



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



2024-2025 School Year | January 31, 2025

Attendance Reporting

All communications about changes in attendance/early dismissals must be done by phone, please dial 724-834-0310 and select option 1, or email attendance@gcchs.org.

If a local school district cancels classes and GCC is still in session, parents/guardians must call in for an absence to be excused.

GCC Regular Office Hours

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

Schedule for the week of Feb. 3rd

Monday, February 3rd

Day D

Tuesday, February 4th

Day E

Wednesday, February 5th

Day A

Thursday, February 6th

Day B

Friday, February 7th

Day C



GCC Auction 2025:

Decades, Dinner & Dancing

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

SCHOOL NEWS



National Honor Society

Junior and Senior Students and Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, January 27, NHS qualification 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 Miss Brdar in room 303 if you have any questions.

Applications are due Wednesday, February 12.



Artwork from 35 of our students will be featured at the “Artists of the 21st Century” show taking place at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art - Ligonier. The show opens February 14th, and a reception will be on Saturday, March 1st from 1:00-4:00pm.

A Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast

Golden
Apple
AWARDS

Thursday, March 13, 2025
Doors open at 7:30 AM
Program 8:00-10:00 AM

Tickets \$45 per person

Stratigos Banquet Centre

131 Colonial Manor Road
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

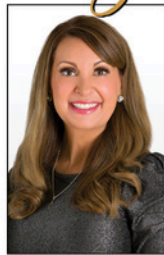
2025 Golden Apple Award Winners will be announced the week of January 20. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/GoldenAppleAwards to learn more.

Reservations: DioceseofGreensburg.org/GoldenAppleAwards

Event Highlights



Bishop Larry J. Kulick



Jennifer Miele



Dr. Nancy Rottler

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Diocese of Greensburg

Master of Ceremonies: Jennifer Miele, Chief Communications Officer

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy Rottler

- Presentation of Golden Apple Awards with the addition of a Principals' category, to celebrate excellence in teaching generously provided by the Donahue Family Foundation.
- Awarding of Capital Sustainability Awards to Catholic Schools for their capital projects.
- Recognition of exceptional student achievement through Student Spotlight Awards.

Sponsorship Opportunities: **Mike Lucotch**

724-552-2503

mlucotch@DioceseofGreensburg.org





American
Red Cross



HOPE begins with you.

Blood Drive
Greensburg Central Catholic
High School

Gym
911 Armory Dr.
Greensburg

Thursday, February 20
8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

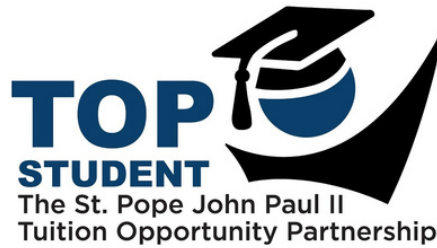
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
greensburgcentralcat to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions
on the day of your appointment.

Create a flurry of hope! Come give blood Jan. 27 to Feb.
28 for a \$15 e gift card rcblood.org/flurry

RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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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 Jan. 31, 2025. 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.

2025-2026 **FACTS Financial Aid**

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School is fully committed to making it financially possible for every student to receive a faith-based education.

Scholarships and financial aid are available. To be considered, you must apply using the [FACTS financial aid form](#). The GCC Business Office will then send you a notice via mail informing you if you are able to receive financial support. For more information, please contact the [Business Office](#).

The poster features a stylized landscape with blue mountains, a large yellow sun with a cross inside, and a forest of evergreen trees. The word "PAX" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. Below it, "THE ADVENTURE AWAITS" is written in smaller, white, sans-serif letters. A small white cross inside a circle with radiating lines is positioned below the text.

PAX

THE ADVENTURE AWAITS

March 29th | 10am-4:30pm
\$25 Per student | 6th-8th grade
Doors open at 9:30am | Mass at 5pm
Christ our Shepherd Center
Registration closes March 21st



FUNDRAISING



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Vacation Raffle

Don't forget to sell your Vacation Giveaway tickets!



This prize is valued at \$3,000. The package includes a \$3,000 credit to the vacation of your dreams. You have the opportunity to support our school and win an amazing vacation! You do not need to be present to win, so you can sell the tickets to anyone. The ticket cost is \$10.

The destination and dates are customizable!

Every family that sells 5 tickets will be given an extra chance to win the trip! Please send the ticket money and completed ticket stubs in an envelope marked 'Vacation Raffle' to school no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Make checks payable to GCCHS. For additional tickets or questions please contact Dennis Cremonese at (724) 834-0310 x4201 or DCremonese@gcchs.org

Thank you in advance for your continued support!!!!



