



**Greensburg
Central Catholic**
Junior-Senior High School



2024-2025 School Year | November 1, 2024

Change in Attendance Reporting

All communications about changes in attendance/early dismissals must be done by phone, please dial 724-834-0310 ext. 4211, or email the attendance@gcchs.org.

GCC Regular Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Schedule for the week of Nov. 4th

Sunday, November 3rd -
GCC Open House 12:45- 3:00 pm
Fall Music Concert - 3:00 pm

Monday, November 4th -
Mass Day Schedule, Formal Uniforms

Tuesday, November 5th -
Day C

Wednesday, November 6th -
Day D

Thursday, November 7th -
Day E

Friday, November 8th -
Day A
\$2 Dress Down Day (benefits Interact Club)

Change in 2024-2025 GCC School Year Calendar

In an effort for greater student success on mid-terms, we have adjusted the dates for mid-terms from January to before the Christmas break.

Dates for mid-terms will now be December 17-December 19 with early dismissal at 11:15 on each day. Bus transportation is available.

Teachers have already informed the students of this change. We wanted to give everyone ample time to adjust to the new schedule.

See the revised 2024-2025 GCC School Year Calendar attached to this email.

DOCUMENT DELIVERY

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

SCHOOL NEWS



School Pictures are Ready!



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<https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

- GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE278624 (or FE278524)

Veterans Day Celebration at GCC

In honor of Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th, at 9:00 a.m., in the school's auxiliary gymnasium, the GCC school community will be presenting a Veterans Day assembly to honor the men and women who have served and who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Our school families, friends, and alumni are most welcome to join us in this patriotic celebration.

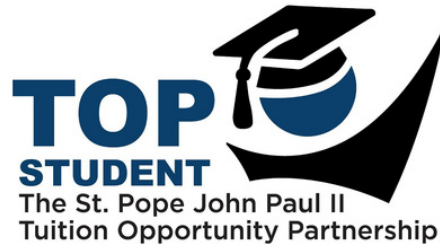
In honor of Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, the GCC Columbian Squires will be collecting monetary donations for U.S. Vets, the United States Veterans Initiative Program. Contributions will be collected on Nov. 11 during homeroom period before the assembly.

GCC will also recognize Veteran's Day with a special ceremony on Nov. 11 at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

***Note:** This donation is NOT for a dress down day.



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.



Attention all TOPS Families

As part of your TOP Scholarship Agreement, your family/student is willing to participate in service at the student's local parish or faith community or school community throughout this academic year. A quarterly report is prepared for the TOPS donor showing all services performed by GCC families. Failure to perform service will place your family at risk of losing TOP Scholarship assistance. Please log or have your student log all service by using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/J4vLmm7zei>

Attention new TOP Scholarship families, a church verification letter from your church stating that your family are registered members, or will become members, of a faith community is needed by Dec. 31, 2024. Please email it to Mrs. Szmed (tszmed@gcchs.org). Failure to submit the church verification will place your family at risk of losing TOP Scholarship assistance.

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/>



Fall Pops Concert



November 3rd, 2024 at 3:00 PM in the Auxiliary Gym

**Performances by the Greensburg Central Catholic bands, orchestra,
and choirs**

Musical theatre, Movies, and Pop!

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



GUIDANCE CORNER

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.

STEM CORNER



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

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)

UPMC Educational Career Event

Wednesday, December 4th

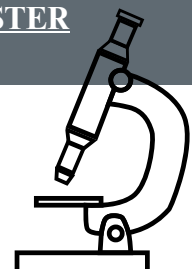
Attention all students in grades 9-12!

