

GCC CNN

2024-2025 School Year

October 18, 2024

Change in Attendance Reporting

All communications about changes in attendance must be done by phone ONLY. Please do not email Mrs. Orange or any other teacher. Please dial 724-834-0310 ext. 4211

GCC Regular Office Hours:

M-F: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Schedule for the Week of October 21, 2024

Monday, October 21- Day E - **Picture Re-Take Day**

Tuesday, October 22- Day A-**PHELPE Credit Union Deposit Day**

Wednesday, October 23-Day B

Thursday, October 24- Day C-**End of the First Quarter**

Friday, October 25-Day D



Internet and Social Media Safety Program

Trooper Tappe from the Pennsylvania State Police will be at GCC on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, to present a program to our students focusing on the dangers of social media and how to be safe on the Internet.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: NOV. 1, 2024

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 1, 2024. All parents have an opportunity to schedule a time to meet with teachers. To schedule an appointment for a Parent-Teacher Conference on November 1, 2024, **right click** on the link below, click open link, and be sure to choose Nov. 1 to schedule a conference. Conferences are on a first-come, first-served basis. Here is the link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ParentTeacherConference@DioGBGSchools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>



GCC OPEN HOUSE On Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, GCC is hosting an Open House for prospective students. Mrs. Dana Orange is looking for adult and student volunteers to help host the event. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Orange at dorange@gcchs.org.

Exploring God's Call is for young men in grades 9-12 — and will be meeting on Sundays, Nov. 10, and Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Dr., Delmont. These are informal gatherings, hosted by the Office for Priestly Vocations and centered around prayer, discussion and fellowship. We invite all who have an openness to learning more about the Priesthood and

discovering how to make a Spirit-guided discernment of God's Will in their lives.

I appreciate your help in promoting this opportunity via personal invitations, written/digital communications to students and parents, posting the attached flyer, etc.

Thank you, and I welcome future opportunities to collaborate with you to help our students grow in an openness to God's great plans for their lives.

School Pictures:

School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

- GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE278624 (or FE278524)
- Images are secured using the email address(es) provided to us by the school.
Picture retake day is October 21, 2024 if your child didn't get a picture or prefers to get a new one taken.

Document delivery: Please be sure you are signed up for document delivery through Power School to receive progress reports and report cards.



The Importance of Identity Calling all junior high students! Join us for an unforgettable night at PAX, the Diocese of Greensburg brand new youth events! Mark your calendars for November 8th and head to Our Lady of Grace Parish from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM with delicious food trucks and awesome games to kick things off! Inside at 6:30pm, the real fun begins with thrilling group games, a high-energy DJ concert, and a special guest appearance by the inspiring Jackie Francois Angel who will speak on the importance of identity. To wrap up the evening, we'll come together for a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Don't miss out on this epic night of faith, fun, and fellowship! Bring your friends and get ready for an amazing experience. See you there! **Registration is now open for this event for students and volunteers:**

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-middle-school-event/>

Innovations Challenge



The PennDOT Innovations Challenge is a statewide competition that challenges teams of students in ninth through 12th grade to use their problem-solving, creative, and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges. Regional winners will be selected by PennDOT's Engineering Districts. Those winners will move on to a statewide competition where an overall winner will be selected. <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/about-us/PennDOT2020/Pages/Innovations-Challenge.aspx>



Local Scholarships:

Seniors have access to the scholarship list on their Guidance Schoology page. Each scholarship is listed separately.

College/University Rep Visits have begun

The complete list of schools visiting can be found on the Guidance Schoology page, the GCC TV Scrolling Announcement or in the Guidance Office.

Seniors must sign up at least one (1) day prior to a visit and will receive a pass in their Home Room the morning of the visit.



NATIONAL PARKS TOUR: June 15-20, 2026

- Open to students in grades 7-11
- Visit:
 - Valley of Fire State Park
 - Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park
 - Zion National Park
 - Bryce Canyon National Park
 - Grand Canyon South Rim
 - Container Park, Neon Museum (Las Vegas)
- For more information **[CLICK HERE](#)**
- Questions? Email pcullen@gcchs.org
- **ENGINEER YOUR FUTURE :** Thursday, November 14th
- Attention All Juniors
- Visit the Westinghouse Waltz Mill Nuclear Facility
- Discover engineering disciplines, explore powerplant equipment, and speak with panels of engineers
- **Click here** to register.
- Spots fill quickly!
- MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING: Tuesday, November 12th

- Attention All Junior Girls!
- Visit the Westinghouse Waltz Mill Nuclear Facility
- Discover engineering disciplines, explore powerplant equipment, and speak with panels of engineers
- **Click here** to register.
- Spots fill quickly!
- MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE CLUB: Wednesday, November 6th

- Open to students in grades 7 & 8. Free to attend!

