

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Home of the Patriots

APRIL 2026

IMPACT



Inspiring students to **IMPACT** the world for Jesus Christ through an excellent educational experience from a Biblical worldview



Reclaimed
By Grace

THIS EDITION:

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

These words have given many presidents trouble as they try to spin an ongoing problem as completed. For the Grace Christian Guatemala Team we can boldly claim “Mission Accomplished.” Christians around the world have recently celebrated similar words: “It is finished.” Jesus came to Earth on mission to “Seek and save the lost.” Atonement was paid on the cross for you and me. With the “mission complete”, was that the end of it?



No! Not at all. Three days later Jesus is called the First Fruits of what is to come in the resurrection. The full effect of Jesus’ mission is yet to be realized. So too for this missions trip. We do not know what all God will accomplish through the simple work of building a humble home for a thankful family.

Thank-you for your part in supporting, praying, and encouraging the team as they served. We pray that this home will have the same impact that a young man shared with our group while we were at a coffee house that Friday. This young man (early 20s or late teens) came out to our group to practice his English. He recognized then that we were a Casas group, the local group that builds homes. He went on to share that his family was a recipient of a Casas home 10 years earlier. He tried to describe how impactful that was for him and his family.



Many times in life we wonder if what we do matters. Every now and then God gives us glimpses of the silent effect of our works or the works of others that have gone before. One day I believe we will stand before God and the books will be opened (Malachi 3:16-18) and it will be revealed what was accomplished for the Kingdom of God (I Corinthians 3:10-15).

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58

Benjamin Williamson
Administrator

**Visit our [Facebook page](#)
for Mission Trip videos!**

WEST MICHIGAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

It is very important for you to hear about the tax credit that is coming in 2027. The information below has been shared before. If this is new to you, please take time to read it.

Over the course of January and February I have established a nonprofit called West Michigan Student Scholarship (WMSS). This is the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) necessary for the Federal tax credit available to participating states in 2027. The administrators of Howardsville Christian School, Heritage Christian Academy, and River of Life Christian School are the board members of this new organization. We are working together to help make Christian Education better and more affordable.



However, we are at the mercy of the State Governor opting into the Federal program. Therefore, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for you all to be talking about this and contacting your local representatives and reaching out to both the Democratic <https://act.michigandems.com/a/contact-us> and Republican <https://mi.gop/contact-us/> parties. Both of them want your money, but the links offer you an opportunity to share what you're concerned about. The question is simple: Will your party's candidate for governor opt in to receive the Education Freedom Tax Credit starting in 2027?

Review the Basics:

Step 1 is to convince both parties that opting in is best for Michigan's students. This may be best done through prayer, but we should be blameless in our effort and reach out.

Starting in 2027 the \$1,700 Tax credit: Either you donate that to the WMSS or you pay it to the federal government. No matter how you slice it, \$1700 is going somewhere other than to you. The federal government is giving you an option to give to students instead of them. When you donate to WMSS, you put it in the Patriot fund.

WMSS will issue scholarships to students who attend Grace. The amount awarded will be dependent on the number of people we can get to give their tax bill to WMSS. My goal the first year is 1,000 people, which will generate \$1.7 million in scholarship funds. That is more than our entire current budget. Next year's goal is to double the number of participants. We need to take advantage of this opportunity while it presents itself.

I will be talking about this often as the year marches forward. Even to new people I meet I say, "Have you heard about this new tax credit coming in 2027?", and I share about what it can mean for my school and that they could be part of making our school more affordable to students. We all need to get this good news out!

Benjamin Williamson
Administrator

UPDATING SCHOOL SIGN

The ultimate goal is to move our sign to the center of our property and raise it above the horizon of M-140. Our entrance would then be marked by decorative yet functioning street lights that help people find our driveway in the winter. Often times the ultimate goal is beset by overwhelming demands. Therefore, it is our intent to accomplish this in phases.

Phase I: Update the current sign with an LED display. This would involve either incorporating the current housing or eliminating the current housing, depending on several factors. This will also include running electric to the location. We will also lay the groundwork or actually install driveway lighting.



