



# The Grizzly's Growl

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## What Every Senior and Parents of Current and Future Seniors Need to Know

Welcome back Class of 2012! It's finally here- the senior year- and it's already moving along quickly. This school year will go by unbelievably fast so now is the time for senior students to get organized and focused in their academic and 'future planning' efforts. As counselors, our main goal is to make sure your student graduates and is on a path to achieving their post-graduation goals. It is absolutely critical that every senior passes all of their classes this year! There is no room or margin for error in the senior year so please do not hesitate to contact myself or your student's teachers if you have any questions or concerns regarding their grades in any of their classes.

Many seniors desire to have an easier schedule this year for a variety of reasons: more free time, to work more hours, etc. However, college admission counselors all recommend staying in challenging classes, including math and science, during the senior year to better prepare for college academics. Off campus periods are not a desired or positive thing on a college application! Please encourage your senior to

persevere to afford themselves the best possible chance to get accepted to the college or post-high school program they desire. Additionally, many seniors also choose to take on-line correspondence classes to fulfill a graduation requirement. I absolutely do **NOT** recommend this path as many seniors in years past have discovered the hard way that online classes can be very time consuming and more difficult than expected. Seniors have failed to graduate and participate in our graduation ceremony due to not completing the online class or by some related complication. Please avoid this option if at all possible.

If your senior has not already done so, NOW is the time to research admission requirements at the colleges or universities that your student is interested in applying too. **DO NOT WAIT** for the application deadline to arrive- seniors should submit their applications at the earliest possible date. Deadlines for college admissions and scholarships are absolute and critical. Using a planner,



spreadsheet or personal calendar can be very helping in keeping track of important dates and deadlines. Applications can be time consuming, especially when letters of recommendation are required. Students should give letter writers at least two weeks' notice, a complete resume (we call it the "Brag Sheet" and it is available in our counseling office), and details on what the letter is for (a specific college, scholarship, etc.) The entire college application process, however, can be a manageable one with thorough advance planning and preparation. As always, we encourage our students to reach for their dreams but also to be realistic enough to have a good back-up plan (for example, their "safety" schools).

Seniors can still take or re-take the SAT or ACT. Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and/or [sat.collegeboard.com](http://sat.collegeboard.com). It is acceptable to start the college application process before the SAT/ACT test(s) have been taken. Also, as a reminder, students need to

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## Galena High School 5-Star PTO



2011-2012

### Fall Meeting Schedule

PTO meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at alternating times in the front office's Conference Room on the following dates:

Oct 19            12:30 pm

Nov 16            6 pm

All PTO members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR GALENA 5-STAR PTO DIRECTORY!**

Galena High School families refer to the phone directory throughout the year, year after year. There are still pages available for ads. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

For more information contact:

Beth Honebein at  
[beth@honebein.com](mailto:beth@honebein.com)

## A Message From the President



Thanks so much to all of you who have done so much to get our new PTO year off to such a great start! The Teacher Appreciation Committee, led by Michelle Paulsen and Amy Mellum, supplied our staff with a scrumptious hot buffet breakfast and door prizes to get them ready for an exciting new school year, and many of you have already enjoyed the treats supplied by our Hospitality Committee, headed up by Teresa Schmauder, at Bear Essentials and Open House. We keep thinking that there's no way you will be able to finish all the fruit cups and drinks and cookies that we provide, but you haven't failed us yet!!

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to join PTO, please let me encourage you to do so now. Our membership form is in this Grizzly Growl. To be included in the PTO Directory we need your membership information by Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, but you can join PTO at any time throughout the year, especially if you find yourself in need of one of our ever-so-valuable Athletics or Arts passes. Even if you are not part of PTO at this time, please consider making a donation to our No Fundraiser Fundraiser, which will also end on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. All monies raised go directly to support the program requests of our wonderful Galena staff, and many thanks to all of you who have already made your generous contributions. We've included more details on the No Fundraiser Fundraiser in this newsletter and you can also contact our Membership Chair, Beth Honebein, at [beth@honebein.com](mailto:beth@honebein.com) with any additional questions. Also, if you have a business you would like to promote in the PTO Directory, please consider purchasing a half-page or full-page ad. Our rates are reasonable and you can check with Beth for the details on that, too.

Finally, those of you with Junior and Senior students know that the ACT and SAT tests are coming up quickly and we provide an excellent way for you to maximize your student's ability to successfully take these all-important tests. Check out the PTO Test Prep classes; all the details and sign-up form are included here. There's no better program for your valuable time and money and it will also be offered in the spring.

Again, thanks for helping us begin our new year with such success. I look forward to your attending our next PTO meeting on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Conference Room, and please feel free to email me at [srwsherman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srwsherman@sbcglobal.net) with any concerns or question. Go Grizzlies!

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Sherman  
PTO President



# 5-Star PTO Information

## Galena 5-STAR PTO

### Membership Form 2011-2012

Please print clearly, as this information will be used for our Directory!

