



## August 2018 -- HEARD IN THE HALLS:

### An introduction to -- or just reminder of -- some logistics for being a Glasgow Panther!

For further information, see (<https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/>), (<http://www.glasgowpta.org>) or (<https://www.fcps.edu>).

#### Frequently called numbers:

Main office: 703-813-8700    Attendance: 703-813-8787    Student Services: 703-813-8740    Clinic: 703-813-8710

Subject	Location for more information, if applicable	Details
<b>AAP (Advanced Academics Program)</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/academic/middle-school-academics-7-8/advanced-academics">https://www.fcps.edu/academic/middle-school-academics-7-8/advanced-academics</a>	Glasgow MS offers a school-based, <a href="#">Level IV Center</a> program for students from area middle schools identified as eligible for Level IV services by FCPS and the Office of Advanced Academics.
<b>ACADEMIC QUESTIONS - who to contact</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services</a> <a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/staff-directory">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/staff-directory</a> Student Services: 703-813-8740	Students have many teachers in middle school. Glasgow's teachers and staff are available via phone and email, and for individual meetings. Your child's counselor can help if you wish to meet with several of your student's teachers at the same time. Staff does its best to return emails in a timely fashion (24hrs).
<b>ADMINISTRATION - Glasgow</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/administration">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/administration</a> Main office: 703-813-8700	Principal Shawn DeRose and others fill many administrative roles at Glasgow. Get to know who is responsible for which programs and areas in order to know who to contact should you have any questions.

<p><b>AFFINITY PROGRAMS - Grocery Store loyalty programs, Amazon Smile, Box Tops</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/support">http://www.glasgowpta.org/support</a></p>	<p>Many grocery stores allow shoppers to "link" store loyalty cards to non-profit organizations. Merchants then donate a portion of what you've spent to those groups. Some stores require that you <u>relink your grocery store cards each year</u>. AmazonSmile also has a program that lets Glasgow benefit each time you shop.</p>
<p><b>AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/activities">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/activities</a></p>	<p>Glasgow offers an after-school program in a safe, supervised environment, starting about a month after the start of school. The program supports school work, and enriches interests and talents. Each day, students' first session is for academic support; their second session is for activities. Activities end by 4:45pm. Friday consists of recreational activities without academics, unless arranged on a student-teacher basis. Students sign up online the day before, or during lunch on the day they wish to stay after school. If an activity fills up, staff is available at lunch to help select an alternative. (See LATE BUS.)</p>
<p><b>AGENDA BOOKS</b></p>		<p>At the start of the year, Glasgow gives each student an agenda to be used for organizing assignments and tracking due dates. Agendas also serve as a hall pass when out of class, and for confirming after-school attendance. The PTA® contributes to the cost of agendas. Replacements are in the main office for \$5.</p>

<b>ANNUAL NOTICE of Survey, Records, Curriculum, Privacy, and Related Rights and Opt-Out Forms</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/registration/opt-out-forms">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/registration/opt-out-forms</a>	The full version of this form provides información about opting out of various activities throughout the school year. It is available in multiple languages.
<b>ARRIVAL - when students can enter the building</b>		7:05am is the earliest students may enter the building, at Door #1. Do not drop off students earlier, or arrive earlier and wait in the car with your child. Beginning at 7:10am, students may access the breakfast program or wait in the gym. At 7:20am they will be released to get to class.
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>		As an IB World School, we use two forms of assessments: <b>Formatives:</b> All homework and many classroom tasks are formative assessments. Students receive credit for attempting and completing these assignments. Feedback is designed to improve student understanding and performance. Formatives count for 10% of a student's grade. <b>Summatives:</b> Summative assessments are administered at the end of a unit. They help students judge their academic progress toward State standards and MYP aims and objectives. Teachers tell students whether they can retake their summative to demonstrate content mastery and improve grades.