- 2:45-3:45pm in Room 301
- Come and experiment, explore, create and design! Engage in a fun science activity hosted by the Science National Honor Society
- **[CLICK HERE](#)** to register OR sign up with Mrs. Cullen (room 302) or Mrs. Gilkey (309)

LUNCH and LEARN: Wednesday, November 13th during your lunch period

- ***“EXPLORING THE WORLD OF BUSINESS”***
 - Do you want to study business? Come and learn about the major business disciplines and the vast breadth of the business world!
 - **Guest Lecturer: Martha Fusco, CPA, MBA**
- Free Chick-Fil-A lunch included (sandwich, cookie, water)
- You must register by Friday, November 1st.
- **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**
- Open to students in grades 7-12

LEADERSHIP DAY: Friday, November 8th

- Attention all students in grades 10-12
- Do you want to know more about being a good leader?
- Explore leadership in business, government and criminology.
- Engage in interactive sessions!
- Lunch is included
- MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO **ST. VINCENT COLLEGE**
- Check your email from Mrs. Cullen or **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

MOCK CRIME SCENE WORKSHOP: Saturday, November 9th

- Attention all students in grades 10-12
- Learn how to investigate a crime scene, collect evidence, interview witnesses
- Interact with crime scene professionals
- NO COST TO ATTEND and LUNCH is INCLUDED
- 9:00am-2:00pm on the Waynesburg University Campus
- Check your email from Mrs. Cullen or **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

NEED A FREE TUTOR?

- GCC offers **free**, after-school **math and science** tutoring services to students in grades 7-12.
- Students must schedule sessions so we can be sure to have tutors available!

- [Click here](#) to register.
- A confirmation email will be sent to students confirming their successful registration.
- All sessions will be held in Room 105



LAST Call Europe Greece Italy Tour Enrollment Before Price Increase



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SUMMER 2027**

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www.eftours.com/2785232KJ

Reach out to Erin Riggi with any
questions! ERiggi@gcchs.org



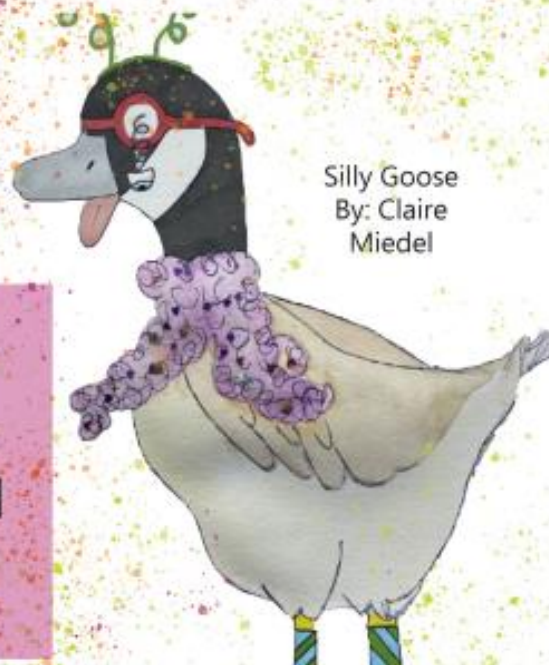
NATIONAL
ART
HONOR SOCIETY

Presents 2024 ART DAY

Join the Art Department Saturday
October 28th from 10-1

- Touch up murals
- work on mosaics
- make ceramic figures
- clean up garden area

For current NAHS and
NJAHS students
and anyone interested
in joining!



Silly Goose
By: Claire
Miedel



The **Interact members** joined Interact Clubs from around the region to plan and execute service. They were able to donate 20 bags of shoes for recycling to make new shoes for children in 3rd world countries. They also donated four bags of gifts to the Ukranian Orphan project.



AP Psychology Lab:

Students in AP Psychology performed a Sensory Sensation lab in class where they were able to test all of their senses including vision, kinesthetic, sound, taste, smell, touch, and vestibular.



FUNDRAISING



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

12 chances to win \$1000
each weekday
Dec. 4 - 19, 2024

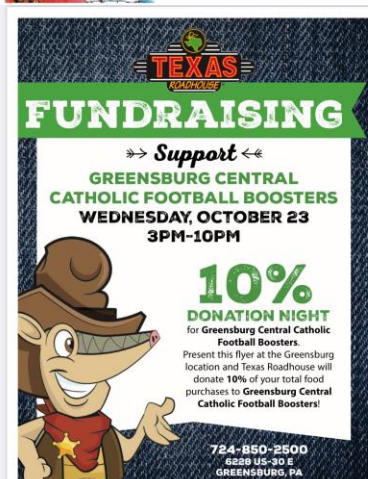
Drawing will be live on GCC Facebook at
Noon each day.