Student(s) attending Galena: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(please include last name if different from parents') (First) (Last) (First) (Last)

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (First) (Last)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive the monthly PTO newsletter by e-mail or USPO? (please circle one)

**\*\*Check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you DO NOT want this information in the Galena PTO Directory.**

### Type of Membership Selected

Type	Name	Benefits	Cost	Select One
☆	<i>Activities</i>	Directory	\$25	_____
☆☆	<i>Arts</i>	Directory Arts Pass*	\$110	_____
The Arts Pass is good for admission for 2 adults to the three major drama productions of the year, as well as all regular choir, orchestra and band concerts.				
☆☆☆	<i>Athletics</i>	Directory Athletics Pass**	\$120	_____
The Athletics Pass is good for admission of 4 family members to all Galena regular home games.				
☆☆☆	<i>Academics Plus</i>	Directory Arts Pass Athletics Pass	\$230	_____
☆☆☆	<i>"No Fundraiser, Fundraiser"</i>		\$ _____	
Your tax deductible donation will directly support the classroom needs of Galena.				
		TOTAL	\$ _____	

Please return this completed form and a check payable to:

Galena PTO  
3600 Butch Cassidy Way  
Reno, Nevada 89511

# 5-Star PTO Information

## Galena 5-STAR PTO 2011-2012 Parent Volunteer Form

The Galena 5-Star PTO funds a number of school events and projects during the course of the school year. None of these can be done without YOUR help. Please take this opportunity to help us help our school, our students and our teachers by checking all that interest you. The Committee chairs will contact you to participate.

\_\_\_ **General Volunteer** - Check here if you would be available to help out with various events throughout the year, ie: Registration, Freshman Orientation Night...

\_\_\_ **Hospitality Committee** - Provides refreshments for 5-6 evening activities.

\_\_\_ **Scholarship Fundraising Committee** - Organizes an annual event to fund our senior Scholarships.

\_\_\_ **Membership Committee** - Helps to promote PTO membership and publishes the PTO Directory at the beginning of the school year.

\_\_\_ **Parents Against Substance Abuse (PASA) Task Force** - Plans educational events for parents and students.

\_\_\_ **Teacher Appreciation Committee** - Hosts Staff Back to School Breakfast, mid-year Soup Lunch, and End of the Year Lunch; assists with other appreciation activities.

\_\_\_ **Test Prep Committee** - Helps with PTO-sponsored SAT/ACT preparations courses held twice a year.

\_\_\_ **Awards Committee** - Assists at receptions following Student Achievement Award Ceremonies.

\_\_\_ **Senior Events Committee** - Assists with the Senior Lunch and Grad Night activities.

### PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) grades: \_\_\_FR\_\_\_SOPH\_\_\_JR\_\_\_SR

Please list any skills you have that we should know about: \_\_\_\_\_

# 5-Star PTO Information

## Galena High School PTO Application for the **ACT/SAT Prep Seminars**

Galena is offering an ACT and a SAT preparation course designed to help students review and practice for upcoming ACT/SAT testing. These courses will be taught by qualified Galena teachers who will provide instruction on specific test-taking strategies, diagnostic assessments, and a review of math and English skills. Take advantage of this valuable resource and sign up today.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Student/Parent Info will only be used to send reminders of the upcoming test)*



Amount enclosed: **\$50.00** (for each two-night seminar) – you may sign up for one or both (**please check the bubble(s)**):

### **ACT Seminar Dates:** October 4th (Tuesday) and October 6th (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Galena High School (rooms will be assigned that evening)

\* Classes are held on both nights - 6 hours total instruction

\*\* Note that classes aren't on concurrent evenings

**Deadline to turn in Application:** Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at noon – late entries will be accepted based on availability and with a \$10 late fee for a total of \$60.00

### **SAT Seminar Dates:** November 1st (Tuesday) and November 3rd (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Galena High School (rooms will be assigned that evening)

\* Classes are held on both nights - 6 hours total instruction

\*\* Note that classes aren't on concurrent evenings

**Deadline to turn in Application:** Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – late entries will be accepted based on availability and with a \$10 late fee for a total of \$60.00

Please enclose a check for the amount due payable to: "Galena PTO" and....

**Mail to:** PTO

Galena High School

3600 Butch Cassidy Way

Reno, NV 89511

**Or:** Drop off with Galena front desk staff to be placed in PTO box

**\*\*URGENT NOTE: Please be sure to sign up online for the actual tests.**

For the ACT test, go to <http://www.act.org> and for the SAT test, go to <http://collegeboard.com>

**Questions?** - Please call Lara Solheim @ 775-283-8966 or email [larasolheim@hotmail.com](mailto:larasolheim@hotmail.com)

## 5-Star PTO Information



# Galena 5-STAR PTO 2011-12 No Fundraiser Fundraiser

Why give?