<p><b>ATTENDANCE &amp; REPORTING ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/attendance-information">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/attendance-information</a>  Attendance: 703-813-8787  Ms. Anchundia in the main office: 703-813-8700</p>	<p>Regular attendance is critical to your child’s success in school. If your child will be late or absent from Glasgow, please go to the link provided at left.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the online form for <b>each child</b> who will be absent.</li> <li>• Report the absence each day using this same form.</li> <li>• Request “PreArranged Absences” in advance.</li> </ul> <p>Or, call the attendance number.</p>
<p><b>AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/advancement-individual-determination-avid">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/advancement-individual-determination-avid</a></p>	<p>Glasgow is a national demonstration site for AVID, a 4<sup>th</sup>- through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade program designed to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.</p>
<p><b>BAND</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973</a></p>	<p>Students may request Glasgow's award-winning band program as one of their elective classes. Band meets during the regular school day. Students learn to play an instrument, and perform in school and at local and regional concerts.</p>
<p><b>BELL SCHEDULE</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules</a></p>	<p>The bell schedule structures the day and tells when to switch classes, rooms and activities. The official school day is 7:30am to 2:15pm. Normal, delayed, and early-release bell schedules are posted on Glasgow’s website.</p>

<p><b>BLACKBOARD</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/fcps-24-7-learning/parent-help">https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/fcps-24-7-learning/parent-help</a>  Student Services:  703-813-8740</p>	<p>This is a communication tool used by many teachers, accessed via FCPS 24-7 Learning. (See ONLINE ACCESS)</p>
<p><b>BLOCK SCHEDULE</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules</a></p>	<p>Classes are organized into “blocks” of time, and Odd and Even days. Schedules indicate which "block" students are in throughout the course of each day.</p>
<p><b>BOOK FAIR</b></p>		<p>Glasgow sponsors two book fairs each year, selling a variety of books and other items that appeal to middle-school readers and raising money that helps the Librarians purchase more materials, mostly for students to borrow and enjoy.</p>
<p><b>BTS = Back To School Night</b></p>		<p>Parents and guardians are invited to attend BTS to meet their student’s teachers, see their classrooms, learn more about what to expect – and what is expected from their student. BTS does not include time for individual conferences. The date and time for BTS will be announced.</p>

<b>BUILDING SECURITY</b>		Glasgow uses an electronic visitor control system. Visitors must present a government-issued, picture identification card in order to enter, through Door #1. Visitors check in at the main office before going elsewhere in the building. First-time visitors register in the electronic visitor control system and take a photo. The information is stored in the system for future visits. Once registered in the system, check in each time to receive a visitor's badge. Before leaving Glasgow, scan the visitor's badge to check out.
<b>CALENDAR, School</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/events">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/events</a>	All FCPS schools follow calendars designated by FCPS. Glasgow follows the Standard School Year Calendar.
<b>CAREER DAY</b>		Career Day is held at the end of the school year. Volunteers from a variety of career fields visit school so that eighth graders can learn about each career, what schooling the volunteers completed, and what led them to choose their career.
<b>CHORUS</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973</a>	Students may request to participate in Glasgow's chorus as one of their elective classes. Chorus meets during the regular school day. Students sing in different languages, styles and musical genres, and perform in school, county, and area concerts. Our choruses are recognized in FCPS, the region, and the state.

<p><b>COMMUNICATION with FCPS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/resources/parent-communication-overview">https://www.fcps.edu/resources/parent-communication-overview</a></p>	<p><b>FCPS NEWS YOU CHOOSE (previously KEEP-IN-TOUCH (KIT) BULLETINS)</b>  Choose what types of FCPS information you want to receive (and for what schools).  Subscribe/unsubscribe at any time. For emergencies, there is also an option to receive information by phone and text.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY SERVICE (Service Learning)</b></p>		<p>Glasgow students complete community service hours in any of three categories: Creativity, Action, and Service. Service learning emphasizes personal reflection and learning from the experience. Additional information will be provided throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>COUNSELORS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services</a>  Student Services: (703) 813-8740</p>	<p>Each student is assigned a professional school counselor. Counselors work with students diligently to ensure that students are successful in the classroom. Students usually have the same counselor for his/her entire time at Glasgow so that both student and counselor can learn more about each other and become comfortable working together. Counselor can help with many concerns, questions, or challenges faced in middle school. Your child's assigned counselor is listed at the top of their schedule.</p>