Dessert Dash

Get your dancing shoes on and Hustle, Electric Slide or Chicken Dance your way to the great Dessert Dash at the GCC Decades, Dinner & Dancing Auction!

At every Auction, gourmet desserts including cakes, brownies, cupcakes, etc. that serve between 8-10 people from local specialty bakeries are donated to be raffled off to the highest table bid. Make your selection quick, before the next bid steals your choice! It is a delicious and entertaining ending to the Auction night. The Auction committee is asking families to sign up to donate their favorite dessert using the link below. Contact Regina Kudla at rkudla@gcchs.org with questions. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A8A92AA6FACF8-54284063-dessert>



GUIDANCE CORNER

Senior Scholarship “Lunch and Learn”

- Attention seniors!
- Come and learn about how to access many scholarships to help reduce your college expenses!
- Bring your laptop!
- Free Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips and cookie provided.
- Please click the link to register:
 - [LINK TO REGISTER FOR SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH AND LEARN](#)

Local Scholarships

Local Scholarships shared with GCC are posted to Schoology. Seniors can access the scholarships by visiting the Guidance Schoology page and clicking the 2024-2025 Scholarship link. Each scholarship is listed separately with criteria, due date, and access to the application.





College In High School SPRING 2024-2025

Seton Hill University
Saint Vincent College
Mount Aloysius College
Saint Francis University

SPRING Courses Available: Seton Hill University

<i>AP English Literature</i>	SEL 151	Topics in Literature: Principles of Literary Analysis and Composition - <u>3 Credits</u>
<i>AP English Language</i>	SEL 106	Composition & Culture Part B - <u>3 Credits</u>
<i>AP Art History</i>	SAP 110	History of Western Art II - <u>3 Credits</u>
<i>CHS Graphic Design</i>	SAR 180	Digital Imaging I - <u>3 Credits</u>

- Online registration: <https://www.setonhill.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/high-school-programs/college-in-high-school/>
- Registration instructions are divided into NEW registrants and RETURNING registrants.
- Each course is \$230.00 and will be paid during the registration process.
- SHU Registration portal will open on February 3, 2025, and close on March 3, 2025.

Seton Hill
UNIVERSITY

Greensburg, PA



Find Your **FORWARD**

WITH A CAMPUS VISIT!

Come see for yourself how Seton Hill can help you move **FORWARD** - academically, professionally, and personally.

SPRING 2025 CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

1/25 - Saturday Visit

1/25 - Visual & Performing
Arts Immersive Arts Day &
Auditions/Interviews

2/8 - Saturday Visit

2/22 - Saturday Visit

2/25 - Overnight Opportunity

2/28 - Griffin for a Day

3/1 - Saturday Visit

3/22 - High School Juniors
Immersive Arts Day &
Auditions/Interviews

3/25 - Overnight Opportunity

3/29 - Saturday Visit

4/7 - Griffin for a Day

4/12 - Saturday Visit

4/26 - Accepted Students Day

5/3 - Saturday Visit

Ready to explore how Seton Hill can help you achieve your goals? Choose a special event that fits your schedule or schedule an individual personalized campus visit - register today

setonhill.edu/VisitCampus



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

OPEN HOUSE *WOMEN'S DAY*

February 8th, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Work with female faculty and students
in hands-on sessions and workshops
for a variety of interests.

Lunch included.



Register at
bit.ly/womens-day-svc

- Participate in a variety of academic sessions led by Saint Vincent College faculty.
- Listen to keynote speaker Karyn Pratt, C'90, vice president of marketing and strategy development at Adelphoi, as she shares her Saint Vincent story.
- Hear the women's leadership panel discussion and engage in a Q&A session with women who are leaders in the community.



STEM CORNER



Science National Honor Society

Applications due Feb. 13th

- A reminder to Juniors that Science National Honor Society applications are due for qualified candidates on Thursday, February 13th---no exception.
- Please see your email from Mrs. Cullen for more information (sent on January 14th)

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

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



Lebanon Valley College STEM Summer Camps

Summer 2025

Check out these exciting, hands-on summer camps:

- Computer & Data Science Camp (for current sophomores and juniors)
- Actuarial Science Camp (for current juniors)
- Health and Biomedical Sciences Camp (for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors)
- Stay on a college campus! Explore these exciting careers!
- For more information please [click here](#)

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy

June 16 - August 1, 2025

- ATTENTION SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS!
- If you are highly motivated and interested in a 7-week summer program where you will engage in cutting edge cancer research, then consider applying to the UPMC Cancer Center Academy
- You will work with dedicated faculty in working UPMC laboratories.
- MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO ALL DATES!
- Link to information and application: [HILLMAN CANCER CENTER ACADEMY-Info and application](#)
- APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEB 16th.
- If you want to speak to a student who completed the academy in the past, please contact pcullen@gcchs.org.