Benefits GCC Student Clubs/Class Funds

Tickets \$10.00

(stubs/payment due 12/4 by 10:00 am)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO GCC



12 Days of Christmas Raffle

Every student has an opportunity to raise money for their clubs and class funds. **The raffle tickets will be available for pick up beginning Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, in the cafeteria during lunch time.**

The raffle ticket sale runs from Oct. 21-Dec. 4, 2024. All stubs/payment must be returned to Mrs. Szmed in the school office by 10:00 am on Dec. 4, 2024. The profit from each ticket is at least \$5.00 per ticket. This profit could increase depending on the total number of tickets sold. The profits will be split among the class/clubs the student listed on the data sheet. The ticket winner must be 18 years old to claim the prize. Only 6000 tickets are available for sale. **The top-selling person receives \$500.00.** Cash or Checks to GCC must accompany stubs.



Sponsored by the Junior Class
Proceeds Benefit the Prom



\$2 DRESS DOWN

Wear black, orange, purple, green, or your favorite Halloween shirt
(Please, no costumes or masks;
follow school dress-down guidelines)

Tom's Coffee Truck

Frozen, Iced, or Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Tea!
Lunch periods 4, 5, 6, 7

GCC AUCTION 2025: Theme-Decades, Dinner & Dancing

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, February 21, 2025-The Auction planning has started, but there is still time to get involved.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm** in the cafeteria. The auction is our biggest fundraiser, but more importantly, it is the biggest opportunity for the Greensburg Central Catholic community to come together for fellowship during a fun-filled evening. The live band, Jeff Jimerson & Airborne, will be providing the music for the evening. **Early Bird tickets go on sale Nov. 4.**

Attendance Competition Details will be available soon!

Be a part of making the 2025 auction a night to remember!

Please contact Dennis Cremonese in the Advancement Office at dcremonese@gcchs.org or 724-834-0310 x4201 to offer to help.

Information from the Nutrition Group:



Student Lunch Accounts:

All lunch accounts need to be kept current. If your child owes a balance, please take care of the balance as soon as possible. **Students who have a negative balance are not permitted to buy extras or a la carte items.**

The Kitchen is open daily from 7am-3pm. Breakfast 7am-9:30am.

Drinks & Snacks are available 7am-3pm daily.

We offer discounts on lunch items after 1pm. This does not include a meal.

If it is a Mass Schedule you have until 9:30am to get food.

If we are operating on a 2-hour delay we still offer breakfast 9am-10:45am. The kitchen will continue to remain open until 3pm.

Grab & Go Lunch:

Lunch slips are available to those who do not have a lunch period. To place a to-go order, please fill out a slip in the cafeteria and give it to the kitchen staff by 9:30am daily. If there is a 2-hour delay, please turn it in by 10:45am.

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7/8 Grade Boys basketball: Any boy in 7/8 grades interested in playing basketball needs to sign up on Final Forms.

PIAA Sports Physicals Required for All Athletes in Grades 7-12:

If students are receiving physicals from their primary care physician or at an urgent care, physicals must be the PIAA form and completed after May 1st. School physical forms ARE NOT the same as the PIAA physical form. **Valid PIAA physicals must be completed and turned in to Miss. Virginia to participate in a sport.**

PIAA packets can be completed through FinalForms or can be printed from this link [http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/PIAA_CIPPE_FORMS_SECTION\(S\)_1_-_10\(1\).pdf](http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/PIAA_CIPPE_FORMS_SECTION(S)_1_-_10(1).pdf)

If completing the form on Final Forms, Section 5 must be printed, completed, and turned in at time of physical.

If you have any questions email Miss. Virginia at vtinkey@gcchs.org.

Clearance Requirements:

Any parent/guardian wishing to volunteer in any capacity at GCC-i.e boosters, chaperones, etc. must submit all required clearances. Submit to Ruth Ann at rgrant@gcchs.org. Click here for the list of required clearances and instructions on the Diocesan web site: <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youth-protection/clearances/>

PLEASE NOTE: All clearances must be on file at GCC. If you have clearances on file at an elementary school, please have the clearances sent to GCC. If clearances are not on file at GCC, you are not approved to volunteer at GCC.

Community News

