

From the Principal's Desk

By Brady Downey

The 2007 – 2008 school year is off to a great start! As the fall leaves complete their color change, the school year gets into full swing. Our homecoming events were a huge success and it is always great to see our student body come together as a school family. This is truly an exciting time at our high school as the freshmen are beginning to be a bit more comfortable and our seniors are starting to show some leadership.

I now would like to share with you a success story that came to our attention a few weeks ago. As many of you are aware, the Michigan Merit Exam became a reality for the class of 2008 last year. I am very pleased to announce that our students out performed not only the local high schools (ISD), but also the statewide averages. The chart below shows the averages of level 1 & 2 students (passing scores) for all tested areas:

School	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	English
Gladstone	60%	65%	64%	47%	57%
Delta Co H.S.	46%	60%	60%	39%	52%
Statewide	46%	56%	60%	40%	57%

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, teachers, and the parents for taking this high stake test seriously and proving to me that once again, together we do make a difference. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and improve those scores with the class of 2009! If you have any questions, or need more information, feel free to call me at 789-8314.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall – Go Braves,

2007 Yearbook

The 2007 Minnewascan is now on sale. The cost of the 160 page all color book is \$50.00. After November 15th the price will increase to \$55. Make checks payable to Gladstone Yearbook.

Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded their academic awards at an assembly during Homecoming Week.

Academic Pin:

Niklas Ahola	Zachary Lipinski
Tiffany Allen	Lukas Lund
Andrew Anderson	Sasha Makohon-Moore
Tyler Belcher	Courtney Mattonen
Tony Capodilupo	Joseph Mileski
William Chouinard	Elizabeth Mineau
Michael Coyne	Matthew Movalson
Jacob Emling	Samantha Ramos
Ryan Fairbanks	Kelly Roxbury
Andrew George	Jonathon Schumaker
Joshua Erickson	Jack Thomas
Paige Gibson	Michelle Thomas
Leah Hague	Lyndsay Utke
Lauren Isaacson	Joel Vallier
Christopher Johnson	Emily Wachuta
Janel Klotz	Amelia Waeghe
Ralph LaFave III	Marcus Whitmer
John LaPine	Matthew Williams
Jack Lipinski	

Academic Letter:

Ashley Connors	Ian McDonnell
Matthew Brie	Chase Ruohomaki

National Honor Society Inductee

New members were inducted into the Gladstone High School Chapter of the National Honor Society on Sunday, October 28th, during a ceremony held at the Danforth Place.

Selection was based upon scholarship, service, leadership and character. Juniors were invited to apply. On the applications, students were required to detail their service and leadership activities, and character was evaluated through two letters of recommendation that each candidate was required to obtain. The NHS Faculty Council then met to review the

applications and letters and vote on each candidate's membership.

Congratulations to the following new members:

Christina Alworden	Brad Liberty
Jamie Alworden	Jessica Lung
Andrew Anderson	Holly Martinson
Jared Berlinski	Courtney Mattonen
Kayla Bialik	Rebecca Mayo
Joseph Boch	Christopher Nelson
Anthony Capodilupo	Rachel Sabin
Sonya Carlson	Matthew Sedenquist
Ashley Connors	Dylan Tauzer
Amanda Danhoff	Natasha Taylor
Chad Deno	Kelsie Thompson
Zachary Emling	RaeAnn Tourangeau
Ryan Fairbanks	Gina Trombly
Brandon Frazho	Lyndsay Utke
Stacy Garlow	Jonathan VanSteen
Kacey Gartland	Emily Wachuta
Joshua Hadel	Thomas Weyers
Kyle Jensen	Katie Wulf
Scott Kleiman	

Economics

The Bay Area Economics Club extended the invitation to Economics teacher Susan Beranek and two Seniors to attend their speaker/dinner meeting at Bay College. Attending the October 1, 2007 meeting were Jacob Emling and T.J. Thomas. The speaker was Mr. John St. Augustine, speaking on his position with Oprah & Friends at Harpo Productions. Mr. St. Augustine has been called the "new voice of America" by Charles Osgood and his thousands of Midwest listeners. The students' meals were paid for by a grant for the Sackerson Foundation.

