

Glacier High School Career Center Fall 2023 Newsletter

Anticipating A Great Year At GHS!

The GHS Career Center and Counseling staff look forward to working with your student to help them make the 2023-2024 school year as productive and successful as possible. Our primary role is supporting all students in the process of developing their full potential and becoming contributing citizens. We hope you, the parents, will feel free to contact us in an effort to make this a great year.



Important Dates

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sept. 18, 2023	Senior Class Meeting	8:15 am	GHS PH
Sept. 28, 2023	College Fair Grades 11 & 12 (Preregistration required) www.montanacolleges.com	8:15-11:30 am	FHS Gym
Oct. 4, 2023	Paying for college presentation	7:00 pm	FHS Flex Room
Oct.2-13, 2023	College Application Week(s) - www.ApplyMontana.org	All Week	Online
Oct. 25, 2023	PSAT Testing Grades 10 & 11 (Preregistration required)	8:15-12:00	GHS CR, PH, Classrooms
Nov. 2023	ASVAB Career Exploration Test Grades 10,11,& 12 (Preregistration required)	8:15-11:15	GHS Conference Room
Dec. 2023	FAFSA Application Opens - www.fafsa.gov	Online	Online
Dec. 15, 2023	Senior Scholarship Packet available - over 100 local and state scholarships	8:00-3:30 pm	GHS Career Center
March 2024	Junior Career Exploration Fair	8:30-11:30 am	Fairgrounds
April 2024	Junior ACT Test (Preregistration required)	8:15-1:00	GHS Classrooms
May 8, 2024	Senior Celebration	6:00 pm	GHS PH & Commons
May 22, 2024	Senior Exit Survey	9:00 am	GHS Writing Center
June 1, 2024	Graduation	10:00 am	GHS Gym

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Step It Up . . . Sophomores

October

Get to know your Counselor
Become familiar with the Career Center
Explore careers you find interesting
Participate in extracurricular activities
Take the PSAT
Narrow down your list of colleges with a few colleges at your current GPA, a few with requirements above your GPA, at least one with requirements below your GPA
Start searching for financial aid options

November

Begin to set up your student resume with an activities and awards file

December

Receive your October PSAT scores in January

January

Review your PSAT results with your counselor in order to identify your strengths to determine the areas that you may need to improve on
Register for AP classes beginning your Junior year. Scoring well on these exams can sometimes earn college credit

February

Start researching and begin a list of colleges that you are interested in

March

Research college majors

April

Make sure your student resume file is updated and current

May

Find a summer job that will boost your skills in an area you hope to pursue. Volunteer your time in your community throughout the summer.

Get Going . . . Juniors

October

Attend a few college visits in the career center
Take the PSAT exam

November

Explore and attend student campus days at the college(s) you are interested in

January

Begin to look at schools and find three or four that are a good fit for you
Talk to coaches at colleges if you are interested in playing college sports

February

Check for tests that are necessary for getting into college like the SAT and ACT

Make plans with parents/counselors to visit schools over spring break

March

Go on college visits during spring break
Prep for the ACT test you'll take next month

April

Take the Junior ACT test at GHS
Meet with your counselor to make sure you're on track to graduate next year

May

Find a summer job that will boost your skills in an area you hope to pursue. Continue to volunteer your time in your community.

June

Research scholarships: www.mtcis.intocareers.org; www.fastweb.com; www.scholarships.com etc.

Note to Juniors: Remember to challenge yourself in your classes and take classes that may relate to your future career plans.

Class of 2024 Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration is Glacier High School's annual awards night that honors our senior scholarship recipients. During last year's evening celebration, 74 seniors were honored with awards and scholarships totaling just over \$1million. The scholarship packet for the Class of 2024 will be available on Friday, December 15, 2023. Stop by the Career Center to pick one up.

EVENT: 2024 Senior Celebration
DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: GHS Performance Hall & Commons

Class of 2024 Senior Celebration



The Final Countdown . . . Seniors

September

Register for the SAT or ACT
Finalize your student resume
Prepare college applications
Request letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors

October

Complete and submit your FAFSA

November

Make your final decision for private schools

December

Make your final decision for public schools
Pick up scholarship information packet from the career center and apply for as many local and community scholarships as possible
Obtain scholarship-financial aid applications from prospective schools

January

Work on scholarship applications, and check for upcoming application deadlines for both public and private schools

February

Continue to apply for as many local and community scholarships as possible
Call the colleges to which you applied to make sure they

received all of your information

March

Submit your college application, as many school deadlines are March 1st
Follow up on community scholarships and their deadlines

June

Check out work study, make housing and meal plans and contact your roommate

FVCC Running Start

Sophomores, start thinking ahead. **Juniors** and **Seniors**, take college classes while still in high school! You have the opportunity to earn up to six college credits FREE! If you are interested contact Shelley Eberhardy at 406-285-1523 or stop by the Career Center to sign up for an appointment to meet with her on Wednesdays or Fridays. She'll answer all your running start related questions and provide you all the information you need. Don't delay! Meet with Shelley today!