100% of funds collected will be used to support the program needs of our hard-working Galena staff to purchase the materials and equipment that a shrinking school budget can no longer cover. Last year this included the following:

- Contributing to a grant that supplied the Library with two Laptop Carts and 48 Laptops
- Advanced Microscope
- Drug Screening Equipment

What about my PTO dues?

Your \$25 membership fee (also included in the Arts and Athletics Passes) covers the activities that PTO conducts on an ongoing basis including the following:

- Publishing and distributing the monthly Grizzly Growl newsletter
- Providing SAT/ACT Prep Classes two times a year
- Encouraging the Galena staff through Teacher Appreciation events
- Facilitating a Grad Night activity and other Senior Class events
- Supplying the refreshments for many school-wide evening events such as Bare Essentials, Back-to-School Night, AP Night, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation...

Please contribute now as this fundraiser will end on Friday, October 21, 2011.

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Count me in! I'd like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Galena 5-STAR PTO's No Fundraiser Fundraiser to directly support the classroom needs at Galena.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!

Galena 5-STAR PTO  
3600 Butch Cassidy Way  
Reno, NV 89511

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Galena Pride  
Visit our Web  
Store

Don't forget to take  
some time to partici-  
pate in the on-line  
survey. Visit our  
GHS website to  
learn more.



### Galena High School PTO

#### PTO Board Members:

- \* **President:** Stephanie Sherman - [srwsherman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srwsherman@sbcglobal.net)
- \* **Vice President:** open
- \* **Secretary:** Lori Ronkos - [ronkos@att.net](mailto:ronkos@att.net)
- \* **Treasurer:** Pat Kepke - [patricia.kepke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patricia.kepke@sbcglobal.net)

#### Committee Chairs

- \* **Awards Committee:** Lynette Belle - [lynettebelle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynettebelle@sbcglobal.net)
- \* **Hospitality Chair:** Teresa Schmauder - [schmaudert@yahoo.com](mailto:schmaudert@yahoo.com)
- \* **Membership Committee:** Beth Honebein - [beth@honebein.com](mailto:beth@honebein.com)
- \* **PASA (Parents Against Substance Abuse):** Madeline Carpenter - [mhcarpenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhcarpenter@sbcglobal.net)
- \* **Scholarship Fundraising Committee:** open
- \* **Senior Events Committee:** open
- \* **Teacher Appreciation Committee:** Michelle Paulsen - [michelle.paulsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelle.paulsen@sbcglobal.net)
- \* **Test Prep Committee:** Rieko Michaelis - [bonshi@charter.net](mailto:bonshi@charter.net)
- \* **Newsletter Editors:**  
Ardis Parmer - [ardisp@charter.net](mailto:ardisp@charter.net)  
Laurel Casazza - [casazza@nvbells.net](mailto:casazza@nvbells.net)



## Kicking Off the 2011-2012 School Year

By Thomas Brown, Principal, Galena High School

I would like to start my article this month with some exciting news in the area of academic achievement. Galena's own Anne Stachofsky earned National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist status for her performance on the PSAT last year.

This is a great honor that puts Anne in the top 5% of students nationwide. She will now enter into a competition to earn the National Merit Scholarship status. In addition to this award, in September we celebrated other academic achievements of Galena students at

our annual Fall Academic Awards Ceremony. We honored 27 students who received the AP Scholar Awards for earning a 3 or higher on 3 or more Advanced Placement Exams. We also honored those students who had a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.9 or higher through the previous year by awarding them an Academic Letter. 99 students received a first time academic letter, 84 students received a second academic Letter, and 57 students received their third academic letter. Finally, we honored two students who had perfect attendance the previous year. A big congratulation goes out to all of the students and their parents for their academic achievements.

Hopefully the first part of the school year has been smooth for your family. I know how hectic those first few weeks of school can be for students and their families. I would encourage you to continue to have discussions with your children about what they are doing in school. And don't stop at, "Do you have any

homework?" or "What did you do at school today?" Because we know the answer to those questions are usually "No" and "Nothing" and those answers are almost always incorrect. Dig a little bit deeper with your questions and ask about what students are studying and what activities they

are doing in their classes. And don't do their homework but rather ask them to explain their homework to you so you can understand what they are supposed to be learning. These family discussions are important to reinforce to the students that

what they are learning is important and that you expect them to have a focus on getting a great education.

Around campus, things have been a little hectic as well. One week into the school year Galena received more funding to hire teachers because of our increased enrollment. With these new resources, we were able to reduce class sizes considerably in many of our classes. Of course this did create the disruption of many students schedules. While this is an inconvenience for some students I felt that the disruption of some students schedules was well worth the fact that we took classes that averaged 40 students per class down to 28 to 32 students per class. This created a much better learning environment for all of our students.

