

Special

Patriot Preview

JULY EDITION

VOLLEYBALL CAMP HAS STARTED AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Coach Williamson is excited about the upcoming volleyball season and looking forward to seeing you dial in your skills! Again, we have Coach Jody Galens leading our volleyball camp and she will provide a high level of expertise. Please take advantage! We look forward to having as many of you as possible come to our volleyball camp this week. The cost is \$20 dollars. If that is an obstacle, let Coach Williamson know so that he can try to find a sponsor for you. This camp is also open to friends that are not GCS affiliated. See flyer on page 3 for details.

MS VOLLEYBALL COACH NEEDED. GCS is looking for a volunteer middle school volleyball coach! The season begins on August 26. If you are interested, please contact Athletic Director, Kip Wellin at 574.303.4852.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE. Please see the following page for an important note from the Business Office.

NEW TEACHING STAFF. We are pleased to announce that we have filled all of the elementary teaching positions for the 2024-25 school year and we look forward to introducing them to you in the August Communiqué, where we will feature a full introduction for each new staff member.

OPEN POSITION. We are in need of a full time PE teacher for elementary and secondary. We will be hiring through a shared-time program with Watervliet Public School. A State of Michigan teacher certification is very helpful, but not necessary at this point. Some experience is preferred. If interested, please contact icolford@gcspatriots.com to request an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS. The 2024-25 school year starts on August 26, but you won't want to miss the two special events that take place before that!

August 12 **Secondary Information Night** for 6th - 12th grade students and parents, 6:00 pm

August 22 **Back to School Night** for ALL students and parents, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

WWW.GCSPATRIOTS.ORG Be sure to visit our website regularly for updated calendars, important school information, upcoming events and more! School supply lists are available on our website under "TOOLS" or click [HERE](#) for a direct link. Check back for updates often as our new teachers prepare for the school year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY. Help get the school building ready for the school year! Starting the first week of August, students in middle and high school are encouraged to come during business hours to earn service hours and make our building beautiful.

WALK-IN CLINICS AND DENTAL SCREENINGS. Preschoolers, incoming Kindergarten and 7th graders need updated immunizations before school begins. The Berrien County Health Department is holding one more walk-in clinic for school aged children on July 30 from 10am - 6pm at 1205 N. Front St in Niles, or you can make an appointment for immunizations or waivers today by calling 269.926.7121. Kindergarteners will also need an oral/dental screening completed by a dental professional before the first day of school.

JULY BOARD MEETING. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29 at 6:30pm.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS. The Main Office is open Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am - 2:00pm.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year at Grace Christian School. We are looking forward to working with all of you and having your children attend GCS. The Grace Christian Staff is excited to serve you to the very best of our ability and we welcome those that are new to the GCS family.

Your invoices have been created and you should have received them. If you have not received an invoice for this year or there was not a payment arrangement set up for you, please let us know.

It is important that you keep up with your payment plan. If you are on a 12-month plan, the first payment is due in July.

Due to the financial issues we have been dealing with, we will be implementing our financial aid policy very strictly. If you do not pay your monthly amount by the time the next invoice is sent out (within thirty days) you will receive a phone call from our office. If you have not paid by the time the second month's invoice is sent, we will call you and send you a letter. You will have two weeks to catch up or make a revised payment arrangement, or your child will not be allowed to return to school.

This is not to say we won't work with extenuating circumstances, but we have to be able to sustain our payroll and expenses. Your tuition is vital to this.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please call either Chris Leach or myself. Our summer hours are Monday - Thursday, 10am - 2pm for calls and business. Chris is here only Monday and Wednesday, but I am always glad to work with you!

Have a blessed rest of the summer!

Ms. Sheri



VOLLEYBALL CAMP

ATTENTION ALL 6TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS

GCS is hosting a Summer Volleyball Camp

JULY 22-26

9:00AM - 12:00PM

COST: \$20

Sign up at the door on Monday, July 22nd

Coach Galens and Coach Williamson