January 7, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below are some important dates and informational reminders to share as we near the completion of Semester 1.

Upcoming Calendar

	JANUARY 2025
Friday 10 th	 Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10 / 12 Assessment information emailed home. Students can view further scheduling information posted in the main foyer by Wednesday, Jan. 15th.
Monday 13 th	 Second semester course change request form (via MS Forms) available to students. Gr. 8 Parent Information Session @ 6:30 pm
Friday 17 th	Last day of regular classes
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th	 Final Week of Semester 1 Monday to Friday is a week where school is accessible to any student and they attend based on individual learning needs, required provincial assessments and by request from teachers directly. All grade 9s are to attend two grade level presentations* Friday afternoon: Grade 8s from across the district will attend Gleneagle for the incoming Grade 9 tour. All middle and secondary schools participate in this event.
Monday 27 th	 First Day of Semester 2 – Regular Bell Schedule Reminder student schedules are viewable on MyEd portals
Tuesday 28 th	 Semester 1 Summary of Learning (final report card) viewable on MyEd portal at 4:00 pm

* All grade 9s are to attend from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday: Economics of Success program <u>https://jabc.org/programs/efs/</u>

Friday: Safe Schools Together program as part of their Digital Literacy course

Grade 12 Checklist

While not an exhaustive list, the final week is a good time for students to review their individual progress, and plan accordingly:

- ✓ Requirements for graduation are being met / will be met
- ✓ Career Life Connection 12 coursework is up to date and regular check ins with teacher- advisor have already occurred (all grade 12s)
- ✓ <u>StudentTranscripts Service</u> account created, and information updated
- ✓ Review applicable application requirements and deadlines for post secondary institutions/ programs. Do not leave requests for teacher reference letters until the last minute.
- ✓ Scholarship applications researched. If teacher reference letters are required, please do not leave the request for support until the last minute.

- ✓ Grad photo taken with Artona Photos. Sessions can be booked at their studio if you did not book a sitting during their time here at Gleneagle <u>https://artona.com/</u>
- ✓ School fees reviewed on SchoolCash Online <u>https://www.schoolcashonline.com/</u>
- ✓ Year end events noted on calendar and budgeted for
- ✓ Endless thanks and praise to parents and guardians for what they have done for you, and will continue to do, in supporting you towards your graduation!

Course Planning for the 2025.26 School Year

In addition to the upcoming semester change, we are also busy preparing for the next school year and February is an important month for students. In the first week of the new semester, students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will attend counsellor led, course programming assemblies on Tuesday, January 28th.

September seems far off, but please dedicate some time to make thoughtful plans as course change requests in the fall are primarily reserved for graduation requirements. Also consider online and/or summer learning in your planning, and if you do intend to take courses in July and August, please let your counsellor know in the notes section of MyEd when you select courses so we do not program you in the same course(s). Students selecting courses with post secondary and specific career goals in mind, are strongly recommended to schedule a meeting with Ms. Milde, our very supportive Post Secondary and Career Advisor. School website: Course selection information

At a district level, information for programs of choice and cross catchment is accessible on the <u>district website</u>. Cross catchment is the formal process to request placement at a school other than one's neighbourhood catchment. The online application opens on February 7th @ 9:00 am and closes at 4:00 pm on February 12th.

Homework for Parents!

Assignment 1 - please review the Student Information Verification (pdf) document viewable on your MyEd portal under *Published Reports*. If up to date and accurate, then nothing further is required. If there is new phone, email or emergency contact information to be entered into our records system, then please email <u>125-secretary@sd43.bc.ca</u>

If your home address on record has changed, then please contact us by the same email and provide proof of residence paperwork for us to verify your updated address.

Assignment 2 – If you have a child in grades 10 or 12 then please complete the annual ministry survey available now until May 2nd. <u>Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia</u>

Enter the district and school information as below:

<u>Parent l</u>	<u>_ogon</u>	
	e complete one survey for each child. (logon-free) Access (please select one of the	e options below).
District	43 Coquitlam	~
School	Gleneagle Secondary	~

GLENEAGLE SECONDARY: END OF SEMESTER INFORMATION

Staffing Update

Increasingly, the mid year mark is becoming like September start up, when we see student movement (meaning more in and out registration) across the district for a variety of reasons. It is also a time in the district when staffing changes occur and we have a few updates to share regarding our staff.

We have three staff leaving Gleneagle at the end of this month and we wish them well in their future adventures as retirees!

Ms. Priestly, Ms. Lim and Mr. Main are looking forward to retirement after years of loyal service in the Coquitlam School District.

On the Friday prior to winter break we said goodbye (for now) to Ms. Milliard who will soon be sharing new baby photos with us, and to Ms. Watt who is leaving to pursue a new opportunity in teaching and coaching.

With these departures to fill and a few other positions we are currently hiring for, we anticipate introducing nine new staff members at the start of the semester.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you to all the students and families for making this past semester memorable. We look forward to brighter weather and many new, shared experiences in the coming months.

Regards,

Mr. Glen Conley Principal