While it seems we just started the year, by the time you receive this edition of The Grizz Growl we will be only a few weeks away from the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Academic Warning Notices have been sent out. If you receive one, please contact the teacher

immediately to see what needs to be done to improve your child's grade. While progress and quarter grades are important, in high school it is the semester grade that counts. Students still have plenty of time to improve their grade to insure that they receive their credit for the class at the end of the semester. Remember to check Infinite Campus on a regular basis. If you do not have access to Infinite Campus, please contact your child's counselor to find out how to access this invaluable communication tool.

October 12<sup>th</sup> will be giving the mandatory PSAT test to all sophomores and the test can be taken by any junior who signs up through their counselor. I would encourage all juniors to take this exam for two reasons. Statistics show that those juniors who take the PSAT as juniors do better on the SAT exam and to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program students must take the PSAT as juniors.

All of our athletic teams, drama and music groups have been practicing, competing and performing throughout the fall. Through these activities, many students are getting the opportunity to represent Galena High School and gain valuable experiences that will last their lifetime. I hope you encourage your sons and daughters to get involved in some activity outside of the classroom. Research consistently shows that students involved outside of their general classes are happier with school and have higher academic achievement.

If you have an opportunity to get out and support these students in their activities I would encourage you to do so. Games and performances are always exciting and the students appreciate your support.

***"Academic warnings have been sent out. If you receive one, please contact the teacher immediately to see what needs to be done to improve your child's grade."***

## A "Back to School" Welcome

By David Murdock, Assistant Vice Principal: Attendance, Activities, Facilities

Dear Parents,

Since the beginning of the school year there have been many dress code violations at Galena that have required the attention of the discipline office. While we all want students to have freedom of expression, we are also obligated to follow Washoe County School District policy when it comes to the dress code in order to maintain an optimal learning environment. That said, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the dress code in order to assist your students in their clothing choices.

The dress code can be found in the student planners and on the district website at: <http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/>. Feel free to contact the school directly at 851-5630 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

David Murdock  
Asst Principal  
Galena High School  
775-337-9812



The 2011 Nevada State Legislature enacted a number of measures related to education and District operations that may be of interest to you. For a summary of those measures and an update on actions being taken by the District, click on the following link:

<http://washoecountyschools.org/community/legislative-session>

La legislatura del Estado de Nevada del 2011 promulgó una serie de medidas relacionadas con la educación y las operaciones de distrito que pueden ser de interés para usted. Para un resumen de esas medidas y una actualización sobre las medidas adoptadas por el distrito, haga clic en el vínculo siguiente: <http://washoecountyschools.org/community/legislative-session>

### Senior Spotlight 2011

Scholarship Fundraiser  
for the Class of 2012



Come one, come all! The first annual **Senior Spotlight** fundraiser will be held at Galena High School, Thursday, November 17, 2011. Tickets will go on sale no later than Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the PRIMARY FUNDRAISER for the Class of 2012 Scholarships, so we need your help to fill the house. Our goal is to raise as much money as we can to award our current seniors with scholarships next May. Look for additional information about our developing fundraising ideas: potluck, raffle, silent auction, and more. Let us know how you can help by e-mailing Scholarship Director, Mandy Campbell at [mcampbell@washoeschools.net](mailto:mcampbell@washoeschools.net). Thank you for your support.

# Administration

## Curriculum Corner

*By Silvia Marin, Assistant Vice Principal: Curriculum & Testing, 11th Grade Administrator*

As the Junior Class Administrator, I have been working closely with Mrs. Barnard, the junior counselor, and have gotten to know many of our juniors in the past few weeks. I am the contact for all juniors with regards to attendance, discipline, and schedule changes, as well as the contact for curriculum and testing communications. The new school year is well on its way and it's time to begin to think about curriculum and testing events for all students that are around the corner.

The first session of the year for Nevada High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE) is this November (see dates below). There are three HSPE sessions in the school year: November for 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 12<sup>th</sup> graders that still need to pass (11<sup>th</sup> graders will also take the Writing Exam for the first time during this session); March for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 12<sup>th</sup> graders that still need to pass; and May for 12<sup>th</sup> graders that still need to pass to graduate. Attendance for the HSPE is required for all students that still need to pass.