Interlude between Phases: Bring in fill dirt to build up the land and elevate the new sign location; build the iron framework to hang LED; build the cabinet for the permanent back-lit sign; acquire the proper landscape materials.

Phase II: Install the new system; either remove the old system or reinstall the original stone sign we have by our flag pole in the current sign's location as a monument.

We are currently researching LED options. Contact Ben Williamson if you have a recommendation: bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com or 269.463.5545

SOLAR POWER

I made an argument for solar power several years ago at my church and have more recently repeated it while serving on the school board. The argument has only gained strength over the years. We have installed more efficient lighting and appliances to bring down the cost, but only to the benefit of the electric company, as our bill seems to only increase. I do not expect a change in that, and I'm proposing that we take that variable out of the budgeting equation.

We have no control over the price of electricity and we cannot operate without it. We can, however, produce it. The government has not restricted that freedom yet. To have a third party install solar panels on our campus, we are looking at a number north of \$100,000. We and our supporters are not able to tackle a number like that. Fortunately, solar panels can be installed in blocks. We can put down \$10,000 worth of solar equipment per year and have that \$10,000 worth of solar power working for us as we connect with people who see the value of producing our own electricity. In time, we will eventually eliminate our \$2,500 monthly electric bill.

The thought is to start with a simple ground mount system in the field north of the parking lot and seeing it grow over time. Like the concrete and coming sign, we would cut significant expenses by handling the installation ourselves. If this interests you, or if you have experience with solar equipment, please contact Ben Williamson to have a conversation about it: email bwilliamson@gcspatriots.com or call the school at 269.463.5545.



ATHLETICS

Many of our student athletes are at it again, with baseball and soccer seasons in full swing. The Lakers and Patriots come together to make up very competitive teams. Come on out and cheer them on!

BE SURE TO CHECK THE [ATHLETIC CALENDAR](#) FOR COMPLETE GAME SCHEDULES!



LEAGUE OF MIRACLES

GCS was pleased to open its doors to a very special group of kids and adults during basketball season, the League of Miracles.

This picture was taken on the last day of the season after a fun game with some of our Patriots. Big thanks to all that participated in this incredible opportunity!

PARENTS



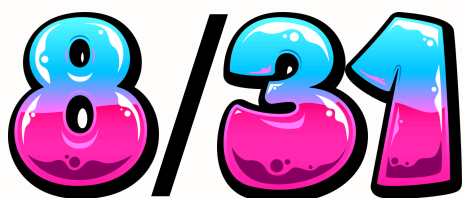
ORDER MAY LUNCHES TODAY!

Parents, please place an order for your children's May lunches as soon as possible. All orders are **due April 15th**.

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2026-27

If you know a family that may be interested in sending a student to GCS next year, here's our enrollment process:

- Visit GCS Patriots.org
- Find **Admissions** in the menu
- Complete the **Inquiry Form**
- GCS will schedule a **Tour with the family**



SAVE THE DATE

The 2026-27 School Year kicks off on **Monday, August 31, 2026!**



TUITION ASSISTANCE

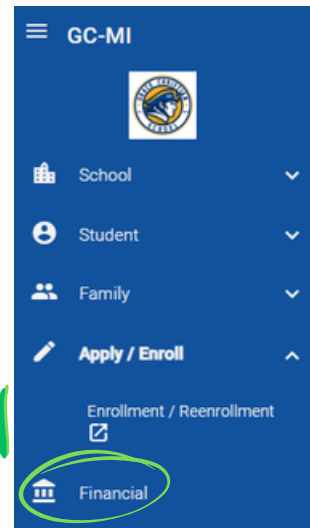
Tuition information for 2026-27 is included on the last page of this newsletter. Income-based Financial Aid* is available for those that qualify. Returning families, please apply as soon as possible if you are in need of [Student Sponsorship](#) or [Thrift Store Scholarship](#).

