

Safety and Security update

Good afternoon, parents. The return to full days of in-person learning has also brought with it a renewed focus on safety and security. The first months of the 2021/2022 school year have been spent practicing our pre-pandemic safety protocols. Please review the information below for updates and reminders about school safety.

Emergency drills

We have been practicing evacuation and lockdown drills during lunch periods in coordination with the Glen Ridge Police Department. New security systems have been integrated to expedite the lockdown process, featuring automated announcements and immediate notification of law enforcement in the event of an emergency. Strobe lights in, and outside the building provide visual indicators if the building is in lockdown.

Looking ahead..we are practicing responses to a variety of scenarios in the next few months. This includes missing students and medical emergencies. Our team includes staff trained in CPR, the use of AEDs, Epi-Pens, NARCAN, and bleeding control kits...all critical to providing assistance during the first minutes of a crisis while we wait for emergency responders to arrive.

Anti-bullying

All students should feel safe and supported in school. Our team is committed to providing a positive learning environment, free from harassment and bullying. We encourage students to seek out assistance from an adult if they have concerns. As a reminder, the District's anti-bullying policies, HIB investigation procedures, and a reporting form are posted on the Glen Ridge High School website landing page: <https://www.glenridge.org/Domain/108>

Attendance

Students must see Mrs. Sullivan (TSullivan@glenridge.org) at the Attendance Desk if they arrive after 8:20am. We ask that parents contact Mrs. Sullivan or Mrs. Panza (LPanza@glenridge.org) if their child needs to leave school early.

Visitors

All visitors must present a valid driver's license to enter the building. To help minimize contacts and traffic in the building, drop boxes are located outside the main entrance for lunches, books/school supplies, and clothing. We also have a secured lockbox for athletics paperwork that is checked daily.

Parking lot

The high volume of vehicle traffic in the parking lot during morning dropoff is a potential safety hazard to our students and staff as they arrive at the building. This is a reminder that the lot is for staff parking only. Parents should drop off their children on the surrounding streets. There is a crossing guard stationed at the corner of Ridgewood and Woodland Avenues to assist students with safely crossing the street.

We appreciate your support in providing a safe experience for our students and staff. On behalf of the GRHS school community, we hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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