

May 19, 2023

# COMMUNIQUE

MONTHLY

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“Inspiring students to impact the world for Jesus Christ through an excellent educational experience from a Biblical worldview.”

# SUCCESSFUL SPRING EVENTS

Special thanks to Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. McBride for their direction, teaching and leadership this year. The elementary musical and spring concert last week were very well done and our students showed exceptional talent!

Thank you also to the following:

Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Stanbro, Mrs. Moore, Miss Romeo, Mrs. Froggatt, Mrs. Isaac & Mr. Behr - set up/decorations

All 6th-12th grade students - cleaning and chairs

Mrs. Teeters - amazing fruit costumes

Miss Sheri - door monitor

Alan McBride - sound system set up

Miss Reeve - running the sound system and helping with students

Miss Erickson - scheduling rehearsals and helping with students

Miss Merritt - help with students

Mr. Dill and Sra. Schrock - instrumental accompaniment

All the parents and students that helped with tear down after the concert.



**ELEMENTARY MUSICAL** The students in grades K4 through 5 at GCS did an amazing job in their performance of the musical, L.O.S.T. on Thursday, May 11th in their morning and evening showings.



**SPRING CONCERT** Friday, May 12 was a great night of acknowledging our super volunteers and honoring hard working students at GCS, as well as beautiful performances from the bands and choirs.

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## JR. HIGH HOUSE COMPETITION

**Standout Student** - This award goes to the student who earned the most points for their house in a given month.

April - Mason Green

**"Teacher on Fire" Award** - This award goes to the teacher who awarded the most house points to students in a given month.

April - Mr. Stanbro







## MONDAY IS FIELD DAY

Students will need to dress (appropriately) for the sun, wear and bring sunscreen, make sure to have their water bottle, etc. We will provide additional water, popsicles, and sports drinks as needed.

We are eating outside, so parents who are sending lunches should make sure lunches do not require microwaves.

Each class will be outside for about 2 1/2 hours (K4-2 in the morning; 3-5 in the afternoon).



## CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

On Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 P.M., Grace Christian School will proudly host the graduation ceremony for the class of 2023:



*Samuel Coleman Pace*



*Daijah Lenay Strickland*



*Alexa Ray Wilson*

**\*All middle school and high school band students will be expected to play for the graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 25th.**

## MOVING UP CEREMONY



Grace Christian School ends the school year with a Moving Up Ceremony for students in grades K4-5. Teachers give a summary of the year and each student is honored with a Christian Character award, selected by their homeroom teachers, and promoted to the next grade level. This heart-warming ceremony will take place on the last day of school, Friday, June 2nd at 8:30 a.m.\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FROM 9:00 TO 8:30.**

# SUMMER BUILDING AND GROUNDS PROJECTS

- GaGa Ball Removal and Replacement
  - o Current structure has been re-re-reworked and is done. If you want the old wood, ask.
- 9 Square Playground Structure: Custom Build by the playground
- Install 2 Disc Golf baskets by the playground.
- Parking Lot Phase 2
  - o June 12 will begin removal of asphalt we're replacing with concrete.
  - o Will be digging a trench for elementary drain and power line to the sign.
  - o To be determined by donation: Light poles on either side of entryway.
- Beginning in August: Small Pavilion and picnic tables to aide in the Agriculture class by the playground.
- Landscaping our grass between the parking lot and school: Ideas & funding welcome.
- As always, mowing help appreciated, even a few hours at a time.



**Building and Grounds: Next meeting June 5 at 5:30 P.M.**



## THRIFT STORE UPDATE

- We continue to pursue a lease for a permanent building.
- We will have a rummage sale June 16 & 17.
- The rummage sale remainders will supply the thrift store.
- Donations will begin to be received June 2-15 during our summer hours (*see page 8*).

**Reclaimed**  
By Grace **THRIFT STORE**

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

**ATTENTION ALL 6th-12th GRADE GIRLS**

Grace Christian School is hosting a summer volleyball camp!

**July 17-21    9-11:30am    Cost: \$20**

Sign up at the door on Monday, July 17th.

Grace Christian School is located at 325 N. M-140 Watervliet, MI 49098 (4 miles south of I-94)

Volleyball alumni are welcome to help Coach Williamson run this camp. If you are available to help, please email [bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com](mailto:bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com).



Grace Christian Celebrating 50 Years in 2024



50,000 **\$20** donations in 50 DAYS

MAY 19 - JULY 7

***SPREAD THE WORD!***

Coming together for Christian Education:

- ***STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP***
- ***SCHOOL SECURITY***
- ***TEACHER ENRICHMENT***
- ***FINE ARTS ROOM***

Everyone helping a little means a lot!

Make your tax deductible donation @ [GCSPatriots.com/donate](https://GCSPatriots.com/donate)

**AT THE END OF THE 50 IN 50, THOSE WHO DONATED\*  
WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING TO WIN \$20,000\*\*!**

\*1 entry per \$20 gift

\*\*donated by private donor

# SUMMERCARE PROGRAM

The Grace Christian SummerCare Program is designed to incorporate fun, educational activities with the need for daycare for working parents. Every week a new theme will be explored by the students and crafts, activities, and field trips will help to enhance these themes. Students will still have time to have free play and rest, along with lunch and snacks within the daily schedule. Bible will still be an integrated part of the program with a Bible devotional time every day. Field trips, both on campus and off campus, are scheduled for Wednesdays and are included in the cost of care. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided with juice, however lunches are unavailable during the summer, so packed lunches from home are required.

