

*And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said,  
"Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39*



**January 26, 2024**

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 1/29 - 2/2 **Catholic Schools Week!**
- 1/30 - **Mass with special guest Bishop Kulick!**
- 1/30 - **Junior Ring Ceremony**

**Athletics Calendar** -- [Click here to view all upcoming athletic events](#)

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## **Student Drop Off!**

**Parents, please do not park in the teacher parking spaces in the morning when dropping your student off**

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## **Uniform Reminders**

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

1. Hoodies must be removed once in the building
2. Shirts must be tucked in at all times
3. Belts must be worn
4. Only black socks and shoes are permitted
5. Skirt length—if your daughter has been warned twice, and a detention on the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation has been issued , moving forward she will need to wear approved black uniform pants.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Szmed. [TSzmed@gcchs.org](mailto:TSzmed@gcchs.org)

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## **National Honor Society Announcement**

Junior and Senior Students and Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, January 26, National Honor Society candidate letters were emailed to students who meet or exceed the academic eligibility requirement . The minimum cumulative QPA is a 3.750. Please check your email and see Mrs. Schmidt in room 102 if you have any questions.

Please find attached letter for more information [HERE](#)

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**AUCTION SAVE the DATE**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Greensburg Central Catholic's Annual Auction**

**Friday April 5, 2024**

## LU'AU



The committee still needs volunteers to help make this event a success. Please contact Dennis Cremonese, [dcremonese@gcchs.org](mailto:dcremonese@gcchs.org) if you are willing to lend your talents to making Lu'au shine.

**Next meeting date is Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria.**

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**Special Olympics Announcement**

**Special  
Olympics  
Pennsylvania**



The 2024 Special Olympics of PA Winter Games will be held at

**Seven Springs Resort**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade GCC Students are invited to help on  
Thursday, February 15, 2024**

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to be skiing and snowboarding escorts that are, at the least, skilled intermediate skiers for the Alpine Venue. Students will be paired with Special Olympians with similar skill sets for the day.

Time Frame: Arrive by **8:00 a.m. and stay until 4:00 p.m.**

Ski equipment, lift tickets, t-shirts, and lunch are provided.

Mr. Very and Mrs. Colcombe will be the chaperones.

\$20.00 to cover the cost of the bus.

**Please see Mrs. Colcombe for a permission slip, information form, and to sign up.**

**Deadline to sign up is  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024.**

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[Prom Ticket Fundraiser Opportunity](#)





Students attending the 2024 Prom can participate in the Sarris Candies Fundraiser to earn credit (25% of sales) and reduce the price of their individual prom tickets. When making a purchase, enter the group ID and the student's name to ensure the student earns credit. See the flyer below for the group ID and additional information.

Contact Mrs. McWilliams at [smcwilliams@gcchs.org](mailto:smcwilliams@gcchs.org) with any questions.



Help Support Our  
**ONLINE ORDERING**  
Fundraiser



We are fundraising with **Sarris CANDIES** to raise money for our organization! If you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to:

[SarrisCandiesFundraising.com](http://SarrisCandiesFundraising.com)

\*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Our Organization's Name**

Greensburg Central Catholic HS Prom

**Our Group ID#**

10-0356

**HOW TO ORDER**

- 1 Access the Sarris fundraising website on your computer or mobile phone.



- 2 From the home page, click **I Am Supporting a Fundraiser** or click **Shop Now** in the navigation bar to access our available products.

- 3 Enter our Group ID# and your family member or friend's name and select **Shop Now**.

**TIP:** Use the drop-down categories under **Shop Now** in the navigation bar tab to look for specific types of products.

**TIP:** Use the search bar to look for specific products.

**\$5 FLAT RATE GROUND SHIPPING**

Orders ship right to your home!

No minimum purchase required to receive \$5 flat rate ground shipping. Shipping fee is per address. Warm weather packaging and expedited shipping charges are additional.

**Popular Categories**



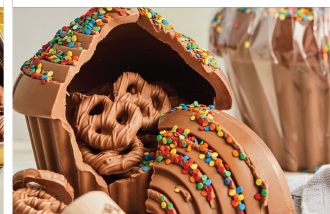
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## **Seniors and Senior Parent(s)**

If you are looking for scholarships, please check my Schoology Guidance Course, Scholarship Page.

Local scholarships are starting to arrive, and several new scholarships were added prior to the Christmas break.

