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Gladstone Schools Technology Team to explore options

A School Board advisory committee of 40 district staff and community members will work together from October to February to develop a recommended framework for technology use in Gladstone Schools.

With the help of professional facilitators, the group will consider a range of technology issues from students' needs and teaching techniques to professional development needs and decision-making for technology use.

"Presenters, panelists, and provocateurs — including Gladstone students — will help us think outside the box," explained project coordinator Lennie Bjornsen, Director of Family and Student Support.

Besides a wide array of staff representatives, the group includes several tech-savvy parents willing to step up and share their knowledge, experience, and perspectives.

"Technology is a catalyst and a tool that can transform and support education in exciting ways," said Bjornsen. "It will be essential to align our technology plan with our education objectives."

Members of the Technology Planning Team include:

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Gladstone High to host regional robotics fair

For the third time in the event’s five-year history, Gladstone High School will host the annual regional robotics conference, FIRST Fare 2014. The event will include school robotics teams from across Oregon and southwest Washington, providing both rookies and veterans with hands-on training sessions on control systems, electrical debugging, Java programming, team public relations, and more.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 in Gladstone High’s Fine Arts and Technology Wing, 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

The event features a Technology Pavilion, where teams can showcase projects such as quadcopters, t-shirt cannon robots, and items created using a 3D printer. The Pavilion also gives students the chance to get information about universities with science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs and companies who hire technology experts.

To present, to register, or to volunteer, contact event coordinators at ff.coordinators@gladstonerobotics.com.

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Homecoming tailgater includes career fair

Before the homecoming football game, Gladstone High School students, parents, and community members are invited to attend a block party tailgater event featuring trades and apprenticeships, with burgers and hotdogs donated by Northwest Natural. The event starts at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 24 in front of Dick Baker Stadium, 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

The event, sponsored by ConstructionWantsYou.com, includes the opportunity to vote on the best crash banner, with entries from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

“We want students and parents to see the array of family-wage career opportunities in construction,” said organizer Loren Watts. “These are rewarding jobs with good pay. We hope students will think about some of these options when planning their careers.”

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Kraxberger Robotics plans two fundraisers

In their quest to raise funds to replace their aging computers, the Kraxberger Gearheads

Robotics Club plans two fall fundraisers.

On Saturday, October 18, the group plans a Burgerville night, with at least 10% of all sales going to support the club. The event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Gladstone restaurant. The group is offering raffle prizes to participants, including Baskin Robbins ice cream (1 pint per month for a full year), a free ice cream cake, and an official Gearheads t-shirt.

The group is also selling Baskin Robbins ice cream cakes for \$30, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting military veterans. For more information, email club mentor Shawn Price at shawn.price@gladstonerobotics.com.

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GHS athletes and leaders plan “Gladstone Gives Back” day of service

Do you know a Gladstone senior or a homebound neighbor who could use a hand with weeding, leaf raking, lawn mowing or stacking firewood?

A team of 200 athletes and student leaders from Gladstone High plan their annual Gladstone Gives Back community service day on October 18, and they are ready to help!

If you know a neighbor who could use a helping hand, contact event organizers Lynnda Prom at proml@gladstone.k12.or.us or Kathy Beykovsky at 971.227.2655.

“Our community does a wonderful job of helping our schools through volunteerism, attending sporting events, and supporting our fundraisers,” said Athletic Director Ted Yates. “We’re excited that students will have this opportunity to pay it forward by helping others in Gladstone.”

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