ATTENTION JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS!

- Homework Central will open on Tuesday, February 4th.
- Homework Central offers:
 - A quiet space where students can work on their homework assignments
 - A place where students can ask questions when necessary
 - An opportunity to check in with the center coordinator to review any missing assignments in PowerSchool and plan a focused homework strategy for the day.
 - This is a place geared towards students who need a little extra help and focus with their homework but is also a place for any student to quietly get their assignments underway after school!
 - Snacks are provided. 😊
- Questions? Please contact the center coordinator (Pam Cullen) for more information. pcullen@gcchs.org

Bucknell Engineering Camp

June 22-27, 2025

- Attention students in grades 7-11
- Engineering camp is a challenging, hand-on introduction to engineering held on Bucknell's campus.
- [LINK TO INFORMATION AND APPLICATION](#)
- Questions: see Mrs. Cullen or email pcullen@gcchs.org
- Applications due May 1st at the latest--this will fill quickly

CYBERCAMP

June 23-27, 2025

hosted by PittCyber & the Air Force Association

- Open to all high school students ---FREE CAMP!
- Week-long, interactive camp teaches:
 - CYBER ETHICS
 - SYSTEMS SECURITY
 - NETWORK SECURITY and MORE!
- Click [here](#) for more information about registering

Independence Health Career Fair

Friday, March 21st

- Attention all high school students
- Come to a fun and interactive Career Fair at Westmoreland Hospital!
- Learn about anesthesia, imaging, nursing, operating room careers, pharmacy, surgical technology and more!
- 8:30am-12:30pm
- **MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION**
- Check your email from Mrs. Cullen for the link to register. (All high school students received this email on 1/30/2025)





STUDENT TRAVEL

PACK YOUR BAGS, WE'RE GOING TO.....

**ENROLLMENT
CLOSES
MARCH 1!**

**BERLIN,
PRAGUE,
KRAKOW,
BUDAPEST,
& VIENNA
JUNE 2025**



**GREECE
& ITALY
JUNE 2027**



ENROLL NOW!

TRAVEL IN 2025



WWW.EFTOURS.COM/2562154FC

TRAVEL IN 2027



WWW.EFTOURS.COM/2785232KJ

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-930am.
- 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.

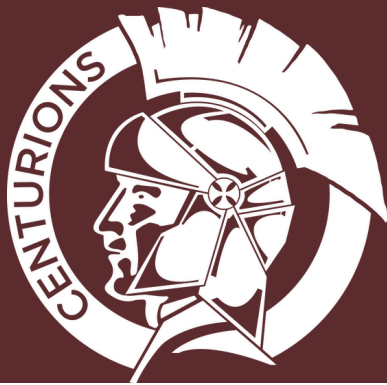
Grab & Go Lunch

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.

NEW Breakfast Meals now available

\$3.50 per meal - Breakfast burrito or Bagel with spread AND 1 drink from Turners Cooler





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.

Spring Sports Signups

Please register for spring sports through Final Forms

Basketball Tickets

Purchase Basketball tickets through Hometown Tickets by using the link below:

<https://www.gcchs.org/athletic-event-tickets>



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.