Direct access to a scholarship website or the application is posted.

Also, the GCC website under Academics, Guidance, Services, <https://www.gcchs.org/academics/Pages/guidance.aspx>, lists legitimate Scholarship search engines.

And check out the information below for possible opportunities:

### ***Organizations and Associations***

***Research all organizations and associations related to your career field. Scholarships will generally be posted on their main websites but contact them in addition to inquire about other organizations in your chosen field for expanding your list.***

### ***Corporations***

***Research a list of 20 or more of the largest companies related to your chosen field. Google their name and the word "scholarship".***

I hope this information is helpful!

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## **Dear AP Students and Parent(s),**

Guidance met with students in every AP class prior to the Christmas break and shared AP Exam registration and payment explanation. Please see the information below or attached for AP Exams, payment form, and exam schedule. Payment is due by March 15, 2024.

[AP Registration Forms CLICK HERE](#)

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## **ATTENTION 9TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE PSAT:**

In order to create a CollegeBoard account (which will grant you access to your scores), please follow these steps:



1. Log onto Schoology
2. Press "Courses"
3. Press "Guidance 7 8 9"
4. Access the "Collegeboard and PSAT Information" folder
5. Click on the "PSAT 9 Presentation - CollegeBoard Account Creation" PDF
6. Once you follow the steps to create a CollegeBoard account, click on the other PDF in the folder to interpret your scores

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Wojo for an appointment!

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## Catholic Schools Week Information

**2024  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
WEEK**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community



**GREENSBURG CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

SPIRIT WEAR Dress Down  
Special Bell Schedule

A.M. Announcements	Trivia Saint of the Day
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Activity Period	Assembly Rehearsal – Aux Gym Junior High Bingo – cafeteria
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Assembly	CSW Kick-Off Winter Sports Recognition AQT Recognition Student Games
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Examen	Vocations Prayer
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6/7:30 p.m.	Girls' Basketball Games vs. Serra Catholic
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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Special Bell Schedule

A.M. Announcements	Trivia Saint of the Day
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Activity Period	Clubs Junior Class Rehearsal (Aux Gym)
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Mass with Bishop Kulick	Junior Class Ring Ceremony Reception
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Periods 4-7	Student Appreciation Sundae Bar
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Examen	Vocations Prayer
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6/7:30 p.m.	Boys' Basketball Games vs. Jeannette
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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Regular Bell Schedule

A.M. Announcements	Trivia Saint of the Day
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Period 1-	Blessing of the Classrooms, Fr. Jay
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Examen	Vocations Prayer
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### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Regular Bell Schedule

A.M. Announcements	Trivia Saint of the Day
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Period 1-	Blessing of the Classrooms, Fr. Jay
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Examen	Vocations Prayer
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Evening TBA	Adoration
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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Regular Bell Schedule

A.M. Announcements	Trivia Saint of the Day
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All Day	Senior High Quiz Bowl
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Examen	Vocations Prayer
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6-8 p.m.	Junior High Snow Ball
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# 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic Schools  
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GREENSBURG CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Get Your GAME ON!

Purchase \$1 Entries for a Chance to Compete in the Pep Rally Student Games.

Head, Shoulders, Knees,  
and CUP!



Build a  
Snowman

**COMPETITORS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE PEP RALLY.**

**ENTRIES SOLD DURING LUNCH PERIODS,  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 23-26**

★THIS FUNDRAISER BENEFITS CATHOLIC CHARITIES★  
**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS!**

# SENIOR HIGH QUIZ BOWL

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**\$10 PER TEAM/ONE AQT MEMBER PER TEAM**

**FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE**

**DUE TUES., JAN. 30 - SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS AND PAYMENT TO MR. VOELKER OR MR. DALTON**

# MON. JAN. 29 SPIRIT WEAR\* DRESS DOWN

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF & WINTER PEP RALLY**

## **FOOD 2 Go 4 KIDS FOOD PROGRAM**

**Please help us fill kids' backpacks by donating the following items:**

**Seventh Grade: Microwaveable pasta or cup of soup (4-count or greater)**

**Eighth Grade: Small boxes of Nutrigrain or granola bars**

**Freshmen: Microwaveable macaroni and cheese (4-count or greater)**

**Sophomores: Small boxes of fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups**

**Juniors: Small boxes of cereal or pop-tarts**

**Seniors: Small boxes of individual snacks (Goldfish, pretzels)**

**Faculty & Admin.: Pudding cups and fruit cups**

**\* GCC SPIRIT WEAR/APPAREL ONLY - NO LEGGINGS OR PAJAMA PANTS;. STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE GCC STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR DRESS DOWN GUIDELINES.**

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## **FACTS Grant and Aid – Now Open**

FACTS Grant and Aid is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2024-2025 school year will be required to submit their 2022

tax returns. Families who apply for financial aid by March 31, 2024 will receive a \$35 credit towards the 2024-2025 tuition. The credit covers the fee FACTS charges to apply for financial aid. One \$35 credit per family.