Log into your FACTS Family Portal, then click on the following:

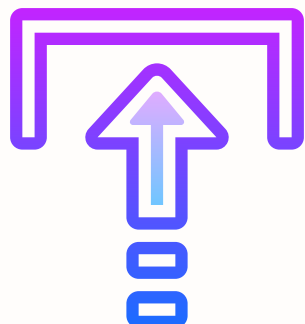
- **Financial**
- **Apply for Aid**
- **Create an Account**

If you need help, please call the school to set up a time to come in. We are happy to help!

*Please note that there is an application fee of \$45 for FACTS Financial Aid



FACTS UPDATE

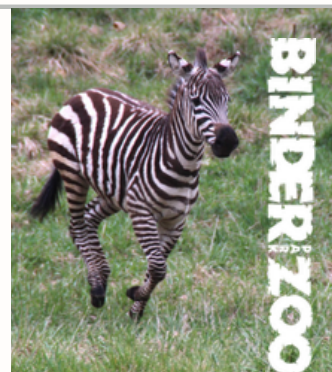


On April 15th, FACTS will begin requiring multi-factor authentication (MFA) for parent users when logging into FACTS Family Portal. FACTS recommends that all users utilize a free authenticator app, such as Authy, Microsoft Authenticator, or Google Authenticator, or receive an authentication email containing a unique code. If you have any questions related to the process, please contact FACTS at 866.441.4637.

FACTS has provided the following resource to help you successfully log into FACTS Family Portal using MFA, beginning April 15th: [FACTS SIS Family Portal Login Process with MFA](#)

GCS ZOO TRIP

The Patriots are going to the zoo! On May 13, 2026, our entire school will be going to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek. Permission slips have been handed out, so be sure to submit permission slips and the cost of admission and vouchers by Monday, April 20th!



SUMMERCARE 2026

The Grace Christian SummerCare Program is designed to incorporate fun, educational activities with the need for daycare for working parents. This year's theme is "National Parks" and we will enjoy crafts, activities, and field trips that will help to enhance this theme. Students will have free play and rest, along with lunch and snacks within the daily schedule. Bible will be an integrated part of the program with a Bible devotional time every day. Field trips, both on campus and off campus, are included in the full time cost of care, along with morning and afternoon snacks. However, lunches are unavailable during the summer, so packed lunches from home are required.

COST

Registration: \$40 per family due by May 15th, \$75 per family after May 15th

- Weekly: \$175 for the first child, \$125 for each additional child
- Prepayment for the whole summer: \$1,750 for child 1 and \$1,250 for each additional child

Cost includes field trips and snacks.

- Daily rate is available upon request, if space is available. Please email the address below to inquire. *Field Trip fees not included in daily rate.*

Please email any questions to bcorwin@gcspatriots.com.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Student of the Month
FEBRUARY
Jenna Wilson

Jr. High House Project
FEBRUARY
Standout Student
Jordynn Redman
Teacher on Fire
Ms. Erickson



WOODSHOP AT GCS

GCS is starting a woodshop class to see if this is something we can expand in the fall.

ACSI MUSIC FESTIVAL

Jr. High and High School band students travelled to Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL to join other Christian school students in expanding their understanding of music and growing their talents under the direction of spectacular guest directors.



SECONDARY AWARDS NIGHT

Student in grades 7 - 12 and their families are invited to a fun night of food and fellowship on **Thursday, May 7th** as we honor our secondary students' accomplishments during the 2025-26 school year. Teachers will recognize students for good grades, hard work and godly character. We will also present senior awards to our graduates, as well as the School Spirit and Patriot Awards. Join us at 6:00pm for a meal, followed by the awards presentation at 6:20. Please **RSVP by May 4th** to info@gcspatriots.com so that we know how much pizza to buy! We are asking families to bring \$3 per person to offset the cost of pizza. If any of you would like to bring a dessert to pass, please do! Bring your own beverage or use the vending machine. We look forward to celebrating with you!