<p><b>DEVICES - personal</b></p>		<p>Personally Owned Devices (PODs) are electronic devices (ex: cell phones, tablets etc.) owned by students/families and NOT provided by FCPS or Glasgow. They are for <b><i>instructional use in the classroom</i></b>, <u>only</u> with teacher permission and according to Glasgow POD rules. All PODs must be registered with Glasgow. Some examples of uses that are <u>not allowed</u>: Texting, Facebooking, Tweeting, and Phone Calls.</p>
<p><b>DIRECT DONATION</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/support/">http://www.glasgowpta.org/support/</a></p>	<p>Glasgow PTA® solicits your monetary contribution through a Direct Donation Fundraising Campaign. Donations can be given at any time throughout the school year. Your contributions allow PTA® to support Glasgow through recognition programs, community events, enrichment activities, and more.</p>
<p><b>DIRECTORY - Staff</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/staff-directory">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/staff-directory</a> Main office: 703-813-8700</p>	<p>Staff e-mail addresses are in the online staff directory. Teacher email contacts are also listed on SIS.</p>



**DRESS CODE**

<https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/policies-regulations-and-notices/student-rights-and-responsibilities/important-topics>

FCPS respects students' right to express themselves in the way they dress. It is important, however, that their appearance is tasteful and appropriate for a K-12 school setting.

Clothing and accessories should *not*:

- Display vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images
- Promote illegal or violent conduct
- Contain threats or gang symbols
- Promote the unlawful use of weapons, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or drug paraphernalia
- Expose cleavage, private parts, the midriff, or undergarments, and in the case of pants the waistband should not fall below the hips
- Contain studs
- Be see-through or sexually provocative
- Include caps or other head coverings unless required for religious or medical reasons.

<b>DRILLS</b>		<p>Schools are required to hold regular safety drills such as:</p> <p><u>Lock-Down Drills</u>: Teachers lock their doors, close their blinds, cover their windows with black paper, move students to the ground away from doors and windows and keep students quiet and calm. They also might pull into their classrooms any students who were in the hallway at the time the drill was announced. Administrators and security walk through the entire building to ensure that all classrooms respond exactly as required.</p> <p><u>Fire Drills</u>: Students and teachers file out of the building to preset locations on school grounds, where attendance is verified before an all-clear is given to return to the building.</p>
<b>EARLY DISMISSAL for an individual student</b>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/attendance-information">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/attendance-information</a> Main office: 703-813-8700</p>	<p>When a student needs to leave school during the school day, such as for a doctor or orthodontist appointment, notify the school in advance: students submit a note to the front office upon arrival, written by a parent or guardian. <u>You can use the Early Dismissal forms that you received in his/her back-to-school packet.</u> When you arrive to pick up your child, you will be asked to sign him/her out. The staff will call your child to the office so that you can leave for the appointment on time.</p>

<p><b>ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)</b></p>		<p>Glasgow's ESOL teachers, in collaboration with subject and grade level teams, support the English language development of ESOL students. ESOL students are assessed yearly, using WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) tool, to gauge their English proficiency. Performance on this important assessment determines the class level each ESOL student enters in the subsequent school year.</p>
<p><b>FCPS = Fairfax County Public Schools</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/schools-centers">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/schools-centers</a></p>	<p>Glasgow Middle School is in the Fairfax County Public Schools system.</p>
<p><b>FREE &amp; REDUCED PRICE MEALS (F&amp;RM)</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/node/31381">https://www.fcps.edu/node/31381</a>  Food and Nutrition Services:  703-813-4800 or  703-813-4844.  Main Office: 703-813-8700</p>	<p>An income-based program that provides breakfasts and/or lunches to qualifying students. Free and reduced price meal applications are mailed to all households in August. If you do not receive an application or if you experience a change in income or household size, contact one of the offices at left for an application.</p>
<p><b>FUNDRAISING - PTA®</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/support">http://www.glasgowpta.org/support</a></p>	<p>The PTA® must raise funds to serve its purpose at Glasgow. This includes: Direct Donations, Affinity Programs, Restaurant nights, Membership Fees, and Spirit Wear sales</p>
<p><b>GLASGOW GAZETTE</b></p>		<p>Principal DeRose sends a weekly message to all e-mails connected to Glasgow through the SIS system. The message includes announcements, reminders, and other helpful information for the Glasgow community.</p>

