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Booster Club tree sale set for December 7

Looking for the perfect tree to make your home festive? Join us on Saturday, December 7 for the annual Christmas tree sale at Gladstone High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This fundraiser for Gladstone athletic programs features some of the best trees in town, with excellent prices. Choose from Douglas firs, Grand Firs, Noble firs, or wreaths. They will deliver to a local address.

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Gladstone Schools approves 395 spots for open enrollment

Gladstone Schools opened its doors wide to students from outside district borders, announcing 395 openings for students from kindergarten through grade 10 for the 2014-15 academic year. **Applications are available in mid-January and are due April 1, 2014.** Only students living in Clackamas County may apply.

“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 health, family, and socio-emotional needs while providing a robust academic program. Our small size means we can take the time to know each student as an individual.”

Gladstone’s kindergarten will open 45 spots in the free, full-day program at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The longer day provides an enriched kindergarten experience, including time for music, art, technology learning, and physical education. A full-service health clinic is on site.

John Wetten Elementary will open 150 spots, 30 each in grades 1 to 5. The school offers technology education and is a front-runner in teaching common core mathematics. The school offers enrichment options from leadership and choir to golf, basketball, and Lego clubs, plus classes in arts and cooking. A volunteer force of more than 300 supports the school.

Kraxberger Middle School will open 120 spots, 40 each in grades 6 to 8. The school offers students academic experiences in technology, Spanish, art, and band. After school programs include choir, robotics, tutoring, track, and intramural volleyball. All students take a Power Time

class that reinforces study skills, community building, equity, and problem solving.

Gladstone High School will open 80 spots in grades 9 and 10. The small, college preparatory high school is known for its technology programs. The recently remodeled school offers 17 Advanced Placement and college credit courses, 14 career-technical courses, and fine arts. In addition, GHS boasts 17 athletic teams, with 44 percent of students participating. Other activities include an electric vehicle club, a competitive robotics team, an art-literary magazine, service clubs, and leadership. A national Green Ribbon award winner, Gladstone High emphasizes sustainability both in operations and curriculum. After school tutoring and Saturday School provide free academic support.

The Gladstone School District will accept Open Enrollment applications for 2014-15 until April 1 from students residing within Clackamas County. If more students apply than there are openings available, the district will conduct a lottery for the spots.

Families interested in information or a tour can contact the district at 503-496-3935. More information is available at the district website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>.

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January class offers tips for parenting middle schoolers

Middle school parents seeking new strategies for motivation, communication, building responsibility, and positive discipline will find practical tips in a four-week class in Gladstone.

The free, 4-week class will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Road in Gladstone. Free childcare will be provided.

Northwest Family Services will provide the class, which is based on Love & Logic and Active Parenting Now. To register, visit www.lastingrelationships.org or call 503-546-6377.

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Gladstone High School to stage *Shakespearience!*

Drama students at Gladstone High will stage a mash up of William Shakespeare's well-known histories, tragedies, and comedies entitled *Shakespearience!*

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. on December 6 and 7 in the Gladstone High School auditorium at 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. Admission is \$5 at the door. The play is appropriate for those age 12 and up.

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Gladstone Education Foundation plans auction, seeks donations

To raise funds for education programs in Gladstone schools, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans an auction & dinner. The event on Saturday, February 15 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds will have a Country Chic theme.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. To order tickets, call Tammy Tracy at 503-655-2777. To become an event sponsor or to donate auction items, call Kathy at 971-227-2655.

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Gladstone Center offers free books at Story Hour

Come to Story Hour at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families (GCCF) from 4:15 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 5. The event helps children build early reading skills through shared reading play, and fun language activities. The theme for this gathering will be The Snowman. Children five and under will receive a free book. The Center is located at 18905 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. All are welcome.

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Gladstone High School launches holiday food, clothing, and toy drive

Students at Gladstone High will learn the importance of community service by helping with the school's annual food drive to help struggling families.

From December 3 to 12, students will collect canned food and toys to help families in their community during the holiday season.

Donations of high-protein, nutritious foods are especially needed, including peanut butter, tuna, stew, ravioli, chili, canned chicken beans, instant rice, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, and hearty soups. Donations can be dropped off during school hours at 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

“Knowing that 45 Gladstone students are struggling with homelessness, we are working extra hard to help,” said Gladstone High principal Natalie Osburn. “I am so proud of the generosity and work ethic of our students and staff, who give with all their hearts.”

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Gladstone Lunch Buddies program seeks volunteer mentors

The Gladstone School District is seeking volunteers for the Lunch Buddy program, which pairs at-risk elementary students with an adult mentor. The mentor spends 1 hour each week sharing lunch and recess activities with their lunch buddy. To apply, call Volunteer Coordinator Angela Johnson at 503-656-6564.

Students who meet regularly with adult mentors are:

- 80% more likely to graduate
- 58% more likely to earn higher grades

- 52% less likely to skip school
- 46% less likely to try drugs
- 27% less likely to use alcohol

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Gladstone children's center seeks volunteers

Head Start, Family Stepping Stones, and kindergarten classes at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families need volunteers who can give an hour or two a week.

Volunteers can mentor small groups, supervise playtime, guide art projects, supervise learning zones, and help children build reading skills. To get involved, call Volunteer Coordinator Susan Trone at @ 503-496-3939, ext. 306.

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Gladstone Education Foundation seeks rummage sale donations

To help raise funds for Gladstone schools, the Gladstone Education Foundation is seeking donations of clean, gently used items such as toys, games, small appliances, jewelry, books, sports equipment, tools, or furniture. A rummage sale is planned in the spring.

To make a donation, call Corinne at 503-722-2284 or Kathy at 971-227-2655 to arrange for drop off or pick up of items.