Girls Lacrosse

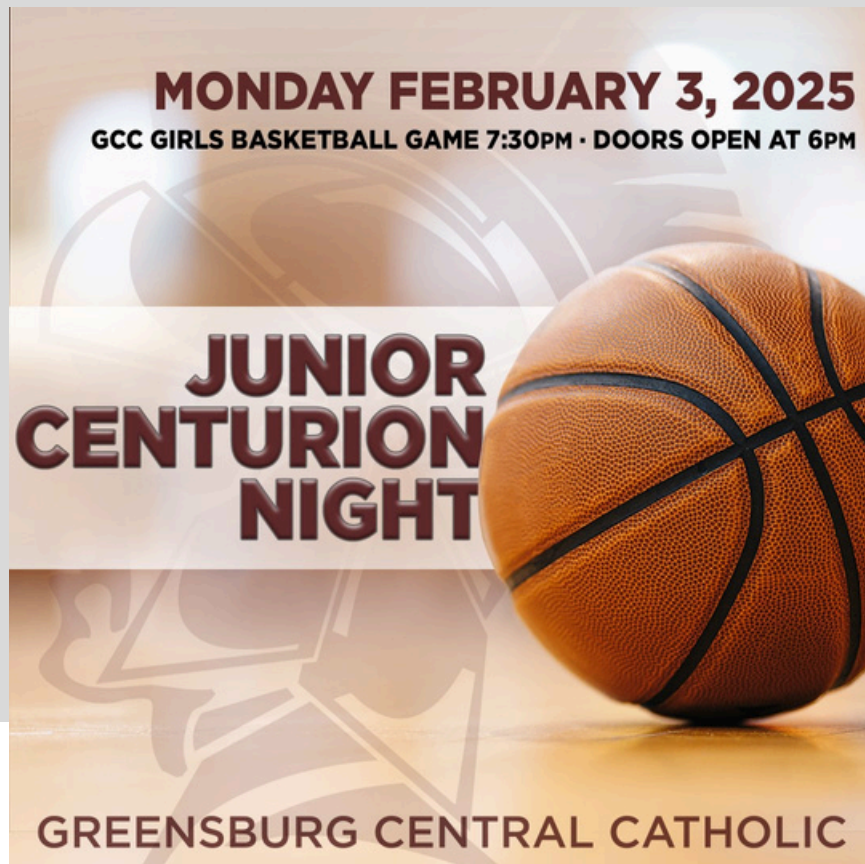
The Girls Lacrosse team will practice Saturday, February 1st from 12:00-1:00pm at the Christ Our Shepard Center. Practice is open to all junior high and senior high girls.

Junior Centurion Night

Monday, February 3rd

Doors open at 6:00pm, Game at 7:30pm. Students from GCC, Aquinas, MOSS, QofA, CDT, MQA, St. Bernard and Divine Redeemer are invited to watch the Lady Centurions Play! Free face painting, cookies and games will be located in the Auxiliary Gym from 6-7pm.

Anyone who pre-registers receives a pair of Central Sunglasses! Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/JuniorNight to reserve your spot!



COMMUNITY CORNER



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fred M. Rogers Center

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the way that business is done. At a surface level, tools like ChatGPT have changed the way that individuals approach work, but many organizations and entire industries are going beyond such simple tools and adopting AI in unique and unexpected ways.

Many of the ways that AI is used are already changing the world around us in ways that we might not even realize. This conference is meant to give attendees a broad overview of the ways that AI is shaping businesses and the world at large.



Register by scanning here
or visiting bit.ly/svc-ai-25

SPEAKERS

Dr. Mary Regina Boland
Saint Vincent College

James Buscaglio
GE Vernova

Alden Bushnell
Near Earth Autonomy

Mike Hruska
Problem Solutions

Elliot Levenson
UPMC

Robert Markley
Saint Vincent College

Terrance Tormey
The Tormey Consulting Group

Dr. Justin Petrovich
Saint Vincent College

Dr. Mike Urlick
Saint Vincent College



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

YWCA WESTMORELAND COUNTY IS SPONSORING AN

Art Contest

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT. EVERYONE BELONGS.”

Rules:

- The contest is open to all of Westmoreland County from grades K-12.
- The theme is **“Everyone is different. Everyone belongs.”** Artwork must display a message of unity & peace.
- Students may use any type of paper.
- Students may use any medium. (any size that measures less than 20”x24”)
- The following information should be clearly written in pencil or pen on the **back** of the poster in the lower left-hand corner for privacy:
 - **Student’s Name, Home Address, Telephone Number.**
 - **School District, Grade.**
- Only one entry per student.
- The artwork submitted must be the student’s original work.
- Judging criteria: creativity, theme representation, and visual appeal.
- Deadline to submit an entry is **Monday, February 10, 2025.**
- Artwork should be submitted to the YWCA Westmoreland County at 424 North Main Street in Greensburg, PA. Attention Bekah Garland

Prizes and Voting:

Contest categories will include grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12

Awards are as follows: 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$75, 3rd Place - \$50

Entries will be displayed at the YWCA Westmoreland County from Monday, February 24 to Friday, February 28. There will be an awards ceremony for the winners and their families on Saturday, March 1 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Winners will be posted to the YWCA website. YWCA Used Bookstore will be open 10am-2pm the day of the awards ceremony.

Please call the YWCA at 724-834-9390 with questions or for more information!!

**YWCA IS ON
A MISSION**