<p><b>GOOGLE CLASSROOM</b></p>		<p>Many teachers utilize this communication tool to engage their students, and some require that their students use it to complete their academic assignments. (See ONLINE ACCESS)</p>
<p><b>GRADING</b></p>		<p>Assessments are graded on a number scale of 1-8 in one of the four criterion for each subject. Each number corresponds with an achievement level of a student's mastery of content. Grades appear in the A-F format on Report Cards.</p>
<p><b>HOMEWORK</b></p>		<p>Homework assignments reinforce material presented in class and contribute to a student's overall grade. Assignments can be completed independently and are limited in length and the time needed to complete.</p>
<p><b>HONOR ROLLS and ACADEMIC AWARDS</b></p>		<p>At the end of each quarter, students who have earned all As or As and Bs are recognized. At the end of the year, teachers recognize significant achievement by selected students in each subject area, by grade. Parents of students receiving awards at the end-of year ceremony receive an invitation to attend.</p>
<p><b>HOOP IT UP!</b></p>		<p>Each spring, the PTA® sponsors a students vs. staff basketball challenge. It's an evening of laughter, crazy tricks, and amazing displays of fitness and skill in the gym. This is a well-loved highlight of annual PTA® and school activities.</p>

<b>IB = INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE</b>	<a href="http://www.ibo.org">http://www.ibo.org</a>  <a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/international-baccalaureate-middle-years-programme">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/international-baccalaureate-middle-years-programme</a>	Glasgow is certified as an International Baccalaureate World School. Only select middle schools in Fairfax County have earned this designation and offer this prestigious program. IB schools share a commitment to a high quality, challenging, international education. We participate in the IB Middle Years Program. (See also MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM.)
<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/weather-cancellation-procedures">https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/weather-cancellation-procedures</a>	In case of inclement weather or other emergency situations, FCPS officials decide when to close schools for the entire day, open two hours late, or close two hours early. Parents should make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedules change, and in the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances. Children should know where to go or what to do if a parent is not home.

<b>KISS &amp; RIDE</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/node/1942">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/node/1942</a>	<p>Kiss &amp; Ride is the driving lane in front of the main school entrance, Door #1 (between the parking lot and the school building). It is the location for dropping off and picking up your child each day. Safety is the highest priority at Glasgow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Pull all the way forward in line.</li><li>* Do not park or get out of your vehicle in the Kiss &amp; Ride lane.</li><li>* Be alert for people in the crosswalk.</li><li>* Do not pull into parking spaces or rows and ask your child to come to you.</li><li>* Do not use personal devices such as phones while in the Kiss &amp; Ride area.</li></ul>
<b>LATE BUS</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/node/1942">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/node/1942</a>	<p>During most of the school year, FCPS provides a second afternoon bus service – on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays – to transport students home from school. This “Late Bus” service lets many kids participate in after-school academic and extracurricular opportunities (See AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS) and still have a safe ride home. Typically, Late Bus operates between October and early June. Glasgow’s Late Bus routes and stops differ from the regular school-day runs. There are fewer buses and stops.</p>

<p><b>LISTSERV</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/">http://www.glasgowpta.org/</a> glasgowms.pta@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Glasgow PTA® Listserv is an email tool available to all Glasgow parents and staff, used to share information and ideas relevant to the Glasgow community. Together, we model the IB traits of honesty and respect in our communications, and use this tool to connect with and learn from each other. Send an email to <a href="mailto:glasgowms.pta@gmail.com">glasgowms.pta@gmail.com</a> to request to join the listserv.</p>
<p><b>LOCKERS</b></p>		<p>All students receive a small gym locker. Music students might have an instrument locker. Most students carry their backpacks all day and do not use an academic locker.</p>
<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home">https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home</a></p>	<p>Students may bring lunch from home or purchase it at school. Four daily lunch periods (A, B, C, D) are organized according to which specific classes meet during the (extra-long) lunch &amp; class block time. On Odd Days, Lunch and Period 5 work together. On Even Days, Lunch and Period 6 work together. (See ODD/EVEN DAYS.) 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period class teachers tell students what time they have lunch.</p>
<p><b>MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP)</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/international-baccalaureate-middle-years-programme">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/international-baccalaureate-middle-years-programme</a></p>	<p>The IB Middle Years Program is for students ages 11-16 (or in grades 6-10). It is a schoolwide approach to teaching and learning that benefits ALL students. The program helps students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world. The curriculum is supported by the fundamental concepts of intercultural awareness, holistic learning and communication.</p>