JOB POSTINGS

BAND, CHOIR & SPANISH

Grace Christian School is seeking passionate, Christ-centered teachers for secondary band and choir, as well as K-8 Spanish to join our team starting in August. Benefits and tuition discount are available for eligible dependents. These are shared time positions with Southgate Community Schools.

Candidates for both positions must have strong classroom management and collaboration skills, and be committed to ongoing professional learning. As a Christian school, we're looking for individuals who model an active and growing faith in Jesus Christ and faithfully attend a like-minded evangelical church. If you or someone you know would love to inspire students through music and Spanish while living out their faith, please submit your resume to lcolford@gcspatriots.com. *Applications accepted until positions are filled.*



ALUMNI NEWS

ATTENTION, GCS ALUMNI!

We love to learn what God is doing in the lives of our Patriots! If you would like us to share His work in your life with the greater GCS community, we encourage you to send us your accomplishments and news, such as awards, births, graduations, marriage, moves, promotions and other announcements with us at info@gcspatriots.com. Photos are appreciated, but not required.



PRAYER & PRAISE

PRAYER REQUEST & PRAISE

- A GCS teacher is on dialysis and is in great need of a kidney transplant from a living donor. Please join us in praying for God's provision in His perfect time. If you'd like to find out if you could be a donor, please send an email to info@gcspatriots.com.
- Please pray for the Kerber Family as they have lost communication with one of their loved ones over the past week.
- The Dockham family welcomed a healthy baby boy on March 13th. Thank you for your prayers!



A festive background of multi-colored confetti (red, blue, yellow, green, pink) scattered across the white page.

Celebrating \$150,000 donated!

This week Reclaimed by Grace broke the \$150,000 giving mark and has given \$150,592 since opening in August 2023!

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THRIFT STORE

We want to thank the 100s of people that have contributed and the nearly 100 different volunteers who have helped us since opening!

Together we are making a difference!

THANKSGIVING

- Breaking the \$150,000 mark on scholarship money given to the school from Reclaimed by Grace
- Two churches that made substantial donations to our Mission Trip: New Life Harvest Ministry and South Haven Church of Christ
- Thanks to Mrs. Dill and the staff, volunteers and attendees that supported the 2026 GCS Annual Benefit Auction!
- Thank you to the elementary families that recognized the value of supporting our upcoming mission trip and providing all of the items needed to send with our team!
- A new set of classroom headphones for the Jr. High Classroom
- Year End Giving donations
- The generous giving of parents and students to our staff during the Christmas season
- Thank you to the donor that provided Thanksgiving turkeys to our staff.
- Those who organized pie making, sold pies, bought pies and showed up to assemble pies for the fundraiser.
- PTF Christmas decorating
- PTF Meal provision for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Volunteers that made Shemmy's Fish Fry possible
- Parents, staff and students that participated in Patriots-In-Action Day
- Consistent volunteer for gate at home games
- Mrs. Leach repaired and recovered our basketball panels. They look great!
- Workers from the Chapel, EFC volunteered on Saturday, October 4.
 - 23 light units were updated and bleachers secured
- Stairs to the ball field finished
- Water to the ball field/well house plumbing updated
- \$30,000 pledged donation to sponsor a teacher
- \$31,950 came in to meet our student sponsorship needs
- New volleyball cart donated
- Waxing our floors and carpet cleaning donated in August by Mr. Clean's Cleaning & Restoration
- We received over \$20,000 in electrical supplies from a vendor with All-Phase electrical in Benton Harbor. We will be able to completely update our building to LED from fluorescent.
- We were able to secure a shared time partnership with Southgate Community Schools
- Softball field's Summer/Fall refreshing work (looking great)
- New and consistent volunteer keeping the grounds beautiful
- Gym and Locker Room refurbishment
- 1949 Cadillac (open to ideas of what to do with it)
- A lot of furniture & professional displays donated in July/August



SUPPORTING GCS

HISTORIAN NEEDED

We are looking for a Grace Christian Historian! We have shoe boxes of photos and such that need the attention of someone who enjoys compiling history.