To apply for financial aid, visit: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Find pdf Flyer below:

[https://mcusercontent.com/bf015d687a0ad7fee4b4b6dbf/files/c725a3fc-e363-1ea8-5070-5f3c3f8a5ecc/24\\_25\\_FGAA\\_Flyer\\_Diocese\\_of\\_Greensburg.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/bf015d687a0ad7fee4b4b6dbf/files/c725a3fc-e363-1ea8-5070-5f3c3f8a5ecc/24_25_FGAA_Flyer_Diocese_of_Greensburg.pdf)



Grant & Aid Assessment

FACTS makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

To apply for financial aid, visit: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

After completing the online application, you will need to upload all required supporting documentation.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- 2022 IRS Federal Income Tax Return, including all supporting schedules. If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year.
- Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:
  - Business - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
  - Farm - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
  - Rental Property - send Schedule E (page 1)
  - S-Corporation - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
  - Partnership - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
  - Estates and Trusts - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1
- Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as: Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

You may log in to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the aid. If you are applying after the deadline, contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.

A non-refundable application fee is required before your application to be submitted.

NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the financial aid, not FACTS. This application does not guarantee admission or enrollment.

[Online.FACTSmgt.com/Aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/Aid)





## Information to know/have ready to complete Grant & Aid application for Parents:

1. Student Information (You will enter information for all students attending a tuition charging school)
  - Student Social Security Number
  - Student Date of Birth
  - How much your ability to pay tuition for each student annually
  - Amount of tuition support outside of child support custodial required of non-custodial parent.
2. Adjusted Gross Income for Applicant and/or Co applicant from most recent Federal Income tax return.
3. Nontaxable Income amount received & frequency of:
  - Child Support
  - Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
  - Welfare
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Tuition Support from friends/relatives/employers
  - Workers' Compensation
  - Housing Allowance (Military, Religious, Parsonage, etc)
  - Tax-Exempt Interest
  - Social Security (For all household members)
  - Any other Nontaxable income received
4. If you expect a decrease in income, you will need to provide reasons why and anticipated income
5. Monthly Expenses
  - Rent/Mortgage Payment (include principal, interest, taxes, and home insurance)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> home Mortgage Payment
  - Monthly Home equity Loan payments
  - Year, make/model and monthly payment for all vehicles leased or owned, including those that don't have a monthly payment. Do not include vehicle insurance expense.
  - Total Credit Card Debt & minimum amounts due on statements
  - Student Loan payments for family members no longer attending college
  - Other monthly loan payments (do not include cell phone, utilities, or other living expenses)
  - Child Support payments
  - Health insurance premiums paid per month, amount and how it is paid (pre-tax payroll, direct to insurance company, etc)
6. Annual/Yearly Expenses
  - Vehicle Insurance
  - Out-of-pocket medical expenses not paid by insurance
  - Charitable contributions
  - Number of family members attending college in fall, and your total out of pocket cost
  - Number of children you pay child/day care expenses beginning in fall, and annual expected cost
  - Number of people for whom you pay elder care expenses, and total expected cost
7. Assets
  - Value of cash, savings, and/or checking accounts
  - Value of stocks, bond investments, mutual funds, and/or certificates of deposit
  - Value of all 529 plan accounts and expected annual contribution to 529 plan account
  - Value of all retirement plan assets and expected annual contribution to retirement plan
  - Estimated value & amount owed on your home
  - Estimated value & amount owed on your second home

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## Need A Free Tutor?



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GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC



TUTORING CENTER

A reminder that the Tutoring Center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. If you need **math or science** tutoring please click the link below to sign up.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Tutor please complete the application form below. Return your completed application to Mrs. Cullen ASAP!