Spanish Students View Mexican Folk Culture

Thirty of Ms. Michèle Miller's Spanish I, II, III, IV, and V students traveled to Escanaba to visit the Folk Art of Mexico exhibit at the Bonifas Fine Arts Center recently. They participated in a tour led by a docent who explained the blending of Spanish and indigenous culture from the

Nineteenth century to today. Art samples on display included *retablos*, *exvotos*, beadwork, yarn paintings by Huichol Indians, Mata Ortiz ceramics, Oaxacan wood carvings, and colorful masks used in traditional dances. After the gallery tour, the students were led to the studio where they made a Mexican craft project to take home with them. (See photo.) Accompanying the group were chaperones Tom Gilbert and Barb Tomaszewski.



Spanish Students Visit Eighth Grade Geography Classes

Ms. Miller's Spanish III, IV, and V students visited Ms Fones' Eighth grade Geography class at the Junior High School recently. The Geography class is studying Mexico, so the Spanish students spoke Spanish for the eighth graders along with explaining to them about the Mexican customs of *quinceañera* (15-year-old girl's birthday celebration) and the Day of the Dead, November 02. The Spanish vocabulary shared were numbers and colors. A special treat was the Bread of the Dead, which is a sweet bread traditionally baked for the Day of the Dead. It is decorated so that the top and icing resemble skeleton bones, thereby remembering the dead on this holiday.

Two New Teachers and a New Guidance Counselor at GHS

Beth Deacon, John Kellner, and Jeannie Woelffer joined the Gladstone High School professional staff this fall. Beth Deacon teaches Algebra, Algebra A, and Information Processing. Prior to hiring on at GHS, Ms. Deacon taught at Big Bay De Noc School in Garden and at Lakeland Union High School in

Minocqua, WI. She is a graduate of Michigan Technological University with a B.A. in Math, and Northern Michigan University with a M.A. in Administration. Ms. Deacon was born in Ironwood, and she currently resides in Gladstone. She is married to husband, Jeff who works at New Page, and they have three children, Megan, Ethan, and Lucy. Ms. Deacon's hobbies are downhill skiing and spending time with her family. When asked for her comments about her new position at GHS, she answered, "It's huge. I'm not used to such a large student body. Homecoming was exciting. I am enjoying the staff, and the school community has made me feel very welcome!"

John Kellner is teaching Chemistry. Mr. Kellner graduated from Northern Michigan University with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He commutes daily to Gladstone from Menominee, his hometown. Before coming to Gladstone, he taught at Stephenson H.S. for one year. He is engaged to be married to his fiancée Stephanie. Their wedding will be in November. His favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing. His comments on his GHS teaching experiences are, "I am working with a fun and energetic group of people."

Jeannie Woelffer, our new guidance counselor, graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.S. Math, Statistics, and Psychology. She earned her teaching certificate and M.A. in Education, Guidance and Counseling at Northern Michigan University. Ms. Woelffer was born and raised in Gladstone. Her previous experience includes positions as the guidance counselor at Hannahville School and as a tutor, building assistant and long-term math substitute teacher at Escanaba H.S. Most of her free time is spent with family. Her eight-year-old daughter Leigha attends Jones School. Ms. Woelffer's leisure time activities are skiing, snowmobiling, and scrapbooking. Her comment regarding her experiences at GHS thus far, "When I applied for this job, I thought of it as my "dream job", and so far, that is just how it is working out!"

Seniors, information for Senior Roll Call & T-shirt orders will be given out during Parent-Teacher Conferences

Go Purple! Go White! Go Green!