GCS STAFF WISHLISTS

[Mrs. Colford, Principal](#) [Mrs. Corwin, High School](#) [Mrs. Compton, PE/Music](#)
[Mrs. Vogel, P4](#) [Miss Hemingway, TK](#) [Miss Newell, Kindergarten](#)
[Mrs. Litten, 1st](#) [Mrs. Tavernier, 2nd](#) [Mrs. Wilkerson, 3rd](#) [Mrs. Grey, 4th](#)
[Mr. Dill, 5th](#) [Miss Erickson, Jr. High](#) [Mr. Bradshaw, Strength](#)



GRACE
CHRISTIAN
EDUICATION
ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 14
@ 6:30 PM

All are welcome.
You do not have to be a member to attend, only to vote.

2025-26 GCEA BOARD MEMBERS

Whitney Tinker - President
wtinker@gcspatriots.com

Nathan Hutchins - Vice President
nhutchins@gcspatriots.com

Holly Crouch - Treasurer
hcrouch@gcspatriots.com

Ruth Malaka - Secretary
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THE NEXT GCEA BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON
MONDAY, APRIL 27 @ 6:30 PM.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring CONCERT

April 24, 2026
7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of music performed by our 7th - 12th grade band members, under the direction of Mr. Williamson

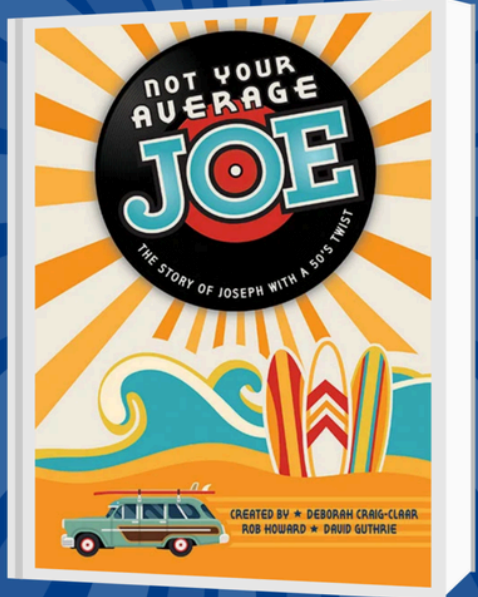
GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Elementary Musical 2026

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Matinee
9:00 AM

Evening
7:00 PM

Directed by
MS. COMPTON



NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE
THE STORY OF JOSEPH WITH A 50'S TWIST

CREATED BY * DEBORAH CRAIG-CLAAR
ROB HOWARD * DAVID GUTHRIE

GRCS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL

CLASSIC *Cruise-In*

Pre-1990s



50/50 RAFFLE

T-SHIRTS

FRIDAY
May 29

5-8 PM

FREE ENTRY & ADMISSION

FOOD

CALLING ALL CAR ENTHUSIASTS!

Join us as we kick off summer with our third annual Classic Car Show! No entry fee for vehicles and free admission for spectators. Donations will be accepted.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
325 M-140 WATERVLIET, MI

MORE INFO:

- cruise-in@gcspatriots.com
- gcspatriots.com



\$95/GOLFER
Golf Cart, 18 holes, Snacks, Lunch & Door Prizes

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Saturday, May 30th

SPONSORED BY:



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

Indian Lake Hills Golf Course

7:30 Registration Begins
8:30 Tee Off



SIGN UP YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Questions?
info@gcspatriots.com
269.463.5545

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

SAVE THE DATE

Become a Hero!



Did you know that every 2 seconds, someone in America requires a blood transfusion? From trauma patients to those battling cancer, your donation can make a lifesaving impact.

Save the Date! You're invited to donate and become a hero at our upcoming blood drive.

Blood Drive Details:

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

05/12/2026

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Schedule Appointments:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11635998

Give local, stay local.

You are Versiti. You keep the pulse of the community going. Every donation is needed to meet high demand for blood in your community.

Did You Know?



Just **one** donation can save up to 3 lives.