<p><b>MULTIPLE CLASSES</b> - How does it work?</p>		<p>In middle school, students change classrooms for each subject and have many teachers with different teaching styles. Core subjects (English, Math, History, Science) are grouped in grade-specific locations. Health/PE is in the gym and health rooms. Electives are in various locations. There are common academic policies that all teachers adhere to, and individual departments have specific guidelines for their teachers to follow as well. Teachers review the expectations for their classes at the start of the year, and many post them online as well (see ONLINE ACCESS). The school uses a single binder organizational system, to help students keep track of and be responsible for their academic work. Return Time and Panther Time support students as they learn about the expectations of middle school, particularly at the start of the year.</p>
<p><b>MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home">https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home</a> Lidia Gomez, Cafeteria Mgr, Lggomez1@fcps.edu.</p>	<p>This website can be used to add money to your child's cafeteria account and track his/her purchases. You can also have your child bring a check to school made out to Glasgow Food &amp; Nutrition; there is no fee for this.</p>
<p><b>ODD/EVEN DAYS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules</a></p>	<p>Students learn how to navigate odd/even days very quickly. Each student has eight periods in his/her schedule. In order to minimize transitions and give students a meaningful time period for instruction, the eight periods are split over two days. Odd Days are periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 (plus Panther/Return Time). Even Days are periods 2, 4, 6, and 7 (plus Panther/Return Time).</p>



<p><b>ONLINE ACCESS to grades and academic material</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/resources/technology-resources">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/resources/technology-resources</a>          Bob Nordling,          rcnordling@fcps.edu</p>	<p>Glasgow students, staff, and teachers use several tools to collaborate and share assignments, class calendars and enrichment activities. Some teachers use both Google Classroom and Blackboard. The Student Information System (See SIS) shows grades, a master calendar and more. Blackboard and SIS are accessed using the same username and password; with different views for parents and students. Google Classroom is accessed through student FCPS email accounts.</p>
<p><b>ORCHESTRA</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/node/30973</a></p>	<p>Students may request to participate in Glasgow's orchestra as one of their elective classes. Orchestra meets during the regular school day. Glasgow's award-winning Orchestra consists of strings, woodwind, and brass instruments. Orchestra students perform in school, and at local and regional concerts.</p>
<p><b>OUR PLACE in FCPS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/region-2-schools">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/region-2-schools</a></p>	<p>Several elementary schools feed into Glasgow, and Glasgow feeds into Stuart High School. We are in the Stuart pyramid within Region 2, one of the five administrative Regions within FCPS.</p>
<p><b>P.E./GYM UNIFORMS</b></p>	<p>Contact Mr. Cauthorn,          Accauthorn@fcps.edu</p>	<p>Glasgow students are required to 'dress out' – change from their regular daily attire into the Glasgow gym uniform – for all physical education (PE) classes. Our gym uniform consists of blue athletic shorts and a grey Panther shirt. A uniform order form is in the back-to-school packet.</p>

<p><b>PANTHER PRINCIPLES</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/positive-behavior-interventions-supports-pbis-program">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/positive-behavior-interventions-supports-pbis-program</a></p>	<p>We embrace these three principles: <b>Kindness, Commitment, Safety</b>. Through Positive Behavior Interventions &amp; Supports (See PBIS), students learn what these mean in practice. We invite all community members to model these principles.</p>
<p><b>PANTHER PRESS</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org">www.glasgowpta.org</a></p>	<p>The PTA publishes an electronic newsletter every Tuesday, with information on events, issues of interest to the Glasgow community, and volunteer opportunities. The Panther Press is sent to the same population who receives Mr. DeRose's weekly Gazette.</p>
<p><b>PANTHER TIME</b></p>		<p>Panther Time is a time for personal reflection, exploring Panther Principles, and building community. It takes place during the school day, meeting for 30 minutes. In any typical two-week period, Panther Time meets for 3 days and Return Time meets for 7 days. (See RETURN TIME.)</p>
<p><b>PANTHERS</b></p>		<p>We are the Glasgow Panthers. Our school colors are gray &amp; blue. (See SPIRIT WEAR.)</p>
<p><b>PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services</a>  Student Services:  703-813-8740</p>	<p>Formal parent/teacher conferences are not part of the regular school schedule. You can expect to hear from each of your student's teachers by email to monitor your child's progress, inform you of upcoming assignments or tests, or tell you about missing assignments or make-up/retake guidelines. If a meeting is needed, email the individual teacher to set a time. If you wish to meet with multiple teachers, contact your child's counselor to help facilitate scheduling or conferences.</p>