- Interested in a Health Care Career?
Want to know about future internship opportunities?
- Come and learn about a variety of health care careers through hands-on demonstrations and interactive displays (Nursing, Emergency Medicine, Pharmacy, Behavioral Health, Sports Medicine, Imaging and more)
- LUNCH IS PROVIDED
- BUS IS PROVIDED (small fee for transportation)
- See 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](#)



Science National Honor Society Lecture Series

Wednesday, November 27th

- Come and join us for short discussions on cutting edge science topics
- Open to Parents and Guardians, Students, Families and Alumni!
- 11:30am-1:00pm in the Auxiliary Gym
- Please CLICK HERE to see the topics and to register!
- LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- Please RSVP by November 20th

STUDENT TRAVEL



**Will you
join us?**

We're heading to
Greece and Italy
Summer 2027

Interested?

Check out our tour enrollment page
(a.k.a. home base) to enroll or to find
even more information like our
detailed itinerary, everything that's
included, FAQs and more:

[eftours.com/2785232KJ](https://www.eftours.com/2785232KJ)

Or use your smartphone to scan the
QR code:



Enrollment deadline: October 04, 2024

Spots available: 15

Group Leader: Erin Riggi
eriggi@gcchs.org

Questions? Call EF's Traveler Support Team
at 800-665-5364



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SUMMER 2027**

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TOUR PAGE

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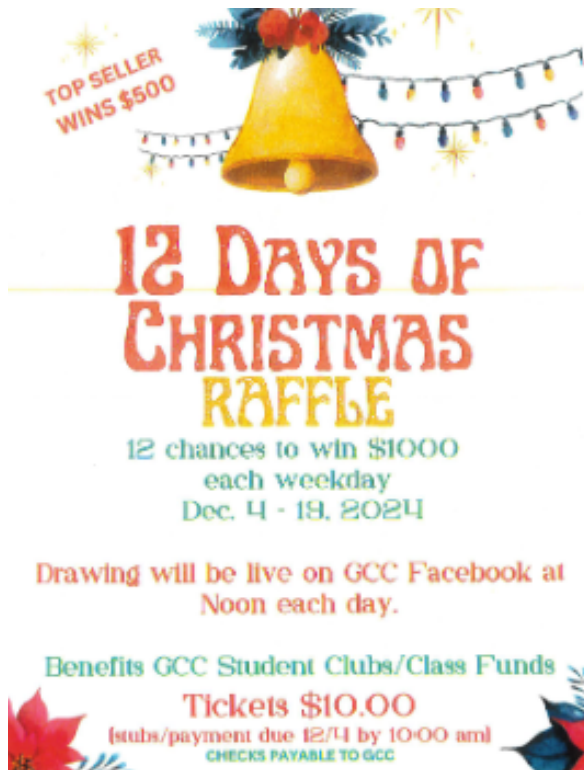
Reach out to Erin Riggi with any
questions! ERiggi@gcchs.org



FUNDRAISING



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 lunchtime.

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. The top selling class ticket sellers receive a week of dress down days. Cash or Checks to GCC must accompany stubs.

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.

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.





ATHLETICS

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.

7/8 Grade Boys Basketball

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

Clearance Requirements

Any parent/guardian wishing to volunteer in any capacity at GCC - i.e boosters, chaperones, etc. must submit all required clearances.

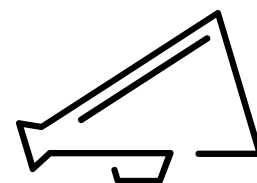
Submit to Ruth Ann at rgrant@gcchs.org. Click here for the list of required clearances and instructions on the Diocesan web site:

<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.

Jr. High Winter Cheer Registration Now Open

GCC Junior High Cheer welcomes new and returning athletes interested in cheering for basketball in December, January and February to join us for winter placements on Monday, November 18, 2024 after school until 4pm in the auxiliary gym. Parent meeting at 4pm. Contact Coach Jennifer Miele for paperwork. jmiele@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



WPIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, Nov 2, 2024

GCC CENTURIONS



FRAZIER COMMODORES

11:00 AM

Peter's Township High School
121 Rolling Hills Drive
McMurry, PA 15317

GCC JR HIGH FINALE

Tournament

The GCC Junior High Finale is an official Qualifier for the 2025 PA Middle School Basketball Championship to be held March 14 - 16 in State College, PA



