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NOTE CHANGE IN CALENDAR

On April 12th please note that there will be an early dismissal at 10:40
We will be holding our honor society inductions in the afternoon from 12pm-3pm.

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Bringing your Child's Lunch to School

If your child needs a lunch brought to school, please bring the lunch to the main office and we will be sure that your child receives it. Thank you.

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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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ATTENTION PARENTS/ Boosters

Before you purchase any GCC gear or apparel for sport boosters or any other group, you must adhere to the style guide and have the artwork approved by GCC before you make the purchase. Please email rgrant@gchs.org with any questions and to obtain approval. Thanks

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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 3rd 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

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AUCTION SAVE the DATE

The Auction this year will be held at Antonellis Event Center

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 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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Boys & Girls Track & Field Signups – Varsity and Junior High

“There will be optional conditioning practices for track & field on Tuesday and Thursday, 2/20 and 2/22 at 3:30pm for one hour.”

Are you interested in running faster, jumping higher, throwing farther, and getting stronger? If so, track & field is the sport for you! You can signup to be part of the team in main office or athletic office. You can also email Coach Brewer at brewcrew7@verizon.net to sign up. The first practice will be on March 4th. Our boys' and girls' teams will be extremely competitive again this season, with each team contending for a WPIAL championship!

Our dedicated coaching staff will work with each athlete to understand their personal goals and develop training programs to maximize development in these areas (e.g. speed, agility, vertical leap, strength, etc.). Whether your goal is to be a state champion track & field athlete, to participate for fun and fitness, or to use the sport to get better for another sport, we would like you to be part of our program! Our coaching staff is also very understanding of multi-sport or multi-activity athletes, and will work to coordinate schedules to accommodate multiple commitments.

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FASFA Webinar Opportunity

Do you need help paying
for higher education?



Helping with Higher Ed, Every Step of the Way




U.S. Senator Bob Casey & PHEAA are pleased to invite parents and students to this important FAFSA Overview webinar for students who would like to pursue a higher education.

February 12, 2024
Noon–1:00 PM (ET)
(online event)

Register Today!

This event will feature a guest speaker from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) who will provide an overview of the 2024-25 FAFSA and will guide students and families through a step-by-step process of filling the FAFSA and PA State Grant applications. There will be time available to address Q&A after the presentation.

This webinar will be hosted by **Senator Bob Casey**
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

casey.senate.gov | 717-231-7540 |   



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NEED Service Hours?

The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale and St. Joseph, Everson will be holding their annual fish fry beginning on Feb. 14th and continuing every Friday except Good Friday from 11am-6pm in St. John's School Hall. Volunteers are needed after school (until about 7pm) to help serve food, clean tables, wash dishes and general clean up.

If you need more information, please call the parish office at 724-887-6321.

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BLOOD DRIVE

If you want to donate blood on Thursday, February 22, please send your preferred time to Mrs. Ritenour. She will schedule your time before signups for the students begin on Tuesday, February 6.

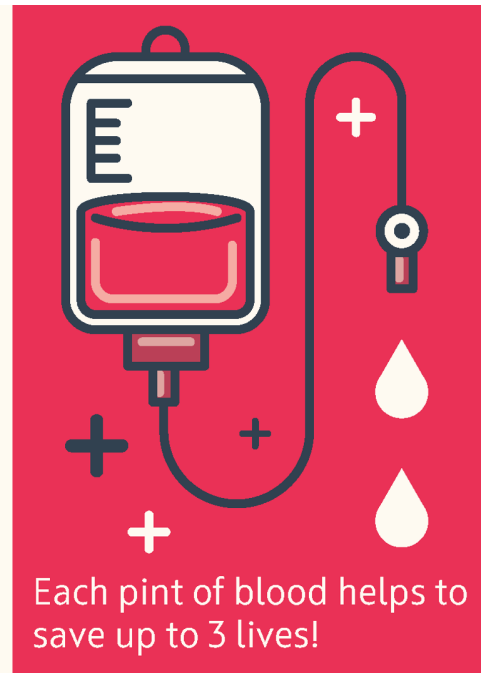
**It's Time to
DONATE BLOOD
GCC!**



Signups Begin Tuesday, February 6
During Periods 5, 6, and 7 in the cafeteria

**Signups Close When All Slots Are Filled; Small
Wait List Will Be Compiled**

Blood Drive
Greensburg Central Catholic High School
Auxiliary Gymnasium
Thursday, February 22



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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 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

*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22nd.

Our Organization's Name	Our Group ID#
Greensburg Central Catholic HS Prom	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



HOLIDAY: EASTER



PRETZELS, SNACKS & MORE



BOXED CHOCOLATES



BASHCAKES®

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NHS Letter (See below)

[Click HERE for Form](#)

If you have any questions please email Mrs.Schmidt MSchmidt@gcchs.org

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Guidance Corner



**THANK YOU,
SCHOOL COUNSELORS,
Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Wojciechowski,
FOR HELPING ALL STUDENTS SUCCEED**

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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Spring College in High School Registration NOW OPEN

We just received news from SHU that Mrs. McWilliams AP English Lit has been approved for a fall and spring course! That is 6 credits, if you registered for fall you can register for spring as well. If you did not register in the fall but still want to get 3 credits for the spring you can also register!



College In High School

SPRING 2023-2024

Seton Hill University

Saint Vincent College

Mount Aloysius College

Saint Francis University

SPRING Courses Available:

Seton Hill University

AP English Literature SEL 151 Topics in Literature: Principles of Literary Analysis and Composition II – 3 Credits

AP English Language SEL 106 Composition & Culture Part B – 3 Credits

AP Art History SAP 110 History of Western Art II – 3 Credits

CHS Graphic Design SAR 180 Digital Imaging I – 3 Credits

- Registration Instructions from SHU will be emailed to all students enrolled in these courses.
- Registration instructions are divided into NEW registrants and RETURNING registrants.
- Online registration: <https://www.setonhill.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/high-school-programs/college-in-high-school/>
 - Each course is \$230.00 and will be paid during the registration process.
 - SHU Registration portal will close on February 26, 2024.

[New Student User Guide CLICK HERE](#)

[Returning Student User Guide CLICK HERE](#)

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



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.factsmgmt.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.factsmgmt.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)
 - 2nd 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

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[STEM Opportunities](#)



GCC STEM CORNER




Computer Science Day @ SVC

Saturday, February 24th
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

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

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

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



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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 7th**. 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 7th or 8th 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)

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Cullen 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 18th**.

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

EMAIL gccstem@gcchs.org

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Corner of Positivity

On Saturday, ten of our students presented their scientific research at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science regional meet at Baldwin High School. Congratulations to Franco Alvarez, Julia Stilley, Anmarie George, Alana Coletti, Brooke Henderson, Johaan George, Prudence Karr and Joyce Cheplic who all received second place awards. Congratulations to Trixie Lim and Tommy Stilley who won first place awards which qualifies them for the state competition to be held at Penn State in May. An extra shout out to Tommy Stilley who won a Director's Award for his chemistry project. Great work everyone!



"Wednesday Jan 31st, Freshman Nick Esposito represented GCC at Mt. Pleasant Area High School for PMEA's Westmoreland County Jr. High Band festival, under the direction of IUP's Dr. Jason Worzbyt. Nick was one of over a hundred students across 29 different middle and high schools selected to participate in this year's festival.



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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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