Are you one of those people who just let your useless, dead, household batteries pile up, or even worse, just throw them out? If so, there is something you could easily do to help the environment. Mr. Barron's Environmental Chemistry classes are working towards the goal of becoming a green school, or environmentally friendly school. We have set up containers for recycling plastics and paper in many classrooms and in locations in our hallways. Another thing we would like you to do is send in your dead household batteries or dead rechargeable batteries to the high school to be collected by our classes. There are small bins in many of the classrooms at school for these batteries or they can be brought directly to Mr. Barron's classroom. These batteries contain harmful substances, such as heavy metals, and should not just be thrown in the trash. If they are not disposed of properly, the harmful chemicals in the batteries may eventually seep into our groundwater and cause major health problems. Our classes collect batteries, plastics, and paper at the high school and then bring them to the recycling center at the Delta County Landfill.

Remember, every battery you toss into your trashcan could be leaking harmful chemicals into the water we drink. So bring your batteries to school and help keep our environment clean! Please help us reach our goal of becoming a green school and also help keep our environment safe. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact Mr. Barron at tbarron@gladstone.k12.mi.us.
Written using ideas from Gladstone students: Ashley Parrot, Caitlin Martin and Misty Maynard

Athletic Fundraiser

Personalized Game day basketball and football jerseys are for sale. Forms are available at the High School Activities Office. Samples of all sizes and forms will be available at Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Braves Store. Prices range from \$39.00 to \$52.00. Deadline is November 16th. Hopefully, these will be in for Christmas.

Any questions, please call Gina @ 789-8320.

News from the Library

"If we did all the things we were capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves." Thomas Edison



Scholastic Book Fair November 5 – November 9

The Scholastic Book Fair is opened to everyone! Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for recreational reading.

Gladstone School Public Library

Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday- 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

~High school students, under 18, who wish to use the public library computers after school hours need a parent to come into the public library and personally sign a permission form. There is no charge for printing homework until 4 pm.

Social Studies Department

Changes Within Social Studies

This year is one of transition for the Social Studies Department at GHS as we modify our curriculum to better prepare our students for the Michigan Merit Exam and the new state curriculum guidelines. Although adjustments are occurring in every course, the two most obvious changes involve World History and U.S. History.

World History, formally an elective taken by many tenth graders, is now the requirement for all freshmen. Mrs. Nicholas, the instructor, has worked hard to adjust her curriculum to better fit the state's expectations which include incorporating more ideas about Eastern civilizations and emphasizing the relationships between history and geography.

At the sophomore and junior levels, all students are taking U.S. History this year. To accommodate the extra sections of students, we have four different teachers: Mr. Leonoff, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Trombly, and Mr. Young. Each has added his/her personal approach to the traditional course. This "double-teaching" will allow us to require Economics and Government, traditionally senior courses, for both our juniors and seniors next year.

At the completion of 2008-2009, we will reach the goal of bringing our social studies offerings into sync with the state's expectations without compromising the quality of our program. We will also ensure that our students are in the best possible situation to test well at the end of their junior year in order to qualify for the new Michigan Promise Award. Although there will no longer be a requirement at the senior level, college-bound students will be strongly encouraged to benefit from electives such as Current Issues, Psychology, and Sociology.

Key Club News

The GHS Key Club is just kicking off the year. With many returning members and quite a few new ones everyone is excited for the new year. Their first big activity is Trick-or-Treating on Halloween. But, instead of carrying candy bags and asking for candy, they will be seen with orange UNICEF boxes and will be collecting money. The money that is collected will help African children who have been affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Also, on the agenda for Key Club members is volunteering at the Flu Clinic at the Fair Grounds on Saturday, November 3 and a dance scheduled for Friday, November 9.

College Prep Biology

Every year the College Prep Biology students take a tree test. This test requires them to identify the leaves of multiple trees that grow in Michigan. Each year the Science Department recognizes the students with the Top scores on the test. This year's "Tree-rific Two" are Justin

Jeannero and Andria Nyenhuis. They achieved the top scores. Other top scorers were Cody Salmon, Kollin Jensen, John Cretens, Kyle Thompson, Jessica Wickman, Abby Riggio, Alissa Riggio, Jordan Gagnon, Jenna Bernson, Brittany Menard and Alex Pickard. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Choir News

Both of our high school choir classes are working on music for our Christmas Program. We have also been spending time sight reading three days a week, and we began music for festival performances earlier this fall. The following students auditioned and made it to the Regional Honor's Choir: Addie Schramm, Heather Ives, RaeAnn Tourangeau, Alex Pahnke, Matt Flores, Ethan Marenger, Kaity Hanna, Tamara Pouliot, Samantha Kutzera, and Rachel Frazho. They will audition for the State Honor's Choir in December, which performs at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids in January.

