

2024-2025 School Year | February 28, 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 <u>attendance@gcchs.org</u>. 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 Mar. 3rd

Monday, March 3rd Day A \$2 Dress Down Day - benefitting Prom

Tuesday, March 4th Day B

Wednesday, March 5th Day F Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule - formal uniform

Thursday, March 6th Day C

Friday, March 7th Day D 9th Grade retreat

GCC Open House

GCC will be hosting an open house on Sunday, March 16 from 1:00-3:00pm for all prospective students grades 7-11 and their families. Tours of the school will be given at 1:15, 1:45, and 2:15pm.

Spread the word with anyone you think would like to become a part of the GCC family. Great things are happening at GCC!

Click the link below to register for the open house:

<u>GCC Open House</u> <u>Registration</u>



SCHOOL NEWS



Volunteers Needed - Service Hours Opportunity!

St. John the Baptist (Scottdale) and St. Joseph (Everson) are looking for volunteers to assist with their Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

When:

Beginning Ash Wednesday & every Friday during Lent (after school until 6:00pm)

Where: St. John's School Hall - 501 Broadway St., Scottdale

If interested, please call the parish office at (724) 887-6321 or stop by St. John's School Hall starting March 5th.

Congratulations to the GCC Girls Basketball team!



The No.2 GCC Girls Basketball team defeated No.1 Shady Side Academy in the WPIAL Class 3A girls basketball championship on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Peterson Events Center with a score of 56-51. Erica Gribble (11) and Jayla Peterson (11) formed a terrific one-two combo for the Centurions as they combined for all 38 points of the Centurions scoring in the second half.

The girls and boys basketball teams open the PIAA Playoff Tournament next week.



Save the Date 2025 Prom

Be our guest On Saturday, May 10th To be **Royalty for a Night** At the Omni William Penn Hotel Downtown Pittsburgh

Prom packets and more information will be available the first week of March

Sarris Easter Candy Sale Benefits Students Attending Prom

Students attending the 2025 Prom can participate in the Sarris Candies Fundraiser to earn credit (25% of sales) and reduce the price of their individual prom tickets. If you need or want Easter candy, please consider buying it from a GCC student.

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. Whirlow at mwhirlow@gcchs.org with any questions.







Help Support Our **ONDERATE FUNDERATION** We are fundraising with Carrier to raise

We are fundraising with $O^{\alpha_{\text{CANDUS}}}$ 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 April 13, 2025

OUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME

Greensburg Central Catholic HS Prom

OUR GROUP ID#

10-0356

HOW TO ORDER

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



- From the home page, click I Am Supporting a Fundraiser or click Shop Now in the navigation bar to access our available products.
- 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 to look for specific types of products.

TIP: Use the search bar to look for specific products

FREE GROUND SHIPPING on orders of \$100 or more

or \$7 Flat-Rate Ground Shipping

Must spend \$100 to receive free ground shipping. No minimum purchase necessary to receive \$7 flat-rate ground shipping. Shipping fee is per address. Warm weather packaging and expedited shipping charges are additional.

POPULAR CATEGORIES

BOXED CHOCOLATES



HOLIDAY: EASTER

PRETZELS, SNACKS & NORE



BASHCAKES



DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG UPCOMING JUBILEE EVENTS

MARCH



Ash Wednesday with Bishop Kulick 6 PM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

8 Jubilee Mass for Doctors, Nurses, and Healthcare Workers 11 AM Confessions

Noon Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

19 St. Joseph Day Celebration FREE "Know Him" Events at Christ Our Shepard Center throughout the day. Registration required.

11:45 AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral



Bishop Pilgrimage to Rome begins

Live coverage continues through April 6



Three of our GCC Art Student's Art Work will be on display at Pennsylvania Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition.



The exhibit is online and can be viewed here https://tinyurl.com/2025YouthArtMonthExhibit







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 held on Saturday, March 1st from1:00-4:00pm.





A Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast

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

Mrs. Cathy Collett Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington

Mrs. Janet Arone St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, Indiana

Mrs. Christine Colcombe Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Greensburg

Mrs. Molly Denslinger Mother of Sorrows School, Murrysville

Event Highlights















Bishop Larry J. Kulick

Jennifer Miele

Mrs. Cathy Collett

Mrs. Christine Colcombe Mrs. Molly Denslinger

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

Master of Ceremonies: Jennifer Miele, Chief Development & Stewardship 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: Robin Mull

724-757-0439 rmull@DioceseofGreensburg.org



Reservations: DioceseofGreensburg.org/GoldenAppleAwards



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: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/J4vLmm7zei</u>

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 (<u>tszmed@gcchs.org</u>). 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 <u>FACTS financial aid form</u>. 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 <u>Business</u> <u>Office</u>.



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





GUIDANCE CORNER

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.



Admissions informational briefing on the cadet experience and application process for West Point

When: March 19th - 7:00 PM

Where: Somerset Area High School 645 South Columbia Avenue Somerset, PA 15501

Who: School Counselors, JROTC Staff, students with an open admissions file, students interested in applying to West Point in the future.

This event will be hosted by The Pittsburgh Field Force on behalf of West Point Admissions.