### Important Curriculum & Testing Dates:

October 4	Academic Warning Notices mailed
October 12	MANDATORY PSAT testing for ALL 10 <sup>th</sup> graders, cost FREE!!; PSAT testing for 11 <sup>th</sup> graders, sign up by paying the \$14 cost to the bookkeeper; Accuplacer test for selected Seniors <b>3-Hour Delay for students not testing</b>
October 19	Navigate Galena, 6:30 pm
October 27	End of 1st Quarter, report cards will be issued November 10 <sup>th</sup>
November 1	MANDATORY High School Proficiency Exam <u>Math</u> Who? All 11 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass & 12 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass
November 2	MANDATORY High School Proficiency Exam <u>Writing</u> Who? All 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass <b>3-Hour Delay for students not testing on this testing day only</b>
November 3	MANDATORY High School Proficiency Exam <u>Reading</u> Who? All 11 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass & 12 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass
November 4	MANDATORY High School Proficiency Exam <u>Science</u> Who? All 11 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass & 12 <sup>th</sup> that still need to pass
November 10	Last day for a student to drop a class without receiving an "F"

### Parent Infinite Campus Portal

Academic Warnings will be mailed home on October 4<sup>th</sup> to students that are earning a "C" or lower in a class. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your student's progress, please contact your student's teacher(s) or counselor. The end of the First Quarter is fast approaching; these will be issued October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please remember to use Infinite Campus at [www.wcsdic.org](http://www.wcsdic.org) or [www.galenahigh.com](http://www.galenahigh.com) to track your student's progress throughout the school year. As always, if you need assistance with your Infinite Campus parent logins or activation codes contact Patty Henning by email [phenning@washoeschools.net](mailto:phenning@washoeschools.net) or by phone in main office at 851-5630.

*-Silvia Marin*

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*Si, usted habla español y necesita ayuda puede mandar un correo electrónico y lo podemos traducir o dejar un recado con Juana Rising 851-5630 extension 30514.*

# Administration

## Galena Students...Give It Your All!

*By Dave Huffmire, Assistant Vice Principal*

One of the opportunities that is afforded to senior students at Galena High School is the contractual arrangement wherein they can write their own notes for attendance and other on/off campus activities. This procedure has been in place for many years and is usually something that many seniors look forward to as they begin to complete their final year of high school.

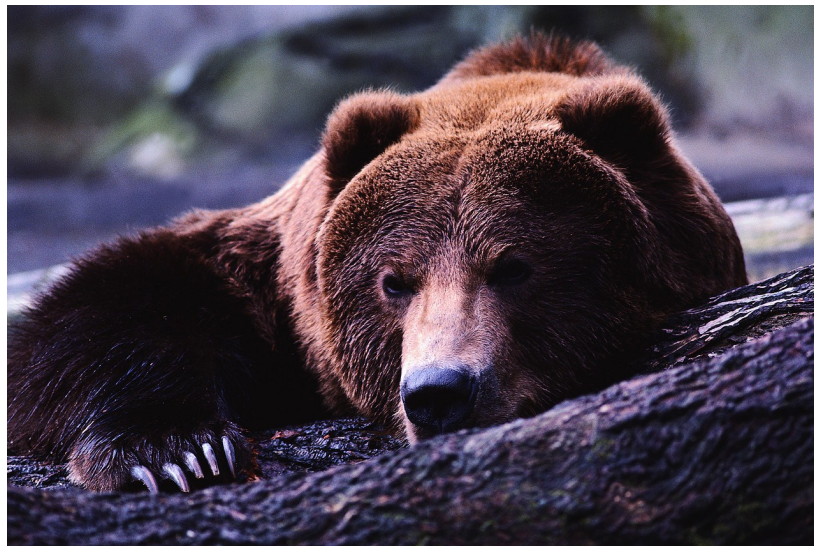
Once a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student turns 18 years of age, he/she can undertake the steps necessary to formalize the “I can write my own attendance notes” policy. This relatively easy process takes little time to complete and becomes a somewhat enjoyable privilege for seniors. A form is picked up at the office, filled out by students and their parents, and returned for administrative review.

As the senior class administrator in charge of the 12th grade for the 2011 – 2012 school year, I handle the specifics related to the approval and implementation of this process. To date, I have met with about a half dozen seniors and approved each of the requests to write their own notes. I reviewed the attendance policies of the Washoe County School District and Galena High School with each individual and carefully advised the seniors to be judicious and discretionary in their use and application of the privilege. This is an important “right of passage” for the qualifying seniors, and I am always encouraged to observe the looks and the body language of

the students as they are informed of administrative approval. The excitement and entitlement that they feel is obvious, and it is something I will always look forward to as I work with students.

Of course there may be some situations where this policy might be abused and for matters such as these, further review up to and including canceling the contract may be necessary. Thankfully, I haven't had to deal with this scenario since I have been at Galena, and hopefully the 2011 – 2012 school year will be the same.

If your 18-year-old senior student or you as their parent are interested in the “attendance note contract”, please contact the office to begin the necessary and required steps. I will visit with you again next month.



# Administration

## We are going strong! News from the Grizz Den

Welcome to fall, cooler weather, beautiful colors of nature, and school in full stride. We have had a busy start to the school year and the Grizz Den would like to remind everyone that the dress code is in effect so please dress appropriately. Also, the grace period for IDs and parking permits is over so if you do not have these items, you may receive a consequence.

