



# Patriot Preview

FEB 23- FEB 27



**ILLNESS.** This has been a short but rough week at GCS with several staff and 25-28% of our student body unable to attend school due to illness. At school, we have been sanitizing, disinfecting and encouraging handwashing. We encourage you to rest and take good care of yourselves and your families this weekend so that we can have a strong start to next week. Please join us as we pray for those who are struggling during this cold and flu season.

**VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS!** For the first time in ten years, GCS will send a varsity boys basketball team to a district game! Our Patriots are excited to play at Lawrence on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm against Countryside Academy, the same team that they narrowly beat at Homecoming a few weeks ago. Fans are always greatly appreciated, so please plan to come out in your blue and gold and cheer on our boys! Tickets **MUST** be purchased online prior to admittance. [Order Here!](#) *No other form of payment will be accepted at the gate.*

**CHILI/SOUP COOK-OFF.** The senior class is hosting a delicious, family-friendly fundraiser event on the evening of Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>! *See page 3 for details.*

**DONATE TO THE MISSION TEAM.** If you would like to donate items and/or help send the Mission Team to Guatemala, check out the flyer on page 3 for more information!

**CLASS AUCTION BASKETS.** The Annual Benefit Auction is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>. As with every year, we are asking families to help by bringing in donation items for class auction baskets. The basket themes are listed by grade level on page 2. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to give toward our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**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.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 23** Hearing/Vision Screening (Preschool & TK)  
MS Girls Basketball @ Our Lady, 6:30pm  
Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Feb 25** MS Girls Basketball @ New Buffao, 5:00pm  
V Boys Basketball @ Lawrence vs Countryside, 7:00pm
- Feb 26** JV Girls Basketball @ Bridgman, 6:00pm  
V Girls Basketball @ Bridgman, 7:30pm
- Mar 2** MS Girls Basketball @ Countryside Academy, 5:00pm
- Mar 6** Kindergarten Program, Doors open at 5:00pm
- Mar 7** Open House, 10:00am- 1:00pm  
Chili/Soup Cook-off, 4:30 - 8:00pm
- Mar 13-14** ACSI Music Festival (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> band students)



# CLASS AUCTION BASKETS

Preschool 3 & 4

SPA DAY

TK

ART

Kindergarten

GARDENING

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

GAME NIGHT

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

FAMILY SUNDAE KIT

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

BEACH

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

CAMPING & GRILLING

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

GIFT CARDS

High School 1

MOVIE NIGHT

High School 2

SPORTS



GCS Class of 2026 presents

# THE 4TH ANNUAL CHILI/SOUP COOK-OFF!

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH 4:30PM-8:00PM  
 IN THE CAFETERIA  
 FREE ENTRIES! FREE TASTES!  
 OPEN GYM AVAILABLE!

ENTER A CHILI/SOUP/DESSERT TO SHOW OFF YOUR CULINARY SKILLS! VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES BY DONATION. WINNING CHILI/SOUP AND DESSERT WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

To enter by March 5th, send an email to [mrutgers@gcspatriots.com](mailto:mrutgers@gcspatriots.com)

**Help  
 our  
 2026  
 Mission  
 Team**

**Support  
 the  
 Class of  
 2026**

**MISSION TEAM DONATIONS NEEDED**

**Our mission trip to Guatemala is just one month away!**

Thank you to those who have partnered through prayer and financial gifts! Our team is getting excited to head out very soon. We are still soliciting support in these final weeks - below are ways you can help.

- Some team members are still raising financial support. If you'd like to help out with their balance, please call our office. 
- Each team member (14) will need: Work gloves, safety goggles, carpenter pencils, utility knife, 25 in. tape measure, hammer, and canvas work apron (waist). If you're able to help with any of these items please drop them by our office or see Mrs. Colford.

☎ 269-463-5545

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Grace Christian School

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP & PROGRAM

Friday, March 6, 2026



Interested in Kindergarten programs available at GCS? Join us for our Kindergarten Program and Kindergarten Roundup.

### SCHEDULE:

OPEN HOUSE 5:00 - 6:00

- ✓ Kindergarten classrooms open
- ✓ Meet our teachers
- ✓ Enrollment information available

PROGRAM 6:15 - 7:15

- ✓ Join us in the commons as our students present a short program highlighting what they've been learning this year.



**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

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Email

[info@gcspatriots.com](mailto:info@gcspatriots.com)

Phone

269-463-5545

PS - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE

For over 50 years, GCS has partnered with families to shape hearts and minds through Christ-centered education. Experience our family-style community, small class sizes, and strong academics guided by a faithful, dedicated staff. We invite you to come experience the Grace difference!



Saturday,  
March 7, 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

325 N. M-140  
Watervliet, MI 49098



- ✓ Meet our staff
- ✓ Visit classrooms
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ View our Science Fair displays



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