[Need a Tutor? Click Here](#)

[Interested in Becoming a PEER TUTOR? Click Here.](#)

Scan this QR code to schedule tutoring



Questions? Email Mrs. Cullen at [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org)

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**[STEM Opportunities](#)**



# GCC STEM CORNER




**Computer Science Day @ SVC**

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am-12:30pm

~Test a Cybersecurity Risk~  
~Program Drones~

\*\*Must be able to transport yourself to St. Vincent College\*\*

~Lunch is Included~  
~Space is Limited~

Must RSVP By Feb 1 to Mrs. Cullen  
[pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org)

**INTERESTED IN THE SKILLED TRADES?**

**JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**



Spend the day shadowing workers in the following fields:

- ~Welding~
- ~Drafting~
- ~CNC Machining (Mills, Lathes, Horizontals)~
- ~CNC Fabrication (Lasers and Pressbrakes)~

**See Mrs. Cullen for Details or email [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org)**

## UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy

### SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS!

Through the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy's **eight-week**, hands-on summer program, high school students engage in cutting edge cancer research by working in laboratories directed by dedicated faculty at sites across the University of Pittsburgh campus.



The deadline to apply is **February 11th, 2024**

Interested? Please see Mrs. Cullen or email her at [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org)

## UPMC Sports Medicine Career Day

Interested in a career in sports medicine?

Come and learn about careers in:

- ~Athletic Training~
  - ~Sports Psychology~
  - ~Sports Nutrition~
  - ~Sports Chiropractic~
  - ~Physical Therapy~
- And more!**

February 29, 2024

Periods 2-5

\*Virtual event---in Room 213\*

See Mrs. Cullen or email her for details [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org)



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## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Even if you are a parent of an older student!)

*Greensburg Central Catholic  
Junior High School*



All Junior High students will participate in the annual Science Olympiad on **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. To make this day a success, we need MANY parent volunteers. All students will compete for prizes in eight pre-determined, hands-on events.

Come and join in the fun and learning by being a parent volunteer! You can be a parent of ANY GCC student---you do not have to have a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader! Maybe you did the Science Olympiad in past years---we would love to have you back!

Please complete the [volunteer form](#) and return to Mrs. Cullen as soon as possible (Room 306 or via email [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org))

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Cullen [pcullen@gcchs.org](mailto:pcullen@gcchs.org).

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## STEM CAREER DAY SPEAKERS NEEDED!

**ATTENTION GCC FAMILIES:**

**STEM CAREER DAY SPEAKERS NEEDED!**



Do you have an exciting career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math? We are in need of speakers to come to school and speak to small groups of students on **MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**.

You may choose your times----we need speakers for every period of the day (7:50am-2:23pm)

If you can give us your time and expertise, please email Mrs. Pam Cullen for more details!

[gccstem@gcchs.org](mailto:gccstem@gcchs.org)

EMAIL [gccstem@gcchs.org](mailto:gccstem@gcchs.org)

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## Ring Ceremony Information

# Please Join Us For the Junior Class Ring Ceremony on Tuesday, January 30, 2024



The Annual Ring Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30. Guests of the Junior Class are invited to attend the event.

Bishop Kulick will bless the jewelry during the Catholic Schools Week Mass. Mass will begin at 9 a.m., and a brief reception for participating Juniors and their guests will follow.

Guests planning to attend the event, please RSVP to Mrs. McWilliams at [smcwilliams@gcchs.org](mailto:smcwilliams@gcchs.org) or Mrs. Whirlow at [mwhirlow@gcchs.org](mailto:mwhirlow@gcchs.org) by Friday, January 26.

## Corner of Positivity



# SHOUT OUT MICHAEL MULLANEY WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOWLING CHAMPION

Over 22 of our students spent the evening at St Vincent College learning about vascular surgery.



Dr. Detschelt, MD spoke to the students about abdominal aortic aneurysms and aortoiliac occlusive disease. Students had the chance to observe her perform a surgical AAA repair on a human cadaver!







No bones about it – Anatomy and Physiology students now know the bones of their body. Students completed the Bone Identification Lab Practical this week.





## Hometown Fan Ticketing

GCC is transitioning to digital ticketing for football and basketball games using the Hometown Ticketing platform. You can access the link on our website under "[Athletics](#)" or by downloading the Hometown Fan app.

[Google Play](#)

[App Store](#)

# GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE



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[Click here for the school calendar](#)

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Please send items for publication consideration to [ebogner@gcchs.org](mailto:ebogner@gcchs.org)***

**Our mailing address is:**

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