For parking permits, the first time is a warning, the second is a 10 day suspension of parking privileges on campus, and the third is a loss of parking privileges for the remainder of the semester. Don't put yourself in that position; buy and exhibit your parking permit in plain view from your rear view mirror. Thanks for your cooperation.

For dress code violations, the first time is lunch detention, the second is school beautification, and the third and subsequent times can end in suspension. Again, be sure to represent yourself and Galena in the most positive way possible.

For ID infractions, you may be subject to lunch detention, school beautification and/or suspension. Always carry your ID with you.

Our Peer Tutoring program has had a slight change this year. Our peer tutors are assigned to one or two teachers during the enrichment period. They will go to that teacher's classroom and be available to assist students with any subject in which they feel competent. If you or your student would like to have a peer tutor assigned to a class, please call me and we will do our best to make it happen.

Our Positive Behavior Support system, PBIS, is going strong. We have beautiful matrices posted around the school, as well as in each classroom, and our teachers and students are learning that good, positive behavior may result in a reward. The winner of our first raffle of the year were Nick Oliver and Trevor Ward for the students and Mrs. Wolf for the faculty. Our student store, thanks to Mr. Lane, will begin accepting the Grizz Gold tickets on October 3<sup>rd</sup> so if your student is saving up for something from the store, remind him or her to keep those tickets in a safe place.

As we move into October and the end of the first quarter, remember to work hard to keep up your grades and use appropriate behavior and language at all times.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." ~Thomas Edison~

Michele Parks

## Arts



## Choir Notes

Terry Thompson, Choir Director

The Galena Choirs are having a blast preparing the music for this year's big choir fundraiser, the Annual Spaghetti Feed and Talent Show! The event takes place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the Galena cafeteria. The Tamarack Junction will once again supply a wonderful dinner consisting of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and a drink. Tickets are only \$5.00 each, and all proceeds go directly to our choir.

Take the family out for a fun evening of dinner and great entertainment. Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:30, with the show immediately following, including raffle prizes and a silent auction. Tickets are available from Mrs. Thompson ([TThompson@washoeschools.net](mailto:TThompson@washoeschools.net)) or any choir member. If you have an item you would like to donate to our silent auction, please contact Mrs. Thompson. Thank you in advance for supporting our music program!

## Activities

### The Galena JROTC Battalion for a New Year By: Brittany Taylor

As the fresh new school year began, the Galena JROTC program has been running non-stop. The Battalion has been training, leading, and participating in community and school events the moment our school year began.

Training new cadets is the Battalion's primary focus. The five Companies (separate class periods) have been focusing on uniform issue and wear as well as Drill and Ceremony. In JROTC, Cadets are taught Drill and Ceremony to show them how to work and move as a team. Drill and ceremony encourages a sense of discipline and organization. Reno's eleven JROTC programs compete annually in three regional drill meets. This school year will be the first year teams will be competing at a



National level.

Galena JROTC program has also been concentrating on learning leadership and followership. Cadet leaders are challenged with ensuring their cadets are well trained and disciplined. Responsibilities increase as Cadets advance in classes and experience.

The Grizzly Battalion has already participated in several school and community events. Cadets have provided Color Guards for home football games and school assemblies. Recently, Cadets provided ushers for the school Open House and volunteers for the Reno Journal Jog. The Grizzlies Battalion is highly motivated and looking forward to an exciting, active year.

### Career Center News By Judy Shively

Greetings students and parents. Please continue to watch the "ticker tape" on the Galena home page which will let you know who is coming to the Library or what events might be happening. We have added a number of college visits since our last article in the Growl. Those college visits will include TMCC, UNLV, Montana State, Oregon Institute of Technology, FIDM, and Boise State. On October 21, Galena's admissions representative from UNR will be hosting an all-day application event in the Galena Library. Details about his visit will be sent to interested students in the near future, but essentially, students can be conditionally admitted with the necessary GPA (3.0 weighted or un-weighted) as of their Junior year, completing a paper application and bringing the \$60.00 application fee in the form of a check or money order.

The Human Resource Manager of Mt. Rose will be in the Library on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The director will be here to describe

career opportunities at Mt. Rose as well as employment opportunities for the upcoming 2011-2012 ski season. Online applications for Mt. Rose will be available on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Seniors, you should be working on your college applications, getting those essays written, and improving your ACT or SAT scores. Have you registered for the ACT or SAT yet? Every University or College has a different deadline date for admission and scholarship submission. Please make certain that you will have those ACT or SAT results available to those schools to meet those deadlines. Upcoming ACT dates are October 22 and December 11. Upcoming SAT dates are November 5 and December 3. You must register about one month prior to the test date. Keep up the great work!



## Athletics

### Congratulations Galena Cross Country Team

Congratulations to Galena's Cross Country Team! Cross Country is one of Galena's largest teams, with over 50 motivated athletes, and both the girls and boys teams got off to a great start this year.