<p><b>PBIS = Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/positive-behavior-interventions-supports-pbis-program">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/positive-behavior-interventions-supports-pbis-program</a></p>	<p>This school-wide program establishes a positive environment of respect for everyone in our Glasgow community, centered around the principles of kindness, commitment and safety. It's a team-based approach, led by a staff member specifically dedicated to strengthening this program and promoting a positive environment at Glasgow. The program includes specific lessons, clear expectations for behaviors, modeling behaviors, incentives, and recognition of students who are meeting expectations on a regular basis.</p>
<p><b>PICTURES</b></p>		<p>Individual portraits are taken in the Fall for use in the school yearbook. Special activities and school group pictures are taken in the spring. Multiple notices are sent and announcements are made concerning these dates and how to purchase individual portraits.</p>
<p><b>PRINCIPAL</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/principals-corner">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/principals-corner</a></p>	<p>Mr. Shawn DeRose is the Principal at Glasgow Middle School. He is responsible to FCPS for all programs and activities at Glasgow.</p>
<p><b>PTA® = Parent Teachers Association®</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/glasgowms.pta@gmail.com">http://www.glasgowpta.org/glasgowms.pta@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Or, leave a note for the PTA® President in Glasgow's main office.</p>	<p>The PTA® is a volunteer organization that encourages the community to support our school with their time, talent, and enthusiasm. PTA® raises funds to pay for community-building activities, staff recognition, technology, books, staff enrichment, student dances, and many other programs. We encourage all parents and teachers to become members of the PTA®. At any time, you can check our listing of current volunteer opportunities:</p> <p><a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4a92da0fc1-glasgow12">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4a92da0fc1-glasgow12</a></p> <p>.</p>

<p><b>REGION 2 in FCPS</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/departments/region-2">https://www.fcps.edu/departments/region-2</a></p>	<p>Under the organizational model for FCPS, Glasgow MS is in the Stuart pyramid, and part of Region 2 in FCPS. Other pyramids in Region 2 include: Annandale, Falls Church, McLean, Marshall, and Stuart high schools, and TJHSST.</p>
<p><b>REGULAR HOURS: SCHOOL and OFFICE</b></p>	<p><a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedules</a> Main Office: 703-813-8700</p>	<p>Regular school hours are 7:30am-2:15pm, Monday thru Friday. Students exit doors #2 and #3 to access buses, which depart Glasgow at 2:20pm. Walkers and Kiss &amp; Ride students exit door #1. Office hours are 7:00am-3:30pm during the school year. (See ARRIVAL)</p>
<p><b>REPORT CARDS</b></p>		<p>Report cards are issued four times a year, at the end of each quarter. Find information on understanding middle school report cards by contacting your child's school counselor or administrator. Grades appear in the A-F format on Report Cards.</p>
<p><b>RETURN TIME</b></p>		<p>Return Time occurs during the school day. During this period, students get the opportunity for enrichment and/or intervention (review) in all of his/her classes on a rotating basis. Students 'return' to each one of his/her 7 classes over a period of two weeks. On each day in a typical two-week rotation (10 school days), students 'return' to <u>one</u> of their seven period classes, and attend Panther Time on the remaining 3 days in that rotation.</p>
<p><b>SACC = School Age Child Care</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/registration/school-age-child-care-sacc">https://www.fcps.edu/registration/school-age-child-care-sacc</a>  Contact the Office for Children at: 703-449-7474</p>	<p><b><i>There is no SACC program at Glasgow.</i></b> hk6<sup>th</sup> Graders may continue to participate in local elementary school SACC programs, traveling by bus to specific SACC centers.</p>

