



# Patriot Preview

FEB 2 - FEB 6



**SECONDARY SNOW DAYS.** Secondary students and parents: Please read the letter from Mrs. Colford on page 2 regarding future snow days for the current school year. Thank you!

**HOMECOMING WEEK!** Get ready for a fun week of GCS School Spirit days leading up to Friday's big event (see pages 3 - 4 for dress up day themes)! There will be a pep assembly Friday afternoon. Join us Friday evening for Homecoming where this year's King and Queen will be crowned. Our Varsity boys will play against Countryside Academy at 6:00, and an alumni game will follow. You won't want to miss it!

**GCS ALUMNI!** Come to GCS for Homecoming next Friday! We would love to fill the gym with as many Patriots as possible! Watch the Varsity boys' game, stay for the alumni game and catch up with other alumni. We will have hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, popcorn and more available in concessions! Games start at 6:00 pm.

**\$5 BAG SALE.** The Reclaimed By Grace thrift store is having a sale on clothing today and tomorrow. Only \$5 per bag! *Located at 7053 Red Arrow Hwy in Coloma. Hours are 10 AM - 5 PM.*

**AUCTION HELP NEEDED.** If you have a few hours to spare, Mrs. Dill could use help calling businesses to ask for donations, as well as picking up donations from donors in your community. Every little bit helps! Contact [rdill@gcspatriots.com](mailto:rdill@gcspatriots.com) to learn more.

**GCS SPIRIT WEAR.** Grace Christian has its very own spirit wear available! Click on this link for shirts, jackets, shorts, pants and more: <https://hudsonprintco.chipply.com/GraceChristian>. This is the ONLY legitimate site to order your GCS wear.

**SCHOOL STORE.** SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall featuring over 300 well-known national merchants. When family and friends make everyday purchases from their favorite merchants through SchoolStore.com, our school earns money. Each merchant designates a percentage of the purchases back to the school. Remember to do your Christmas shopping through [SchoolStore.com](http://SchoolStore.com).

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Jan 30** JV Girls Basketball @ Marian, 6:00 pm  
V Boys Basketball @ Covert, 6:00 pm  
V Girls Basketball @ Marian, 7:30 pm

**Jan 31** MS Girls Basketball @ Watervliet, 9:00 am

**Feb 2** MS Girls Basketball vs Countryside, HOME, 5:00 pm  
V Girls Basketball @ OLL vs ML, 7:45 pm

**Feb 3** V Girls Basketball @ OLL vs Coloma, 6:00 pm  
V Boys Basketball @ New Buffalo, 7:30 pm

**Feb 5** JV Girls Basketball @ OLL vs Red Arrow, 5:30 pm  
V Girls Basketball @ OLL vs Red Arrow, 7:00 pm

**Feb 6** Homecoming Day  
V Boys Basketball vs Countryside, HOME, 6:00 pm  
Alumni Game to follow!





*COLOSSIANS 2:3*

*"In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

Dear Students and Parents,

It looks like we made it through January, but still have some winter weather ahead of us. While we are hopeful for smoother winter weather to come, there is still the possibility of snow days as winter continues. As always, student safety is our top priority. We realize our population covers many counties and not every circumstance is the same. If school is scheduled but you do not feel safe traveling from where you live, we encourage you to remain at home.

One of the benefits of our hybrid learning model is that students are able to continue their work from home without falling behind. With several snow days already behind us, our facilitators have adjusted coursework to keep everyone on track with a reasonable workload and still finish by the end of the school year. Moving forward, it will become increasingly difficult to do this in a way that allows students to do their best work, especially for students who are unable or choose not to work from home on snow days.

For this reason, **all future snow days will be designated as e-learning days for secondary students.** This approach allows us to keep learning moving forward, as well as continue to prioritize safety.

Participation on a snow day remains a family decision, as students do technically work at their own pace. However, students do have end-of-year goals, and choosing not to complete work on e-learning days may make those goals more difficult to reach. For accountability, any missed work will need to be completed upon return, similar to work missed during a regular absence.

#### **Middle School:**

Middle school students are able to complete most (if not all) of their work from home, even if workbooks are left at school. With the exception of tests and quizzes:

- Math and literature work can be completed from home
- Science, history, and grammar videos, readings, and writing assignments are accessible online

If workbooks are left at school, students should focus on learning the material, so they are prepared to complete workbook questions and move forward upon returning.