The Galena boys cross country team is currently undefeated in Sierra League competition and just



finished 2nd (out of 22 teams) in the Nevada Union (CA) Invitational.

The very young Galena girls team (four freshman in the top seven) is 1-1 in Sierra League competition, and they too were 2nd in the big Nevada Union Invitational. Go Grizzlies!

## Welcome Back Juniors!

The new school year is off to a fast start and this year is especially critical for junior students! With only two years of high school left before the “real world”, it is especially important for junior students and parents to make those educational and career plans for life after Galena. If you have not already done so, please take that valuable time to sit down with your student to discuss those options they are considering. Whether your student plans on attending UNR, TMCC, enlisting in the military, going to a vocational or technical school, or applying to a more competitive out-of-state university, the importance of planning cannot be stressed enough. Planning for the future can be both exciting but also a little scary for students, but some of the fears and anxiety can be alleviated by planning ahead. Please know that I am available to support your efforts to this end.

By the time you are reading this, I will have already done my classroom guidance presentation in all of the Junior U.S. History classes. I handed out a Junior Year Reminder worksheet and a Testing Timeline worksheet. Juniors (and parents) need to be very aware of where they “stand” in terms of their credits and progress towards graduation. In the event that your student is behind in their credits, then a plan needs to be developed immediately to address the deficiencies. I would be happy to meet individually with you to assist you in this process. Also, students planning on

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applying for an honors or advanced diploma (the requirements are listed on the “Junior Year Reminders” handout) need to be aware of those criteria to make sure they are on track.

If you have not already done so, please take the time to sit down with your student and discuss the financial realities of post-high school plans (college, vocational/technical schools, military, financially supporting oneself, etc.). Many high school students do not possess a real understanding of the costs related to these educational, career, and life choices. Consider including college visits in your travels this year as well as utilizing a timeline (such as the Junior Year College Planning Calendar) to keep track of all the important events that occur in the junior year (PSAT testing, the ASVAB career assessment, ACT/SAT testing, etc.). Also, make sure your student has a healthy balance of challenging academics and enjoyable activities. Students with a variety of interests and community involvement outside of the academic classroom are more attractive to college and university admissions offices!

I would be happy to speak with you about your student’s “post-Galena” plans and/or graduation status. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email ([cbarnard@washoeschools.net](mailto:cbarnard@washoeschools.net)) or phone at extension 30525. Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your student this year!

## Dear Sophomores and Their Parents,

During September I visited every sophomore history class and talked with the sophomores about topics important to them this year. We discussed gateway curriculum, grade point average, attendance, university admission requirements, advanced placement courses, standardized tests for this year, credit recovery methods, and how to contact me for help, transcript review, and anything else they need! Please ask your student about these topics and contact me if you have any further questions. I can be reached by email at [tmelcher@washoeschools.net](mailto:tmelcher@washoeschools.net) or by phone at Galena, 851-5630 ext 30524.

All sophomores will take the Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test on October 12<sup>th</sup>. PSAT scores will arrive in January, at which time I will go into history classes to go over PSAT

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scores with the sophomores. SAT scores are significantly positively impacted by PSAT experience. We recommend that all sophomores take the PSAT again as a junior.

I am encouraging sophomores who are thinking about going to a college or university someday (but do not quite know *where* they might want to go), to visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and take the College MatchMaker survey. It is a great starting place when beginning to think about interests and finding a potential college or university. Also, it will connect the student to the various college and university websites so the student can begin looking at admission requirements and begin to take care of those requirements at Galena.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Melcher

# Counseling Corner

## What every Senior needs to know...

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remember to have their SAT/ACT scores sent directly from the testing companies to the colleges and universities they are applying to. Many students will forget this important step in the college application process. Also, students may request official transcripts be sent to colleges via Docufide (our online transcript provider). Students may access Docufide via our school website ([www.galenahigh.com](http://www.galenahigh.com)) and then click on the "Order Transcripts" link on the left hand side.

The internet is an excellent resource for the latest information on colleges and their application requirements/deadlines, the military, and other post-high school options and programs. Almost all colleges

encourage online applications. For specific questions concerning application information or admissions requirements, call or email that school directly. Speaking to an admissions counselor is best! Seniors should also already be looking at scholarship postings both online as well as in our library and senior English and Government classrooms. Deadlines for scholarships will vary and some are coming up quickly! Students cannot receive a scholarship award unless they APPLY for one! Please encourage your student to commit to a habit of researching and applying for scholarships on a regular and consistent basis over the course of this year-starting NOW.

