

# Welcome To GPSS



## General Questions About GPSS

**Q: What does a regular school day look like?**

**A:** The school day begins at 8:15 AM. The day is separated into four “blocks” of 1 hour and 15 minutes each, with 5 minutes to travel between classes. Lunch begins at 10:50 AM and lasts for one hour. At 11:50 AM, you will attend either your Block C or Block D class, depending on which day it happens to be in our flipped schedule. The school day ends at 2:25 PM.

**Q: What does “flipped schedule” mean?**

**A:** At Glenview we operate on a flipped schedule, which means your afternoon classes will “flip” every day. Odd-numbered days are “Day 1’s,” where your schedule is the regular A-B-C-D format. On even numbered days or “Day 2’s,” your Block C and D classes will “flip” and the order of your classes will be A-B-D-C. It seems tricky at first, but you will figure it out quickly!

**Q: How do “semesters” work?**

**A:** In high school, we separate your academic year by “semesters.” This means that in first “semester” you will have four courses, and in second “semester” you will have four different courses. First semester generally runs from September to late January, and second semester starts in February and runs until the end of the year in June.

**Q: This school is way bigger than my elementary school! How will I ever find where I'm supposed to be going?!**

**A:** It's actually easier than you think! High school is an adjustment for everyone, but luckily for you, our school isn't too tough to figure out. There are four main halls at Glenview (A, B, C, & D). Each room is indicated by its hall location ("D") and a number ("210"). If the number starts with a "1" it's on the first floor (ex. 112). If the number starts with a "2" it's on the second floor (ex. "215"). So, if you're looking for room D211 you know you need to go to upper "D-hall."

For a sneak peek, check out this video tour directed and narrated by the wonderful Ms. Caplin! [Video Link \(6:01\)](#)

**Q: How do lockers work? Does everyone get one?**

**A:** You sure do! Every student at Glenview gets a locker assigned to them. To make sure your locker is a safe place to keep your important items, make sure you never share your locker combination with others.

**Q: Do you have a cafeteria?**

**A:** Yes we do! The "caf" is a great place to grab some lunch, eat with friends, or study after school. There are also lots of mini-events held in the caf throughout the year.

**Q: Am I allowed to leave school property at lunch?**

**A:** As long as your parents/guardians are okay with it, yes. There are a variety of places to grab lunch in walking distance from Glenview. Keep in mind that you need to behave respectfully when off-school property and that it is your responsibility to make sure that you are still on time for class after lunch.

## Academics

### **Q: What is a timetable and how will I get one?**

**A:** Your timetable is your own personal daily schedule. Students will receive a new timetable each semester that explains which courses you have, the teacher, and the room for each period of the day. Students will get timetables from their homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

You will find your name posted alphabetically around the school on the first day, and this is how you will locate your first period class. When you arrive at your block A class, your teacher will give you your schedule for the rest of the semester and review it with the class in more detail.

### **Q: Is there a lot of homework in high school?**

**A:** Different courses will have different amounts of homework assigned by the teacher. Some classes may have homework almost every day, while others won't assign any homework at all. As long as there's time, teachers will usually give you time in class to complete homework, and will be available to help you with homework questions! Try to make sure that you are staying on top of assigned homework and that you seek out your teachers for extra help if you need it.

### **Q: Will I have to write exams?**

**A:** Yes, you will probably have to write exams. Exams occur at the end of the semester, and they test your knowledge about the whole course. However, not every course will have an exam. Your teachers will let you know at the beginning of the semester whether or not your course will have an exam, and they will spend lots of time making sure you are prepared to be successful on the exam, so don't worry too much!

**Q: Where can I get help with school work?**

**A:** Always start by asking your teacher for help. Many teachers are available for extra help during lunch or after school, and can always be sought out or contacted by email. There are also lots of extra supports at Glenview to help you.

**Q: What kinds of supports are available?**

**A:** The school library is located across from the West Gym and is open during the school day. While you must have teacher permission to use the library during class time (unless you are a senior on spare), the library is always available during lunch, and often before and after school as well. The teacher-librarians can help you find reading materials and resources for projects, assist you with research, and lots more.

“Student Success” and “Grad Pad” are used for students who may need an alternate learning location for a period of time. Your teacher may refer you to either of these rooms if you need a different space.

“LAC” supports students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and is located directly across from the main office. They are open throughout the school day. Your teacher may also refer you to LAC during class time for additional individualized support if you need it.

**Q: What do Guidance Counsellors do?**

**A:** Every student at Glenview is assigned a Guidance Counsellor based on their last name.

Your Guidance counsellor will support you with any needed changes to your timetable. If you are finding a certain level difficult, please meet with

your Guidance Counsellor to see what your alternatives are and how we can help you.

