

Gladstone middle school to launch college prep program

At Kraxberger Middle School, students don't have to wait for high school to get ready for college. Starting this fall, they can begin in the sixth grade.

A three-year grant of over \$62,000 from the James F. & Marion Miller Foundation will launch a research-based school wide system called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). The Miller Foundation also provided grants to launch the program in 29 other Oregon Middle Schools.

"AVID teaches strategies students can use in every class, from Cornell note taking and keeping an organized binder, to participation in Socratic Seminars," explained Principal Nancy Bailey. "We want students to know that college is a real option."

A targeted group of disadvantaged students with potential will participate in an academic elective class that provides small group tutorials, leadership skills, and strategies in perseverance and goal setting.

PHOTO: Next fall, all Gladstone middle schoolers will benefit from AVID, a college-readiness system with a focus on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading.

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What would make the Gladstone Community Festival more fun for teens?

The Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, working to plan this summer's Gladstone Community Festival are wondering what would make this a can't miss event for teens.

Youths in grades 5 to 12 are invited to participate in an on-line survey to share their ideas: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CN6LGNF>

Please respond by April 1.

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GHS girls basketball team takes 4th at State

The girls Varsity basketball team from Gladstone High did themselves proud at this year's state championship, taking home the 4th place trophy, as well as the tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

Molly Webster set a tournament single game record, scoring 33 points against Banks. She was also the tournament leader in points, scoring average, and three point shots. Mikaela Simac was the tournament leader in steals, finishing third in assists, and three point shots.

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Food pantry open during Spring Break; Clothes Closet to close

Families who need to supplement their family food budget are welcome to drop by the Gladstone Food Pantry, which will be open Spring Break during regular hours:

- Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon

Thanks to community partnerships, the pantry is well stocked with Dave's Killer Bread, a variety of Bob's Red Mill products, plus fresh produce, including potatoes, carrots, apples, onions, and salad greens.

The adjacent Clothes Closet will be closed March 26 and 28 due to Spring Break. However, they will be open this Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are located in portable classrooms on the north side of Gladstone High, accessible via Nelson Lane. The food pantry is located near the greenhouse.