Finally, I hope all seniors have a GREAT year this year! It is a busy and pressure-packed time, but it only

happens once for your student. Try to make some time for fun and relaxation as well. I have already visited your student's government classes and shared information with them regarding some early senior year reminders (as it relates to the college admissions/application process and financial aid) as well as information on looking and applying for scholarships. In a few weeks I will be meeting with seniors for their "senior conference" where I will review credits for graduation, post-secondary goals and more specific discussion on future plans. Please ask your senior to share and review these handouts with you and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help you and your senior student navigate through this process together! Thank you and I look forward to a successful year for the class of 2012! Marisa Dunne, [mdunne@washoeschools.net](mailto:mdunne@washoeschools.net)

## Dear Freshman & Parents of Freshman Students

The school year is off and running. The first academic warnings just came out and we are only a few weeks from the middle of semester one! I think the most important things for freshmen students at Galena are getting into a routine of getting school work done in a timely manner and not missing any assignments or homework. Over and over it can be shown that students who have all class assignments completed and homework accomplished do better on quizzes and tests. Help your student maintain a balance of fun activities and school-related responsibilities. Hopefully your student is finding out about some of the clubs and student organizations that Galena has and thinking of participating. The more a student becomes involved in school-related activities, quite often school becomes a more positive experience.

Some parents have had difficulty in getting connected to the Infinite Campus computer system. If your student went to a Washoe County middle school, the screen name/

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password should remain the same. If a student or parent tries to log on and does not remember the password, after three attempts to log on the computer will cancel the log on and Ms. Henning at Galena High School has to reset the password. You can contact her at ext. 30511 to get re-connected.

This was one of the most difficult school beginnings in all of my 17 plus years at Galena High School. To have to change all of those schedules two weeks into the semester (mostly freshmen) was very difficult, not only logistically but emotionally. I want to thank all of the students and parents who were affected by the change and made the best of a tough situation. Class sizes in almost all English, algebra, geometry, and biology sections were substantially reduced, creating much better learning environments. I hope we never have to go through that again!

Jay Stuart

# Galena At-A-Glance

- \* **September 26:**  
Academic Awards
- \* **September 28-29:**  
Picture Day
- \* **October 3-7:**  
Homecoming Week
- \* **October 12:**  
PSAT Testing  
10th and 11th grade  
(11th grade optional)
- \* **October 13-15:**  
Fall Play
- \* **October 19:**  
Navigate Galena
- \* **October 20:**  
Choir Spaghetti Feed
- \* **October 27:**  
End of 1st Quarter
- \* **October 28:**  
Nevada Day Holiday
- \* **November 1-4:**  
HS Prof. Exams
- \* **November 11:**  
Veterans Day Holiday
- **November 17:**  
Senior Variety Show
- \* **November 24-25:**  
Thanksgiving Holiday
- \* **December 10:**  
ROTC Ball
- \* **December 10:**  
Winter Ball
- \* **December 21:**  
Winter Music Concert
- \* **Dec. 26-Jan. 6:**  
Winter Break
- \* **January 16:**  
Martin Luther King Day
- \* **Jan. 18,19,20:**  
1st Semester Finals
- \* **January 23:**  
Second Semester Begins
- \* **January 23-27:**  
Winter Homecoming
- \* **February 9-11:**  
Winter Play
- \* **February 20:**  
Presidents Day
- \* **March 6-9:**  
HS Proficiency Exams
- \* **March 13:**  
Zone Choir Concert
- \* **March 14:**  
ROTC CFI
- \* **March 14:**  
Zone Strings Concert
- \* **March 15:**  
Zone Band Concert
- \* **March 22:**  
Student Talent Show
- \* **March 23:**  
End of 3rd Quarter
- \* **March 31:**  
Prom
- \* **April 9-13:**  
Spring Break
- \* **April 19:**  
Career Fair
- Apr. 26-28 & May 3-5:**  
Spring Musical
- \* **Apr. 30-May 2:**  
HS Proficiency Exams
- \* **May 9:**  
ROTC Awards
- \* **May 11:**  
Choir Scholarship Concert
- \* **May 17:**  
Rock Your Socks
- \* **May 18:**  
ROTC Barbeque
- \* **May 21:**  
Guitar Class Concert
- \* **May 22:**  
Spring Choir Concert
- \* **May 23:**  
Senior Assembly/Luncheon
- \* **May 23:**  
Underclass Awards Night
- \* **May 28:**  
Memorial Day
- \* **May 29:**  
Senior Awards Night
- \* **May 30:**  
Spring Strings Concert
- \* **May 31:**  
Spring Band Concert
- \* **June 4,5,6:**  
2nd Semester Finals



## October 2011

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

**Note:**  
Deadline  
for  
Grizzly's  
Growl  
Nov.  
2011  
Issue is  
Friday  
Oct. 21st

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		<b>Homecoming Week</b>						
	9	10	11	12 PSAT Testing	13 <b>FALL PLAY</b>	14	15	
	16	17 Navigate Galena	18	19 PTO Mtg. 12:30 pm	20 Choir Spaghetti Feed 5:30 pm	21 Growl Deadline	22	
	23	24	25	26	27 End of 1st Quarter	28 Nevada Day Observed —No School	29	
	30	31						