Guidance counsellors can:

- a. Help with course level changes
- b. Help to change your elective courses
- c. Help with career planning
- d. Help with researching information about colleges, trades, apprenticeships, gap years, the world of work
- e. Help with scholarships
- f. Help with social and emotional problems
- g. Help with issues around bullying
- h. Help with specialized programs (like Specialist High Skills Majors, Cooperative Programs, Dual credits, I.B., Fast Forward Program)
- i. Help with information about Community Service Hours
- j. Help with your High School Graduation Requirements
- k. Provide academic support with student tutors
- l. Help with summer school information

For more information about our guidance department, check out this [video](#) welcome from our guidance department head, Mrs. Martins-Gardiner!

## Athletics

**Q: What kinds of sports are offered at Glenview?**

**A:** There are three separate sports “seasons” at Glenview. In the fall, we offer junior and senior football, junior and senior girls basketball, junior and senior boys volleyball, field hockey, cross country and tennis. In the winter season, you can take part in junior and senior boys basketball, junior and senior girls volleyball, boys hockey, swimming and badminton. In the

spring, girls and boys varsity soccer and rugby runs along with track and field.

**Q: How do I get involved in a team? Are there tryouts?**

**A:** To participate in a team at Glenview, students must purchase a student card (\$30), pay the WCSSAA sport fee, and follow the Glenview Park Athlete Code of Conduct. As the sports season approaches, coaches will put out an announcement for interested students and hold meetings where they will let you know about tryout requirements, fees, and equipment for the specific sport you are interested in. While some teams will hold tryouts, others will not!

**Note:** Fall sports start **immediately** in September. If you're interested in playing a fall sport, make sure you are listening to the announcements during the first week of school!

**Q: What's up with these fees? How much are they?**

**A:** Athletic fees are set by WCSSAA, the governing body for high school athletics in the WRDSB. They cover some of the costs of running the sport, while the school covers the remainder. The fees owed depend on the specific sport. Your coach will have information on specific sport fees.

**Q: What if I can't afford the fee? Can I still play?**

**A:** We never want to let fees get in the way of student-athletes participating in sports at Glenview. If paying fees will cause financial hardship, please let your coach know.

## **Student Activities & Extra-curriculars**

**Q: What kinds of events go on at Glenview?**

**A:** Most of our events are coordinated and run by our student activities council (SAC), and they work hard to provide tons of fun events over the course of the school year. Highlights include spirit assemblies and spirit days, dances, our semi-formal, battle month, caf events, Glenview Games, Coffee Houses, movie nights, homeroom competitions, Buskerfest, the Glennies and much more!

Other events include our GPSS Arts' Night and Makers Market, our annual car show, Relay for Life,

**Q: What kinds of clubs can I join?**

**A:** Clubs and extracurricular activities are part of what makes your high school experience special, and we offer a wide variety of clubs to suit any kind of interest. To name a few, Glenview offers Fed-Prov, DECA, HOSA, GSA, BSU (Black Students' Union), Glenview CARES (Eco, Social Justice), P.A.A.W. (Panther Artists at Work), among many others.

**Q: I'm interested in the arts. Are there opportunities for me?**

**A:** There sure are! As already mentioned, P.A.A.W. is a club available for students interested in the visual arts. For the musically inclined, we have a choir and concert band available. For those interested in taking their talents to the stage, we also have drama! We aim to stage a musical at least once throughout everyone's high school career, so stay tuned for news on how you can participate in that production as well.

**Q: How do I join a club?**

**A:** Joining a club is easy! Listen for announcements about meetings, go to the room at the right time, and join! Some clubs (like Fed-Prov and DECA) have set competition dates, so you'll need to make sure you get there

early. Other clubs (like GSA) are drop-in, so you can come and join up any time.

**Q: I've got loads of Panther spirit already! How do we get spirit wear?**

**A:** Spirit wear is sold at lunch in our "Tuck Shop" near the west gym. We can even customize your Panther gear for you!

## **Where to find us:**

**Q: How do I stay in touch with my school on social media?**

**A:** In lots of ways! Before you go, follow these accounts on social media to get ready for September!

### **Student Activities**

**Twitter & Instagram: @sac\_gpss**

### **Athletics**

**Twitter : @GPSSsports**

**Instagram: glenview\_athletics**

### **IB**

**Twitter: @GPSS\_IB**

### **Guidance**

**Twitter: @GPSSGuidance**

### **Other departments and clubs on Instagram:**

**@gpsstech**

**@gpssyearbook**

**@gpsscared**

@gpss\_music

**We can't wait to meet you Panthers!**