Glacier High School Career Center Fall 2024 Newsletter

Anticipating Another Great Year At GHS!

The GHS Career Center and Counseling staff look forward to working with your student to help them make the 2024-2025 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.



Wolfpack Mission: To inspire lifelong learning by providing a broad, engaging education in a respectful, safe and supportive environment.

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Date	Event	Time	Location
Sept. 16, 2024	Senior Class Meeting	8:15 am	GHS PH
Sept. 26, 2024	College Fair Grades 11 & 12 (Preregistration required) <u>www.montanacolleges.com</u>	8:15-11:30 am	FHS Gym
Oct. 2, 2024	Paying for college presentation	7:00 pm	FHS Flex Room
Sept.30- Oct.11, 2024	College Application Week(s) - <u>www.ApplyMontana.org</u>	All Week	Online
Oct. 30, 2024	PSAT Testing Grades 10 & 11 (Preregistration required)	8:15-12:00	GHS CR, PH, Classrooms
Nov. 6, 2024	ASVAB Career Exploration Test Grades 10,11,& 12 (Preregistration required)	8:15-11:15	GHS Conference Room
Dec. 2024	FAFSA Application Opens - www.fafsa.gov	Online	Online
Dec. 13, 2024	Senior Scholarship Packet available - over 100 local and state scholarships	8:00-3:30 pm	GHS Career Center
April 2025	Junior Career Exploration Fair	8:30-11:30 am	Fairgrounds
April 2025	Junior ACT Test (Preregistration required)	8:15-1:00	GHS Classrooms
May 7, 2025	Senior Celebration	6:00 pm	GHS PH & Commons
May 21, 2025	Senior Exit Survey	9:00 am	GHS Writing Center
May 31, 2025	Graduation	10:00 am	GHS Gym

Important Dates

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Office Manager/Registrar: Carrie Williams carrie.williams@sd5.k12.mt.us	Career Center Specialist: Billie Crawford billie.crawford@sd5.k12.mt.us	Career Center Mission FAFSA Information
758-8600 ext. 8632	758-8600 ext. 8634	College Application Week

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

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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.

Class of 2025 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, 95 seniors were honored with awards and scholarships totaling just over \$1.3 million. The scholarship packet for the Class of 2025 will be available on Friday, December 13, 2024. Stop by the Career Center to pick one up.

EVENT:	2025 Senior Celebration
DATE:	Wednesday, May 7, 2025
TIME:	6:00 pm
PLACE:	GHS Performance Hall
	& Commons

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* (*moved to December 1st)

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

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 your 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 $\ensuremath{\textbf{March}}$

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

Мау

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: <u>www.mtcis.intocareers.org;</u> <u>www.fastweb.com;</u> <u>www.scholarships.com</u> etc.

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



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 Tuesdays or Thursdays at Glacier. 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. 14, 2024	Aug. 9, 2024	Aug. 25, 2024
Oct. 26, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Oct. 7, 2024
Dec. 14, 2024	Nov. 8, 2024	Nov. 22, 2024
Feb. 8, 2025	Jan. 3, 2025	Jan. 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	Feb. 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

GHS School Code: 270-523

See the Career Center for more information. To register go to: ACT <u>www.actstudent.org</u> SAT <u>www.sat.org/register</u>

SAT Test Dates

National Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration
Aug. 24, 2024	Aug. 9, 2024	Aug. 13, 2024
Oct. 5, 2024	Sept. 20, 2024	Sept. 24, 2024
Nov. 2, 2024	Oct. 18, 2024	Oct. 22, 2024
Dec. 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024	Nov. 26, 2024
Mar. 8, 2025	Feb. 21, 2025	Feb. 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

Important Update: Flathead Valley Community College will NOT be proctoring ACT or SAT tests during the 2024-2025 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:

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.skc.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 - Ist Wednesday Navy - 2nd Tuesday Air National Guard - Ist Tuesday Marines – Ist Thursday Army National Guard –3rd 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. They have information on over 1000 job opportunities in the valley to share with you!

Stop by the Career Center today to scan the QR Code and complete the student questionnaire!

Glacier High School Career Center



Billie Crawford <u>billie.crawford@sd5.k12.mt.us</u> Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm <u>https://glacier.sd5.k12.mt.us/students-parents1/career-center</u>



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 2024 start your FAFSA application form to apply for financial aid. Visit <u>https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</u> to get started

Montana University System FAFSA Priority filing deadline: February 1st

College Application Week(s) September 30—October 11, 2024



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