WHEN: NOVEMBER 16TH (SAT) - (2 - 8 PM)

WHERE: GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC

FORMAT: DOUBLE ELIMINATION

8TH GRADE TEAMS ONLY

COST: \$210 PER TEAM

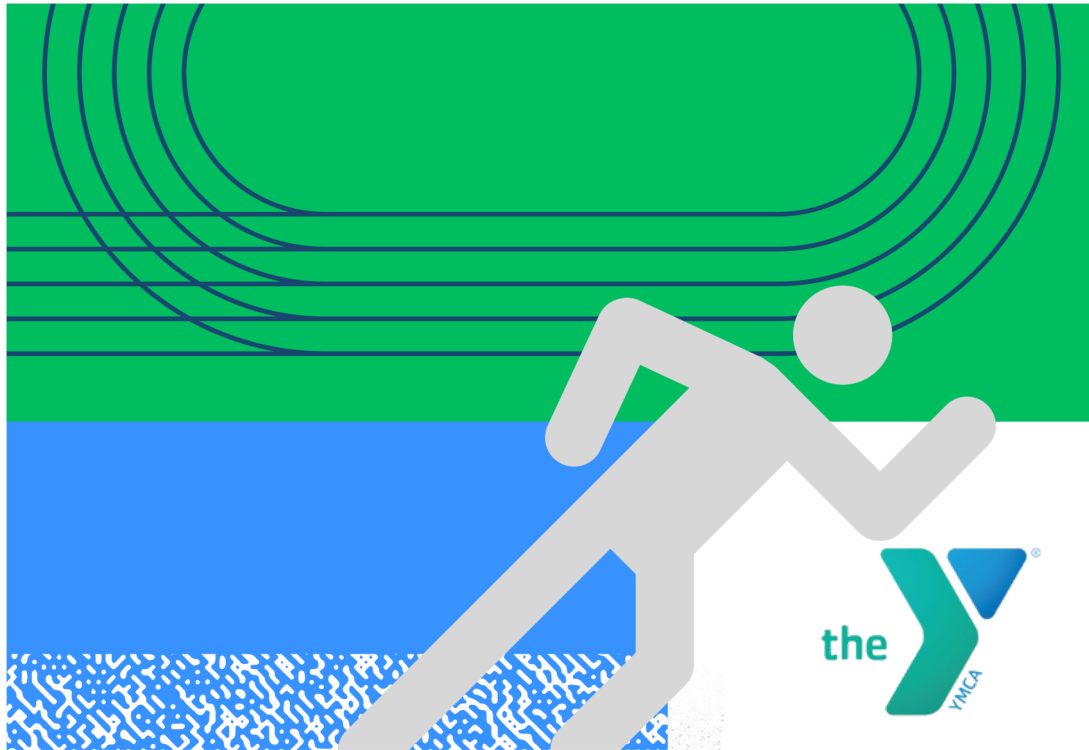
REGISTER: TEXT/CALL CHRIS JONES @

724-787-6136 OR

EMAIL CJONES@GCCCHS.ORG

**** 1ST & 2ND PLACE TEAMS QUALIFY ****

COMMUNITY NEWS



GREENSBURG YMCA TRACK AND FIELD

**TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM FOR AGES 5 TO 18 SEASON
DATES: APRIL - JUNE 2025 LOCATION: GREENSBURG
SALEM HIGH SCHOOL TRACK PRACTICES HELD 3 TIMES
A WEEK COST: \$185 FOR YMCA MEMBERS \$225 FOR
NON-MEMBERS REGISTRATION OPENING IN
NOVEMBER!**

**A YMCA FAVORITE IS MAKING A COMBACK! JOIN US FOR A FUN, COMPETITIVE
AND SKILL BUILDING EXPERIENCE NOW AFFILIATED WITH USATF (USA TRACK
AND FIELD)**

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