## COST

Weekly: \$175 for the first child, \$125 for each additional child<sup>1,2</sup>

Prepayment for the whole summer: \$1,750 for child 1 and \$1,250 for each additional child

Please email any questions to [bcorwin@gcspatriots.com](mailto:bcorwin@gcspatriots.com)

1 Costs include field trips and snacks

2 Daily rate is available upon request if space is available.



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- Script can be done 100% on the RaiseRight App.
  - ◇ Sets up instant purchase instant use.
  - ◇ Sets up with your bank account.
  - ◇ GCS School Code is **46592DDD162**
- 75% of the earns applied to your tuition; 25% supports school, if payment is made at school.
- Mr. Williamson or Chris Leach would be happy to help set you up in the different ways you can use this program: [bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com](mailto:bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com) , [cleach@gcspatriots.com](mailto:cleach@gcspatriots.com)







**\$80/golfer includes:**  
**Snacks & Lunch**  
**Chance @ Door Prizes**

# ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Sponsored by:



**PRIZES FOR: Long Drive, Closest to Hole, Longest Putt &  
Best Approach Shot**

**Saturday June 3rd**  
**Indian Lake Hills Golf Course**  
**7:30 A.M. Check-In / 8:30 A.M. Tee Off**

**Questions?**  
**Contact Outing Director**  
**Marshall Downs**  
**773.807.3930 or**  
**[mardowns@gcspatriots.com](mailto:mardowns@gcspatriots.com)**



**[Register HERE!](#)**

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Just because the school year ends, doesn't mean the school is abandoned!

The office will be open Monday - Thursday, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.\*

Please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by during these times!

We will be happy to serve you!

*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3 - 7.*



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## BUSINESS BOOSTERS

When you buy from or use the services of one of these businesses, they give a portion of your purchase as a gift to GCS (but only if the receipt is turned into the GCS office).

### *Featured Boosters of the Month:*



Your intelligent battery supplier  
Serving customers since 1999.

#### **Zbattery.com (5%)**

Batteries, flashlights, chargers  
1826 Hilltop Rd., St. Joseph  
(269) 983-7155



#### **Perennial Accents**

Every purchase made at Perennial Accents can earn 3%. Just mention at the register that you want your purchase to go toward the Grace Christian School of Watervliet!  
220 State Street  
(269)983-5791



#### **M&W Tire**

Every time you make a purchase and mention Grace Christian School of Watervliet, 5% comes back to our school.  
2216 M-139 Benton Harbor  
(269) 983-7155



#### **Great Lakes Truck & Auto Repair (10%)**

Full Truck and auto repair facility  
2159 Plaza Dr., Benton Harbor  
(269) 983-7155

### **2022-23 GCEA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Ben Williamson, President

Mrs. Shirl Bontrager

Mrs. Whitney Tinker, Vice President

Mr. Marshall Downs

Mr. Trever Meachum, Treasurer

Mr. Joel Layman

Mrs. Lila Chandler, Secretary

Mr. Nathan Hutchins

The next GCEA Board meeting will take place on Monday, May 22 at 6:30 P.M.



# GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2022-2023 School Year\*

### JULY

- 14 Mission Trip Meeting  
for Grades 10-12

### AUGUST

- 25 Back to School Night, 6:00pm  
29 First Day of School  
Quarter 1 Begins

### SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 No School - Labor Day  
7-9 SEW Retreat (Grades 9-12)  
15 Picture Day  
23 Distance Learning/  
Teacher Work Day  
29-30 No School - Professional  
Development

### OCTOBER

- 12 PSAT Testing  
19 Patriots in Action/Work-a-Thon  
20 Distance Learning/  
Teacher Work Day  
21 Grandparents Day, Half Day,  
11:30 Dismissal - No Aftercare  
25 Senior Parent Night, 6:00 pm  
28 End of Quarter 1  
31 No School - Teacher Record Day

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Quarter 2 Begins  
15 No School -  
Parent/Teacher Conferences,  
11:00am - 7:00pm  
23-25 No School - Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- 5 Distance Learning/  
Teacher Work Day  
19-22 Christmas Spirit Week  
23-1/6 No School - Christmas Break

### JANUARY

- 9 School Resumes  
16 No School- MLK Jr. Day  
18-19 Secondary Mid-Term Exams  
End of Quarter 2  
20 No School - Teacher Record Day  
23 Quarter 3 Begins

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Distance Learning/  
Teacher Work Day  
20-22 No School - Mid-Winter Break  
22 Teacher In-Service

### MARCH

- 7 Regular school day\*  
10-11 ACSI Music Festival  
14 GCEA Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
17 Alumni Game  
24 End of Quarter 3  
Kindergarten Program  
26 Mission Trip Begins  
27 No School - Teacher  
Record Day  
28 Quarter 4 Begins  
30 History Fair  
Open House

### APRIL

- 1 Mission Trip Returns  
3-7 No School - Spring Break  
10 Regular School Day\*  
12 Spring PSAT (Grades 8-10)  
15 Annual Benefit Auction  
17 M-Step Testing Begins  
(Grades 3-8, and 11)

### MAY

- 4 Secondary Field Trip to Watch  
Detroit Tigers Game  
5 Junior/Senior Banquet  
11 Elementary Musical  
12 Spring Concert & Secondary  
Awards Ceremony  
17 Seniors' Last Day  
18-23 Senior Retreat  
22 Elementary Field Day  
24 Graduation Rehearsal  
25 Graduation Ceremony, 7pm  
26-29 No School, Memorial Day  
31-6/1 Final Exams, Half Day (6th-12th)

### JUNE

- 2 Moving Up Ceremony (Y5K-5th)  
Half Day, No Aftercare  
End of Quarter 4

**EARLY CARE** 7:00 - 7:30 am

**SCHOOL DAY** 8:00 - 3:00 pm

**AFTER CARE** 3:15 - 5:30 pm

**OFFICE HOURS** 7:30 - 3:30 pm

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*\*This calendar is subject to change. Please check back for updates in each Communiqué. Thank you!*