



Grandville Calvin
Christian Schools

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GCCS 2019-2020 Theme: "The Wonder of the Story"

Theme Verse: *"O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do." Psalm 71:17*

OCTOBER ART OF THE MONTH: WONDER OF BELONGING

Verse for September and October: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Generosity and Gratitude.

Those are the two words that come to mind for me this week as I reflect on our school community and the partnership between families and Grandville Christian School. The families of our students here and the community we have is incredible. Our community continues to support our school in so many ways, in terms of time given to support at school or through supporting school events and functions, the time spent supporting students in the work they do here at school, and time spent communicating with teachers and staff in common goals we have for our students. The support can be seen in so many other ways as well, ways that are very visual, and ways that are more behind the scenes. We wouldn't be able to do the great things we are able to do without the generosity of support from you.

The gratitude I have for all of our families and the trust and support they have for our school staff is very difficult to put into words in an effective way. Please know that I feel that support and our teachers and staff feel that generosity as well. We hope that as we continue through the year, we are able to continue to partner in Christ here at Grandville Christian School!

In Christ,

Derek Braman

NEW INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 11

CALENDAR NOTE: Our Mid-Winter break is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020 OR it's a Snow Day makeup if necessary.

NEW MUSIC INFORMATION

Calendar update: There is no Talent Show this year. Look for this bi-annual event to return in 2021.

Posh 4 Piano Ensemble in Concert: Join us for a performance on Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 PM located at Fountain Street Church. This event is FREE to the public. Come enjoy Smetana, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Bizet and more at this unique concert for 2 pianos and 8 hands.

BOYS' DAY OUT: Calling all GCCS Boys (Jr. K - 5th grades). Join us on Saturday, November 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, for a Boys' Day Out at 3 Mile Project. [Click here](#) to view and print the registration form.

NICE TWICE DONATIONS: Did you know that you may drop off your gently used items at GCS? There's a drop box just outside the office for small items. Large items will need to be dropped off directly to the store. Thank you for your support!

8th Grade Banquet Fundraiser - Coffee for Christmas... need we say more?

From Monday, October 14 through Friday, November 8th the 8th graders will be selling Coffee and Gourmet Hot Chocolate from Herman's Boy in Rockford. This was a fabulous fundraiser for the banquet last year. We will have something for everyone on your Christmas list with flavors like Squire Blend, Jingle Bell Java, Frosty's Favorite, Sea Salt Caramel Mocha, Vanilla Hazelnut, Butterscotch Toffee and Michigan Cherry in both Regular and Swiss Water Process Decaf. Non-coffee drinkers will love the Gourmet Hot Chocolate with mouth-watering chunks of real chocolate right in the mix. Delivery of the freshly ground coffee and hot chocolate will be on Monday, November 18 between 2:30 and 4:30. Order forms are located in all 3 school offices or click link below to print and hand in to the office. If you have any questions contact Juleen Haartman 560-7445 (haartmanj@gmail.com) or Lisa Jousma 633-0215. [Order form](#)



OCTOBER 28 BUSING: Grandville Public is not in session on October 28 so GPS busing will not be available in the AM or PM on this day.

Bus drivers needed: Substitute drivers for Calvin Christian buses are needed this year. A route driver is needed for next year, 2020-21. Paid training is available. Please contact Terri Postema at tpostema@gccsmi.org if you are interested.

CALENDAR ITEMS

October 18: No School (Conferences)
October 24 & 25: No School (Staff Professional Development)
October 28: **No** GPS AM or PM busing
October 30: Picture Retakes

November 1: Praise and Worship, HS Bands (GCS gym)
November 8: All School Chapel, 9:20 AM (Grades K-12 at the HS)
November 27, 28, 29: No School Thanksgiving Break

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2019-2020 GCCS Printable Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: Grandville Public Schools will not be busing our elementary students home on the following afternoons at 3:30 PM:

December 20
February 20
March 20

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ELEMENTARY NEWS AND EVENTS



Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences for all JK-5th grade students

Tuesday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 17, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

A conference request form came home with your youngest child this past week (one form per family). Please return the form by **Friday, October 4**. Look for a confirmation slip to come home the following week listing your conference time(s). Childcare will be available in the GCS Childcare room Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday morning at the times listed above.

GCS is Hiring!

We are currently accepting applications for a part time Administrative Assistant position in our front office. Applications can be found and completed [HERE](#)

Little Squires Fall Date Night -- Friday, October 18, 2019 at 6:30 - 10:00 pm

GCS Gymnasium
3934 Wilson Ave SW
Grandville, MI 49418

Enjoy a night out on us!!