An **ethnically diverse** blood supply is important for improved patient outcomes, as compatible rare and uncommon blood types are often found in people of similar ethnic backgrounds.

**GCS
STUDENT
COUNCIL IS
HOSTING A
BLOOD
DRIVE ON
MAY 12TH
SCHEDULE
YOUR TIME
SLOT TODAY!**



2025-26 SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Below is a list of churches that are attended by GCS families. We are very grateful to the churches that support GCS through both prayer and financial gifts (*indicated in bold*).

- Apostolic Lighthouse Church
- Berrien Center Bible
- Blue Roof Church
- **Bright Star Tabernacle**
- Calvary Bible Church
- Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- Coloma United Methodist Church
- **Decatur Bible Church**
- Deeper Life Bible Church
- First Baptist Church
- First Church of God
- Freshwater Church
- Full Gospel Assembly
- **Hartford Bible Church**
- Hartford Church of God
- Lakeshore Christian Church
- Latter Day Worship
- LifeBridge Church
- **Midway Baptist Church**
- New Covenant Church
- New Day Church
- New Freedom Church
- New Hope Community Church
- New Jerusalem COGIC
- **New Life Baptist Church**
- **New Life Christian Center**
- **North Wayne Mennonite Church**
- Overflow Church
- Pioneer Memorial Church
- **Sister Lakes Community Church**
- **South Haven Church of Christ**
- St. Mary Catholic Church
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Niles
- **The Chapel, EFC**
- The River
- The Well Ministries
- Victory Life Church
- Volinia Baptist Church
- Watervliet Free Methodist Church
- Woodside
- Yore Community Church



BUSINESS BOOSTERS

When you buy from or use the services of one of these businesses, they support GCS:



Town & Country (10/5%)

(10% for residential services, 5% for commercial services)
2179 Plaza Dr.
(269)934-8155
cheyenne@frazeeeam.com



Cheyenne Chernugel, Realtor (10%)

10% of any commission proceeds will go to Grace Christian School when this ad is mentioned.
(269)252-6595
cheyenne@frazeeeam.com



T & C Water Treatments (10 or 15%)

(110% for salt and parts, 5% for softener systems)
Softeners & water conditioning. Salt sales and delivery.
2179 Plaza Dr., Benton Harbor
(269)983-8156



Tyler Automotive in Niles and Stevensville

New Honda, Chevrolet, Kia, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, as well as pre-owned vehicles at each store. When customers contact Brandon Dockham directly and mention Grace Christian, \$100 plus 25% of my commission will be donated back to the school. Use QR code to see current inventory, calculate payments and contact information for Brandon Dockham.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



**BERRIEN COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
better health. stronger communities.

HEARING & VISION CLINICS

Spring Break Clinics - By Appointment

School-required hearing and vision screenings

For: Kindergartners through ninth-graders

When: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Where: Berrien County Health Department

Monday, March 30

2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor

Tuesday, March 31

1205 Front St., Niles

Summer Clinics – By Appointment

School-required hearing, vision and dental screenings

For: Students entering kindergarten

When: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Where:

Benton Charter Township

- **June 23** – Benton Charter Township Hall

Coloma

- **June 30** – Coloma Junior High

Eau Claire

- **July 28** – Lybrook Elementary

Niles

- **June 8** – Brandywine (B.I.A.)
- **Aug. 10** – Northside Child Development Center

Stevensville

- **June 9** – Hollywood Elementary
- **June 15** – Roosevelt Elementary
- **Aug. 13** – Stewart Elementary

Schedule your appointment by scanning the QR code
or by visiting bit.ly/BCHDHearingVision.
Questions? Call Melisa Jordan at 269.926.7121, ext. 5293.



GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Year*



AUGUST

- 21 Back to School Night, 5-7:00 PM
- 25 **First Day of School**
Quarter 1 Begins
- 29 **NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Wknd.**

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Wknd.**
- 3-5 SEW Retreat (Grades 9-12)
- 26 Picture Day

OCTOBER

- 2-3 **NO SCHOOL - Inservice**
- 17 **Grandparents Day, Half Day,**
No Aftercare
End of Quarter 1
- 20 **NO SCHOOL - Inservice**
- 21 Quarter 2 Begins

NOVEMBER

- 3 Picture Retakes
- 4 **NO SCHOOL—Parent/Teacher**
Conferences, 11:00 - 6:00pm
- 24-25 **NO SCHOOL - Fall Break**
- 26-28 **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**

DECEMBER

- 5 Christmas Worship Concert, 7pm
- 17 Pastor Appreciation
- 18 **HALF DAY**
End of Quarter 2
- 19-1/5 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

JANUARY

- 5 **Inservice**
- 6 Quarter 3 Begins
- 19 **NO SCHOOL- MLK Jr. Day**

FEBRUARY

- 13-17 **NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break**
- 17 **InService**
- 20 Homecoming

MARCH

- 2-6 Science Fair
- 6 Kindergarten Program/Round Up
- 7 Open House, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 End of Quarter 3
- 16 **NO SCHOOL - Inservice**
- 17 Quarter 4 Begins
- 22-28 Mission Trip - Guatemala
- 30-4/6 **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**

APRIL

- 6 **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**
- 14 GCEA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 24 Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm

MAY

- 8 Elementary Musical
- 14 Elementary Field Day
- 21 Graduation
- 22-25 **NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day**
- 29 Moving Up Ceremony
(TK-6th), **HALF DAY,**
NO AFTERCARE
End of Quarter 4
Cruise-In, 5:00-8:00 pm
- 30 Golf Outing, tee-off 8:30 am

SCHOOL HOURS

EARLY CARE	7:00 - 7:30 am
PLEDGES/PRAYER	7:50 am
SCHOOL DAY	8:00 - 3:00 pm
AFTER CARE	3:15 - 5:30 pm
HALF DAYS	Dismissal: 11:30 am

OFFICE HOURS 7:30-3:30 pm

**This calendar is subject to change.*

Please visit GCSPatriots.org for current calendar.



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

TUITION INFORMATION FOR 2026-2027

Actual GCS Expenses

\$10,000 per student

*total annual expenses, divided by the number of students attending, subsidized by fundraising and donations.

Public School Cost

\$16,000 per student

*10K from State, 6K from local

Tuition Rates

Secondary School (7-12)	\$7,000
Elementary (1-6)	\$7,000
Kindergarten	\$6,000
Preschool*	\$5,500

*Discounts and scholarships do not apply.

GRACE CHRISTIAN DISCOUNTS

Multi-child Discount

- Two students per household: 5%; Three students per household: 10%; Four students per household: 15%; Every student after 4th is free.

Full Time Pastoral Discount *(Not eligible for multi-child discount except 5th child free)*

- Gross Family Income: \$100,000 a yr. or more: 25%
- Gross Family income: \$99,999 or less: 50%

Referral Discount

- \$500 to every current family that refers a new family (maximum of two families per year). If a family referred does not stay active in our school past the first quarter, discount will be deleted. Paid out by semester: \$250 each semester.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship applicants must apply through Facts Grant & Aid

West Michigan Student Scholarship: Funded by 2027 Federal tax credit for individual taxpayers (normal people). Currently not funded, but looking forward to great things in 2027-28. Visit WestMichiganStudentScholarship.com for more information.

Thrift Store Scholarship: A family may apply if their gross annual income is less than \$100,000. This scholarship requires volunteering at our thrift store for 8 hours a month per qualifying student. Amount earned is equivalent to \$200 per student per month (effectively, \$25/hr.).

Student Sponsorship: If you need more help we can put your students on a list (We do not use names. *Example: Family 1, Family 2*) where supporters of GCS are invited to help you close the gap between what you can pay and what we need to operate the school. To qualify, your gross annual income shall be less than 125% of the poverty line. We require tax returns for any income based financial awards. Your data is only seen in the business office where your personal identity is scrubbed when evaluations are made.

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