12	5	5		
	15	16	17	18	19	5	5		
	22	23	24	25	26	5	5	May 29 - Memorial Day - No School	
	29	30	31			2	2		
JUNE				1	2	1	2	June 1- Last Day of School for Students	
	5	6	7	8	9	0	0	June 2 - Last Day of School for Staff	
	12	13	14	15	16	0	0	Friday, June 2- Graduation Day	
	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	1 additional Flex Staff Day During the School Year	
						57	59.5	END OF THIRD TRIMESTER	
						173	182.00		
Storm Day Note: 1st 2 Storm Days: Digital Days; 3rd Storm Day: Presidents Day - February 20 Additional Storm Days: Added to End of Year									

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GSL Elementary PTO: Showing Support Through the Year



For anyone not familiar with our Parent Teacher Organization, we are a non-profit corporation that exists to raise money and spend it on projects/equipment to enhance the learning experience at GSL.

For 2021-2022, our fundraisers included the sale of Panther-themed clothing, the popular Fall Festival, our annual Unhinged Half-baked Pizza Sale, and a Spring Flower Sale. Elementary staff have access to these funds by filling out a Grant Request Form.

Through the year, we were able to honor some of these requests by purchasing gym and outdoor recess equipment for the students. Additionally, we are funding two author visits during the upcoming school year. The PTO also showed our gratitude to the staff by providing food during evening conferences and a huge tote of goodies for Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

In the fall, our organization will donate teacher-requested items to stock a supply closet in each building. We will also have our annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 28th.

For more information on our organization, search for our page on Facebook, send us a message on gsalelementarypto@gmail.com, or contact us through your child’s teacher.



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 reviews this policy regularly. The most current update is 04/11/2022. 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.