ACT Test Dates

National Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration
Sept. 9, 2023	Aug. 4, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023
Oct. 28, 2023	Sept. 22, 2023	Oct. 6, 2023
Dec. 9, 2023	Nov. 3, 2023	Nov. 17, 2023
Feb. 10, 2024	Jan. 5, 2024	Jan. 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

GHS School Code: 270-523

See the Career Center for more information. To register go to:

ACT www.actstudent.org

SAT www.sat.org/register

SAT Test Dates

National Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration
Aug. 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	Aug. 15, 2023
Oct. 7, 2023	Sept. 7, 2023	Sept. 26, 2023
Nov. 4, 2023	Oct. 5, 2023	Oct. 24, 2023
Dec. 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov. 21, 2023
Mar. 9, 2024(digital)	Feb. 23, 2024	TBD
May 4, 2024 (digital)	April 19, 2024	TBD
June 1, 2024(digital)	May 17, 2024	TBD

Important Update: Flathead Valley Community College will NOT be proctoring ACT or SAT tests during the 2023-2024 school year. Please plan accordingly when registering. You may want to call and verify you are eligible to test at the testing site you choose before completing your registration.

Planning for College?

For everything you ever wanted to know about going to college, download the latest online guidebook at:
www.MontanaColleges.com/guidebook

Career Center Representative Presentations—University, College, Tech, & Military

At this time, college admission representatives will be meeting with students in person or virtually in the Career Center. They can't wait to meet you! Listed below is the contact information for some Montana colleges and universities. Please see the Career Center if you have questions, or need more information on how to connect with schools you are interested in.

College / University	Website	Phone Number	Location
Carroll College	www.carroll.edu	406-447-4300	Helena, MT
Dawson Community College	www.dawson.edu	800-821-8320	Glendive, MT
Flathead Valley Community College	www.fvcc.edu	406-756-3848	Kalispell, MT
Highlands College	www.mtech.edu	406-496-3707	Butte, MT
Missoula College	www.mc.umt.edu	406-243-6266	Missoula, MT
Montana State University	www.montana.edu	406-994-2452	Bozeman, MT
Montana State University Billings	www.msubillings.edu	406-657-2888	Billings, MT
Montana State University Northern	www.msun.edu	406-265-3704	Havre, MT
Montana Tech	www.mtech.edu	800-445-8324	Butte, MT
Pima Medical Institute	www.pmi.edu	800-477-7462	Dillon, MT
Rocky Mountain College	www.rocky.edu	406-657-1000	Billings, MT
Salish Kootenai College	www.sk.c.edu	406-275-4800	Pablo, MT
University of Montana	www.umt.edu	406-243-6266	Missoula, MT
University of Montana Western	www.umwestern.edu	406-683-7331	Dillon, MT
University of Providence	www.providence.edu	406-761-8210	Great Falls, MT

Military Monthly Lunch Visits (GHS Commons)

Air Force - 1st Wednesday
 Navy - 2nd Tuesday
 Air National Guard - 1st Tuesday
 Marines - 2nd Thursday
 Army National Guard - 2nd Monday
 Army - 3rd Thursday

Kalispell Job Service

Students ... get one on one help finding a great job! Whether you need help updating your resume, help filling out applications, or need to practice your interview skills stop by the Career Center to make an appointment to meet with an advisor from Kalispell Job Service. An advisor will be here every first and second Thursday of the month. They have information on over 1000 job opportunities in the valley to share with you! Sign up today in the Career Center!

Glacier High School Career Center



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8:00 am - 3:30 pm

<https://glacier.sd5.k12.mt.us/students-parents1/career-center>

Career Center Mission

It is our mission to provide assistance in helping individuals find a meaningful and viable path in life and to provide resources to help them achieve these goals.

- Assistance in planning for the future
- College admissions
- Assistance with college financial aid
- Scholarship Information (Local, State, National, School Specific)
- Assistance in finding volunteer opportunities
- Post-graduate assistance
- Information on the Military
- Information on colleges, training programs, trade, and technical schools
- Career information
- ACT/SAT registration and test prep
- Job Shadows
- Career Exploration

FAFSA

Free Application For Federal Student Aid

First ... Create your FSA ID. An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to the Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.
Visit <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create an FSA ID

Next ... Beginning December 2023 start your FAFSA application form to apply for financial aid.

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa> to get started

Montana University System FAFSA Priority filing deadline: **December 1st**

College Application Week(s) October 2 - 13, 2023



College Application Week provides high school seniors the opportunity to learn about Montana colleges and universities and complete a college application. Counselors will be available in the Career Center for both lunches during CAW to help seniors apply.

Apply to any school in the Montana University System for **FREE** during CAW at:

ApplyMontana.org