

Gladstone Ministerial Association seeks donations for clothes closet at GHS

To help families facing hard times, the Gladstone Ministerial Association has teamed up with Gladstone Schools to create a community clothes closet located at Gladstone High. The site seeks donations of clothing for babies, kids, and teens.

The group has planned drop off times for donations of clothes in sizes for infants to teens. Donations will be accepted from 6 to 8 p.m. on scheduled Thursdays (December 5, 12, and 19) and from 4 to 6 p.m. on scheduled Sundays (December 8, 15, and 22). The clothes closet is located in a portable classroom on the Northeast corner of the Gladstone High campus, at 18800 Portland Avenue.

Needed items include new packages of socks and underwear, plus clean, gently used pants (especially boys jeans), shirts, sweaters, hoodies, shoes, jackets, gloves, and hats in current fashions. The group also seeks donations of clothing racks and bins to outfit the site, plus department store shopping bags for those served.

The site hopes to be up and running by January. For more information, call LaRae Applebee at 503-758-4411.

Partners in the project include St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Gladstone First Baptist Church, Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone Nazarene Church, the Gospel Fellowship Community Church, and Gladstone Schools.

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Gladstone High holiday giving effort welcomes community donations

Students and staff at Gladstone High are celebrating the season of giving by adopting over 20 struggling families. The school has launched a coin drive, a toy drive, and a food drive, and they invite community members to donate.

Toy drive tags are available during school hours to those who check in at the school office. Unwrapped gifts can be returned to the school with the tag attached. If the number of toys exceeds adopt-a-family needs, the extra toys will be donated to the Gladstone Fire Department toy drive. Needed items include sports equipment, art supplies, dolls, cars & trucks, games, and books for kids age two to 18.

Coin drive proceeds will be used to purchase new clothing items for local families. Coins can be delivered during school hours.

Food drive donations can be delivered to the GHS office during school hours. Needed items include pancake mix & syrup, instant rice, muffin or biscuit mixes, high fiber breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta, or high protein items such as peanut butter, tuna, stew, chili, beans, canned ravioli, or hearty soups.

Gladstone High School is located at 18800 Portland Avenue.

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Registration begins for free January parenting class

Parents mystified by middle schoolers will find new strategies to improve family communication,

motivate kids, and use positive discipline in a free 4-night workshop presented by Northwest Family Services. Free childcare will be provided.

The Parent Power class will be held Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Kraxberger Middle School in Gladstone. The school is located at 17777 Webster Road.

Spaces are filling fast, so register now at www.lastingrelationships.com or call 503.546.6377.

Gladstone Community Schools announces winter class schedule

For those whose New Year's resolution is to try something new, Gladstone has a list of fun, affordable winter classes for seniors, adults, and kids. The Community Schools guide is available at <http://tinyurl.com/GladstoneFun>

Opportunities for youths include sports, dance, cheerleading, tumbling, baseball batting, guitar, ukulele and driver education.

Classes for adults and seniors include Zumba, first aid, genealogy, computer technology, driving safety, a variety of dance classes, investing, Spanish, gardening, sign language, cooking, guitar, ukulele, woodworking, tai chi, yoga, and more.

For more information about how to register, call Tammy Tracy at 503-650-2570.

Rotary donates dictionaries to Gladstone 3rd graders

In what has become an annual tradition, the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary Club donated dictionaries to every third grader in Gladstone.

"Students at John Wetten Elementary will use the dictionaries at home and at school to practice looking up word definitions and pronunciations," said Principal Wendy Wilson. "We are so grateful to the Rotary for their on-going commitment to education. The kids are proud to have a dictionary of their very own."