Gladstone High plans building trades career fair April 19

High school students and recent graduates interested in skilled trade apprenticeships are invited to a free information night at Gladstone High. Raffle prizes will be provided. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany students to the event.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue. Raffle prizes will be offered to all attendees, with an additional raffle prize for students who bring a parent.

"We want to give students an opportunity to learn about career pathways for electricians, roofers, plumbers, bricklayers, cement masons, carpenters, and more," said event organizer Loren Watts. "These are high demand, family-wage careers."

Tonkin Fun Run in June to support Gladstone schools

Families are invited to participate in the Tonkin Challenge on Sunday, June 5, a fundraiser for several schools in Clackamas County, including the Gladstone District. The event includes a 5-mile run, a 5K run, and a half-mile Mascot Dash for the kids.

The 5-mile run begins at 8 a.m., the 5K run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m., and the half mile Mascot Dash begins at 10 a.m. All races start and end at Audi Wilsonville, 26600 SW 95th Ave., in Wilsonville.

Online registration is available at http://www.tonkinchallenge.org/.
All entry fees [100%] will benefit the participating school or district of your choice. Entry fees are:

- 5-Mile Run: \$45 adults/\$15 youths [14 & under]
- 5 K Run/Walk: \$35 adults/\$15 youths
- Half Mile Mascot Run: \$20 adults/\$10 youths

Following the race, the after party will have live music by Kurt Van Meter and refreshments sponsored by The Ram Brewery and No Ka Oi Catering.

Gladstone School District invites community to view math books

After substantial research, Gladstone Schools has selected secondary math curriculum for purchase, including Core Focus on Math for middle school students, Math Connects for pre-algebra, and Cengage Learning for pre-calculus and calculus. In addition,

Gladstone High has requested a set of 40 Chromebooks for use throughout the math department.

Community members and parents are invited to view and comment on these materials on display weekdays in the Gladstone District Office, 17789 Webster Road, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March 14 to April 1. Public comment will be considered before a final decision is proposed to the School Board at the April 13 Board Meeting.

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Preschool workshops to connect parents with educators

On April 23, the Gladstone Center for Children & Families will host a free, half-day conference for preschool parents and early childhood professionals. Learn about brain development & how to choose a preschool, and find support programs for families!

For information, contact Christina Alquisira at 503.496.3939. Free childcare provided. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Online registration is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadySetLearn

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Gladstone schools invite open enrollment for 2016-17

The Gladstone School District will admit students from outside district borders in the 2016-17 school year, with open enrollment spots for students from kindergarten through grade 10. Applications, due April 1, are available at http://gladstone.k12.or.us/. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

"As a small, close-knit community, Gladstone offers an innovative, caring education experience," explained Superintendent Bob Stewart. "We work to serve the whole child, supporting individual needs while providing a robust academic program. Our small size means we can take the time to know each student."

Gladstone's full-day kindergarten will open spots at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, a technology-rich program including weekly instruction in music, science, art, and physical education.

John Wetten Elementary will open spots in grades 1 to 5. The school provides weekly technology education, music, P.E., Chinese, and library time. Afterschool programs include art, science, and choir, plus clubs ranging from Chinese and robotics to speech and debate.

Kraxberger Middle School will open spots in grades 6 to 8. The school uses the AVID college-readiness system. Electives include art, band, Spanish, and more. After school programs include drama, book clubs, and robotics, plus intramural volleyball, cross country, and basketball.

Gladstone High will open spots in grades 9 and 10. The small, college preparatory school is known for having 36 college level courses, on-site career-technical electives, and Mandarin Chinese. Over 64 percent of students participate in sports, the arts, and clubs ranging from robotics and American Sign Language to Key Club. Academic support programs include after-school tutoring and Saturday School.

Each school will offer opportunities for tours. To arrange for a tour, contact the school office.