Please RSVP here.

Please direct any questions to <u>admissionsne@westpoint.edu</u>.





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

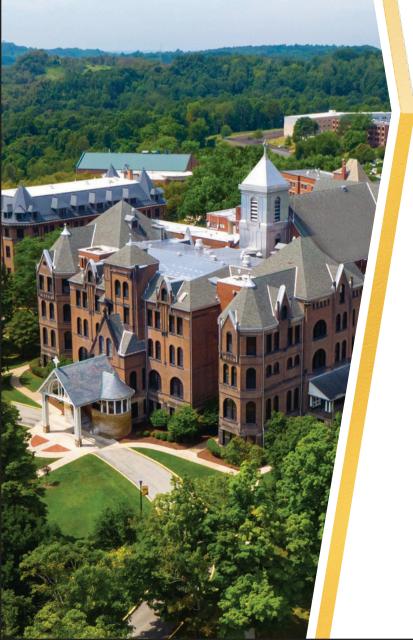
AP English Literature	SEL 151	Topics in Literature: Principles of Literary Analysis and Composition - <u>3 Credits</u>
AP English Language	SEL 106	Composition & Culture Part B - <u>3 Credits</u>
AP Art History	SAP 110	History of Western Art II - <u>3 Credits</u>
CHS Graphic Design	SAR 180	Digital Imaging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

- Online registration: <u>https://www.setonhill.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/high-school-programs/college-in-high-school/</u>
- 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

<mark>3/1</mark> - 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

March 2025

Financial Aid Assistance Webinars



Financial Aid Timeline—Know What To Do When

This 1-hour presentation will provide the starting points and web resources for effective research before, during, and after your student makes postsecondary decisions. The journey will begin before high school and end in the land of understanding choices. One thing is for certain — it is never too early to start planning for a successful higher education experience. Join Suzanne Sparrow, William McGinley, and Daniel Wray of PHEAA's PA Forward and Keystone Loan programs as they guide you along the exciting, and sometimes bumpy, road to planning for an affordable education. Knowing what to expect and to plan for it is the key, as failing to plan, is planning to fail!

Understanding the Offer Letter & Balances

The offer letter, or financing plans, that you receive provide an idea of the costs associated with postsecondary education—but they can be confusing, as each school formats their information differently. In this 1-hour webinar, Suzanne Sparrow, William McGinley, and Daniel Wray of PHEAA will help you understand and navigate through the types of aid that are listed, what you are being offered, and identify the balances and next steps needed so you can make knowledgeable and affordable decisions. Q&A interaction is encouraged.



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STEM CORNER



Summer Health Career Academy at Pitt School of Medicine

July 14-18, 2025

ATTENTION CURRENT FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES!

•Attend this hands-on summer experience where you can interact with health professionals, and learn about different professions •For more information click <u>HERE</u>

Need a Free Tutor?

GCC offers <u>free</u>, after-school <u>math and</u> <u>science</u> 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



<u>National Parks Tour</u>

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- Questions? Email pcullen@gcchs.org

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 <u>click</u> <u>here</u>



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 <u>here</u> for more information about registering

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 <u>pcullen@gcchs.org</u>
- Applications due May 1st at the latest---this will fill quickly



Engineer Your Future Thursday, March 27th

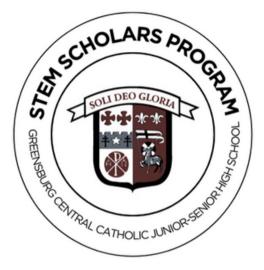
- ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!
- Westinghouse Headquarters in Cranberry Township—must provide your own transportation!
- Discover engineering disciplines, speak with panels of engineers, explore power plant operations!
- LUNCH IS INCLUDED
- Please register <u>HERE</u>.

Lunch and Learn: What is Biomedical Engineering?

Tuesday, April 8th

- Hear from Mr. Elliott Hammersely, Lead Biomedical Engineer at UPMC, about his exciting work in the 3D printing lab!
- Click <u>HERE</u> to register
- Free Chick-Fil-A lunch included!
- Open to students in grades 7-12 during your lunch period!





NEW!! GCC STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-11!

Be sure to check your email (sent on 2-21-25) for information regarding the new STEM Scholars Program that will begin during the 2025-26 school year.

Applications open on April 1st and all applications are due by August 1st! For more information, please click the links below:

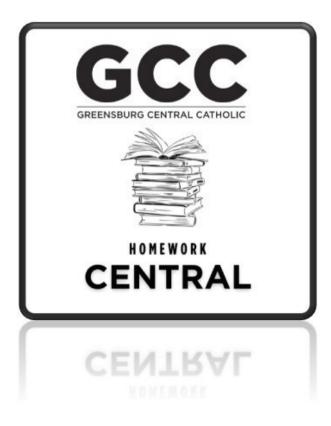
Current 8th & 9th Graders please visit the following link for more information: <u>STEM SCHOLARS INFORMATION AND APPLICATION (Current 8th and</u> <u>9th Graders)</u>

Current 10th & 11th Graders please visit the following link for more information: <u>STEM SCHOLARS INFORMATION AND APPLICATION (Current 10th and 11th graders)</u>



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. <u>pcullen@gcchs.org</u>





STUDENT TRAVEL

PACK YOUR BAGS, WE'RE GOING TO



ENROLL NOW!