#### **High School:**

High school students should complete their assigned lessons in Ignitia, excluding assessments. Please email Mrs. Corwin as needed to unblock assignments. Lessons following assessments can be unblocked so students may continue working in each subject.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you have questions or need clarification. Thank you for partnering with us to keep students safe, supported, and learning as we navigate the remainder of winter.

**Leslie Colford, M. Ed.**

*Principal*

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# HOME COMING

## SEUSS Week

### Monday Many Color Monday

(Wear as many colors as possible)

### Tuesday Twin Day

(Dress like a friend (or 2, or 3, or more)

### Wednesday Wacky Wednesday

(Wear a wacky hat & crazy socks)

### Thursday Tile Theme Thursday

(Dress to represent your class tile)

### Friday Fired Up Friday (Blue & Gold)

(Show your school spirit! Go all out!)

February

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>



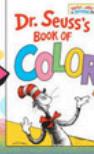
MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

### MANY COLOR MONDAY

WEAR AS MANY COLORS AS POSSIBLE!



INSPIRED BY THESE  
DR. SEUSS BOOKS



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

### TWIN DAY

DRESS LIKE A FRIEND  
(OR 2, OR 3, OR MORE)



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DR. SEUSS BOOK



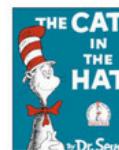
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

### WACKY WEDNESDAY

WEAR A FUN  
OR  
SILLY HAT



WEAR CRAZ  
MISMATCH  
OR FUNNY  
SOCKS



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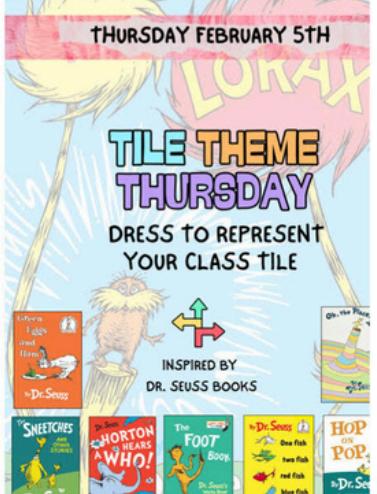
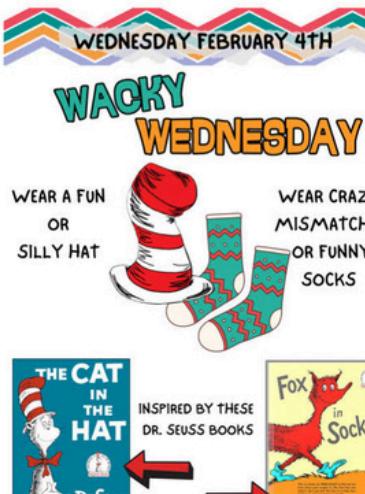
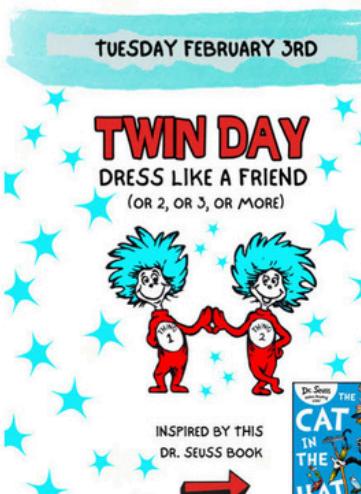
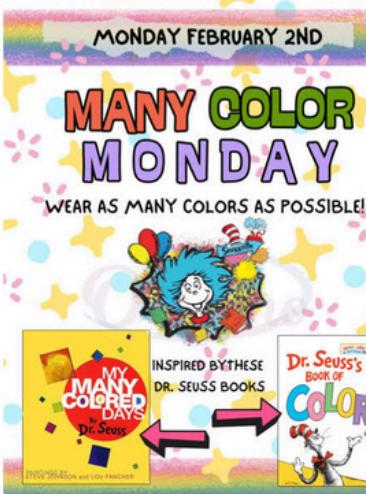
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

### TILE THEME THURSDAY

DRESS TO REPRESENT  
YOUR CLASS TILE



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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

# FIRED UP FRIDAY

SHOW YOUR  
SCHOOL SPIRIT!  
DRESS IN  
BLUE & GOLD