Athletic News

Congratulations to the following athletes on their post season honors:

- Cross Country:
 - Lyndsey Lusardi: All U.P. , All State & Dream Team
 - Jessica Lung: All U.P.
- Football:
 - Joe Mileski: All Conf – Return Specialist; All Conf - Defense; & All Conf Honorable Mention – Offense
 - Michael Coyne: All Conf – Offense
 - Josh Hadel: All Conf – Offense
 - Kent King: All Conf – Defense
 - Bruce Anderson: All Conf Honorable Mention – Defense
 - Kyle Jensen: All Conf Honorable Mention – Offense
 - Joel Vallier: All Conf Honorable Mention – Defense
- Tennis:
 - Gina Trombly: All U.P. – Singles
 - Michelle Thomas: All U.P.- Doubles
 - Stacy Garlow: All U.P. – Doubles
 - Emily Wachuta: All U.P.-Hon. Mention

Season passes are still available and with 25 home winter contests it's still a great deal. Pass prices are:

Student pass	\$30.00
Single Adult	50.00
2 member family	100.00
3-4 member family	110.00
5 or more member family	120.00
Senior Citizens	30.00

Regular student tickets \$3.00
Regular adult tickets 5.00

Passes are available at the activities office.

The Braves Store is full of Gladstone Braves apparel. The hours are daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and in the evenings of home events at the high school. Keep us in mind for birthday and Christmas gifts too.

2007-2008 Winter – Home Events

Date	Event	Time
11/27	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
12/04	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
12/06	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
12/11	Wrestling	5:00
12/13	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
12/18	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
12/20	Girls Basketball	5:45/7:15
12/27	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/04	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/05	Boys Basketball	1:00/2:45
01/10	Wrestling	6:30
01/11	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/15	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/19	Boys Basketball	1:00/2:45
01/22	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/24	Wrestling	6:00
01/25	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
01/29	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/01	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/05	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/12	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/14	Girls Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/19	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15
02/22	Boys Basketball	5:30/5:45/7:15

Meal Magic Food Service

By Tom Davis

I would like to take a moment to tell you about the new Point-of-Sale kitchen software from Meal Magic Corporation that the district has been using since the start of the school year. I would like to let you know about two exciting features that our parents have been requesting for quite some time.

The first new feature (**LunchApp.com**) enables parents/guardians to use the Internet to begin the free and reduced lunch application process in the privacy of their own homes. This new application eliminates the need for paper forms and in most cases, approval of qualifying applications will be in one business day or less.

The second new feature (**LunchDeposit.com**) enables parents/guardians to use the Internet to view their child's lunch account balance and history, including seeing the items they have purchased for breakfast or lunch. Additionally, parents/guardians will be able to deposit money into their child's account with a debit or credit card. We have been getting requests for this for some time, and are pleased to be offering it to our parents.

Both of these new features can be accessed by going to the district web page (www.gladstoneschools.com) and clicking on the Food Services link on the right side of the page. Once you are at the Food Services web page, you will see the **LunchDeposit.com** and **LunchApp.com** buttons in the middle of the page. Clicking on either of these buttons will start the respective application. Additionally, I have included an instruction sheet for LunchDeposit.com, accessible by clicking the **LunchDeposit.com Instruc.** button.

There is more information regarding the new Meal Magic system on the Food Service web page. Letters were sent home to the elementary student's parents to introduce the system to them and provide the parents with their student's respective student numbers. For the Junior High and Senior High students, their student numbers are on their schedules, and will soon be listed on Parent@School.

If you have any questions about the new system, please contact either myself or Nancy Bratonia and we would be happy to explain it to you further.

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