<p><b>SAFETY or OTHER ISSUES - who to contact</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/resources/safety-and-transportation/emergency-planning-and-crisis-response">https://www.fcps.edu/index.php/resources/safety-and-transportation/emergency-planning-and-crisis-response</a></p> <p>Main Office: 703-813-8700 Student Services: 703-813-8740</p>	<p>If you have a concern pertaining to your child's safety – Please contact your child's counselor or administrator by email or phone.</p>
<p><b>SGA = Student Government Association</b></p>		<p>SGA is Glasgow's student government. It sponsors community service projects (candy for the troops, canned food drives, etc.) and spirit days. Its purpose is to develop leadership skills among its members and foster participation in the school and the community.</p>
<p><b>SIS = Student Information System</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/student-information-system-sis">https://www.fcps.edu/student-information-system-sis</a></p>	<p>SIS is the communication tool parents can use to keep track of their students' grades and attendance, and to see what assignments are done, coming soon or missing. (See ONLINE ACCESS)</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b></p>		<p>Find official school information on Facebook (<a href="http://www.facebook.com/GlasgowMS.FCPS">www.facebook.com/GlasgowMS.FCPS</a>) and on Twitter (@GlasgowMS). Several departments also have Twitter handles. Like PTA® on Facebook (<a href="http://www.facebook.com/GlasgowMSPTA">www.facebook.com/GlasgowMSPTA</a>). Tag us in your posts using: @glasgowmspta. Follow us on Twitter @GlasgowPTA_MS.</p>
<p><b>SPELLING BEE</b></p>		<p>The PTA® sponsors this popular activity each February for interested students in all grades. Winners advance to regional, state, and national competitions.</p>

<b>SPIRIT DAYS</b>		Several days each year are designated Spirit Days. Announcements are made at school. Students are encouraged to dress in fun and creative ways, such as Pajama Day, Crazy Hair Day and Favorite Sports Team Day.
<b>SPIRIT WEAR</b>	<a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/support/school-spirit-store">http://www.glasgowpta.org/support/school-spirit-store</a>  Copies of order form are also in main office.	The PTA® sells Glasgow spirit items to help foster community and school spirit, and raise funds for the Glasgow community. At any time during the year, send an order form with your payment to the main office. We'll notify your student when your order is filled and ready for pick-up.
<b>STUDENT SERVICES, Department of</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/student-services</a> Student Services: (703) 813-8740	Parents may use a variety of resources through their child's school counselor in Student Services. Email or call your child's counselor with questions pertaining to navigating Glasgow and the teen years, arranging a parent/teacher conference, academic progress, and social/ emotional concerns.
<b>STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES &amp; RIGHTS (SR&amp;R)</b>	<a href="https://www.fcps.edu/srr">https://www.fcps.edu/srr</a>	All students participate in an SR&R presentation at the start of (and periodically throughout) the school year. They are updated on changes to the SR&R Handbook and reminded about their rights and responsibilities as students in FCPS. Please review the handbook with your student and contact an administrator with questions.
<b>SUPPLIES, School</b>	<a href="https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/school-supply-list">https://glasgowms.fcps.edu/academics/school-supply-list</a>	There is an overall list of school supplies suggested for each year. Projects and assignments for individual classes might have additional requirements.

<p><b>SURVEY - Fairfax County Youth Survey</b></p>		<p>For the past several years, Fairfax County Public School students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades have participated in the annual Fairfax Youth Survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess the effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs offered in schools and communities.</p>
<p><b>TARDY SWEEPS</b></p>		<p>We expect students to get to class on time. In an effort to reinforce this expectation, the school may conduct periodic tardy sweeps. When the bell rings, administrators and safety &amp; security assistants position themselves in various hallways throughout the school. If students are late, they may face detention during lunch or after school.</p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.glasgowpta.org/participate/volunteer">http://www.glasgowpta.org/participate/volunteer</a></p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to participate at Glasgow. Volunteer opportunities are announced on the Glasgow Gazette, Glasgow listserv, and the PTA® website. At any time, you can check our listing of current volunteer opportunities: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4a92da0fc1-glasgow12">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa4a92da0fc1-glasgow12</a></p>
<p><b>WLE = World Languages Credit Exam</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.fcps.edu/academic/high-school-academics-9-12/world-languages/credit-exam-world-languages">https://www.fcps.edu/academic/high-school-academics-9-12/world-languages/credit-exam-world-languages</a> Student Services: 703-813-8740</p>	<p>Each fall, the Credit Exam for World Languages assesses students' native language proficiency and eligibility for credit toward fulfilling the world languages requirement for the Advanced Diploma. Students enrolled in Spanish for Fluent Speakers are NOT eligible to take the WLE.</p>
<p><b>YEARBOOK</b></p>		<p>Each year, Glasgow students in the Journalism elective class produce a yearbook that includes student portraits, clubs, and candid photos. Typically, yearbooks are ordered in advance and distributed in the Spring. Or, complete and return the form included in the back-to-school packet.</p>