Families with children age 1-12 are invited to sign up for this donation-based child care service. We ask that you register your child NO LATER than Sunday, October 13th and please have your child eat dinner before arrival, and a minimum donation of \$10 per child to help cover the cost of supplies. 60% of profits will be donated to the GCCS Tuition Assistance Fund. We will be accepting cash or check (made out to Alisha Bruggema).

Your child will enjoy a Fall themed snack, crafts, and group activities while you catch a movie, go out to dinner, or catch up on laundry!

**Please look for the flyer in the GCS office or [click here](#) to view it online.

PARENT CLUB CORNER



PARENT CLUB EVENTS

Looking for a fun night out? Join the GCS community at **Red Robin** (Grandville location, 3722 Potomac Cir., Grandville, MI 49418) on October 17 for a Dine-Out fundraiser.

Red Robin will donate a portion of sales to GCS on this day!

It's hard to believe that Fall Parent-Teacher conferences are less than two weeks away! There are still openings to provide food for our teachers and staff on conference nights (October 15 and 17). Follow the link below for the sign up genius if you can help in this way!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BA5A628A6F85-parentteacher1>

PARENT CLUB IS ON FACEBOOK! Follow us [here](#) to stay up to date with news, events, and volunteer opportunities at GCS.

KEY CARD BOOKS FOR SALE: Key card books are available in the office to purchase for \$25.00 These make great gifts and offer many discounts around Grand Rapids! Click here (<https://qrkeycard.com>) to view the new book. The proceeds go to our GCS Parent Club.

MUSIC NOTES



[Click here](#) to view the Music Calendar of Events for the 2019-2020 school year.

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"Playing music is the brains' equivalent of a full body work out. Playing a musical instrument engages practically every area of the brain at once, especially the visual, auditory, and motor cortices." Dr Anita Collins, Neuromusical Educator

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND WAYS TO HELP IN OUR COMMUNITY



GET INVOLVED AT GCS

We know that parents are busy so we offer a variety of ways to get involved at GCS: You can volunteer at school or from home, during the school day or during evenings or weekends. Those who can't commit time can help out by purchasing items to celebrate the teachers during staff appreciation week or to provide meals for the staff during parent/teacher conferences. Please [click here](#) to view the volunteer opportunities.

LIBRARY: The library is looking for parent volunteers during class times. Please contact Janna Slot (jslot@gccsmi.org) with any questions. Please [click here](#) to view the opportunities and sign up.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!: We are in need of additional volunteers for playground duty before school in the morning. It is truly one of the easiest (and FUN!) ways to give 30 minutes of your time to our students! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nannies... anyone can do this! You can volunteer once a month, every day, or anything in between. Our greatest need right now is on Wednesdays and Fridays, but *any help is appreciated!*

*Please contact Jill Francisco (jfrancisco@gccsmi.org) for more information and to see how you can help.

HOT LUNCH NEWS

To set up your hot lunch account visit www.sendmoneytoschool.com. If you

need your student's ID number, contact the office. Please make sure you check your account balance and keep it updated for hot lunch or send money in.



If you have specific questions, please contact Whitney TeBos in Grandville Food Service at wtebos@gpsbullogs.org or 616-254-6404.

[Click here](#) to view the website and monthly menu(s).

HOT LUNCH MENU ALLERGY CONCERNS: Please contact Jeff Ward, our GPS Food Service Director, if you have any questions or concerns relating to menu items that your child may be allergic to. His number is (616) 254-6525, and he is more than happy to discuss allergy policies and procedures with our hot lunch program.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: We love to share what's happening in our classrooms! Search for [Grandville Christian School](#) on Facebook to see more!

ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA PLANS: GCS keeps a detailed [Allergy Action Plan](#) and [Asthma Action Plan](#) for each student who may need one. If your child is at risk of having an allergic reaction or an asthma attack, and you have not filled out one of these forms, please do so ASAP. Copies are also kept in the office.

MEDICATION INFORMATION: If your child takes prescription or over-the-counter medication that needs to be administered during school hours, and you have not yet filled out a [Medical Authorization Form](#), please fill one out and bring it to the office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CRAFT SHOW: The Covenant Christian Craft Show will be held Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We have curated over 100 booths of handmade items for you to shop from! Also be sure to stop by the bake sale to pick up something delicious for Sunday coffee. The lunch ladies also have a yummy menu planned, donuts and cinnamon rolls for breakfast and chicken salad croissants or pizza for main course with pie, gourmet cookies and pumpkin rolls to choose from for dessert. Address is 1401 Ferndale, Grand Rapids.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: For boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th! (Teams must be 4 people, of same grade and same gender.) Tournament date is November 2, 2019 at Heritage Christian School for 3rd-8th graders. Registration is open until October 11. [Click here](#) for the registration form or it can be found at www.heritagepschool.com under the Forms tab. We would love to have you join us!