TRAVEL IN 2025



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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 togo 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 <u>AND</u>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 <u>completed after</u> <u>May 1st.</u> School physical forms <u>ARE NOT</u> the same as the PIAA physical form. <u>Valid PIAA physicals</u> <u>must be completed and turned in to</u> <u>Miss Virginia to participate in a</u> <u>sport.</u>

PIAA packets can be completed through FinalForms or can be printed from this link <u>http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/do</u> <u>cuments/PIAA_CIPPE_FORMS_S</u> <u>ECTION(S)_1 - 10(1).pdf</u> 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 <u>vtinkey@gcchs.org</u>.

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 <u>rgrant@gcchs.org.</u> Click here for the list of required clearances and instructions on the Diocesan web site: <u>https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.or</u> <u>g/youth-protection/clearances/</u>

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.

Spring Sports Signups

Please register for spring sports through Final Forms



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

Are you interested being part of the WPIAL Championship track & field tradition at GCC? Participating in track & field will help you run faster, jump higher, throw farther, and get stronger. You can signup to be part of the team in Final Forms. You can also email Coach Brewer at <u>brewcrew7@verizon.net</u> to express interest or get more information. The first practice will be on March 3rd after school.

Our boys' and girls' teams will be strong contenders for a WPIAL championship again this season! With 18 different events in track & field, we need large teams to content for a WPIAL title. We need additional athletes in all of our events, but in particular are in need of athletes willing to be part of our throwing program. No experience is necessary in any event. We have excellent coaches that can quickly get you performing at a very competitive level even if you are new to track & field.

Our coaching staff is also willing to work around other demands for your time, and are very supportive of athletes participating in multiple sports or multiple activities.



COMMUNITY CORNER

ARTIFICIAL INTELIGENCE: INDUSTRY INSIGHTS CONFERENCE

Presented by the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics, and Government

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fred M. Rogers Center

A rtificial 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



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 Urick Saint Vincent College



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE



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SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

KALEIDOSCOPE

Snapshots of SVC Performing Arts

A student showcase featuring ensembles and soloists from Saint Vincent College Performing Arts

Monday | March 10, 2025 | 7:30 P.M.

Performing Arts Center Robert S. Carey Student Center

Tickets: Adults \$15 | Children Twelve and Under \$10 | Free with SVC ID

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS ARE INVITED TO

INTRODUCE GIRL TO ENGINEERING

JOIN WESTINGHOUSE WOMEN IN NUCLEAR TO:

DISCOVER ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES

ASK ME ANYTHING

CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES



WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH, 8:45 AM* – 1:00 PM WESTINGHOUSE HEADQUARTERS

1000 WESTINGHOUSE DRIVE, CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA

 SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS ARE INVITED TO

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Join Westinghouse North American Young Generation in Nuclear to:

> DISCOVER ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES

Ask your teacher for details

CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

ASK ME ANYTHING

'Networking

Breakfast @ 8 am

Thursday, March 27th, 8:45 AM* – 1:00 PM Westinghouse Headquarters 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Cranberry township, PA

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Summer Camp 2025

Preparing the Next Generation Quantum Information Science Workforce

Quantum, Computing, Mathematics, & Physics (QCaMP)



Educator Camp

2025 DATES: June 16th - 20th FORMAT: In-Person cohorts (with virtual instruction) TIME: 11:30am to 6:30pm EST Location: Latrobe, Pennsylvania

COST: FREE! Including breakfast, light lunch and up to 24 Act 48 hours

Applications will be open from February 1 - April 14

Discover how the intriguing principles of quantum physics are revolutionizing the world of computing at our week-long summer camp designed for STEM educators! Participants will receive a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of computing while engaging in hands-on activities that explore the often-perplexing phenomena of quantum physics. You'll have the opportunity to apply these concepts to solve computing, sensing, and communication challenges in innovative ways. Throughout the camp, you'll interact with world-class scientists, engineers, and industry leaders, gaining valuable insights and experience in this rapidly growing field to inspire your classrooms and communities. Join us for an unforgettable journey into the future of technology!

Questions? Email us at QCaMP@sandia.gov or visit quantumsystemsaccelerator.org/qcamp

QUANTUM SYSTEMS ACCELERATOR

and apply!



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5K AND 1 MILE WALK

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Where: Norwin High School

Time: Opening activities begin @ 7:00 am Race starts @ 9:00 am (rain or shine) Entertainment and indoor children's activities following the race

Entry Fee:

Prior To March 5, 2025 (early bird rate) Adult - \$25 Child - \$20 (12 & under) Beginning On March 5, 2025 Adult - \$30 Child - \$25 (12 & under) Beginning On April 1, 2025 (after online registration closes) Including Race Day Adult - \$35 Child - \$30 (12 & under)

Register online @

ReflectionsOfGrace.org

The race committee reserves the right to modify this event and/or impose participation requirements, in order to comply with government or event location restrictions



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