

Crusader Nation, the 2023-2024 school year is almost here! We're ready to welcome back last year's Crusaders, meet the new 6th grade class, and get to know the many transfer students who are becoming Crusaders! Throughout this issue of the GICC eNews, we've listed numerous important dates that you should mark in your calendars, as well as highlighted upcoming activities and school necessities. Your family's mailing from GICC will soon be sent, so please tend to the following forms when they arrive: Student Info, Handbook, Chromebook/Internet, Vehicle Registration, Concussion, School Pictures, Crusader Family Pass, Open Campus & Sr Lounge. We hope everyone has a great transition into another successful school year!

UNIFORM TOPS ORDER DEADLINE

Mon, July 31
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GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sat, Aug 5 8am-2pm
GICC South Parking Lot

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PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Sun, Aug 6 & Weds, Aug 9
7:00pm
Attend 1 or the other

6 & 9

STUDENT ORIENTATION & PICTURE DAY

Friday, Aug 11
See schedule on Pg 3

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PAPERWORK DUE

Fri, Aug 11
Student Info, Handbook,
Tech, Vehicle Reg,
Concussion, Open Campus

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STEAK FEED SPORTS KICK OFF

Sat, Aug 12 5:00pm
GICC South Gym

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NEW FAMILY WELCOME PICNIC

Sun, Aug 13 12:30pm
Blessed Sacrament

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School Board Meeting Date 6:00 pm

July 25, 2023

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SCHOOL STARTS!

Tues, Aug 15
8:00am-3:30pm

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HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS PICTURES

Weds, Aug 16
7:00am

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HIGH SCHOOL OPENING MIXER DANCE

Fri, Aug 18 8:00pm
GICC North Gym

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NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

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ASVAB Test

For Juniors
Weds, Aug 30
No Fee

PSAT Test

Optional for Sophomores & Juniors
Weds, Oct 11
\$18 Fee per student

ACT On-Campus Test

For GICC Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
Spring Semester
More Details TBA

ACT National Test Date Registration Deadlines

Aug 4 for Sept 9, 2023 Test
Sept 22 for Oct 28, 2023 Test
Nov 3 for Dec 9, 2023 Test
Jan 5 for Feb 10, 2024 Test
Mar 8 for Apr 13, 2024 Test
May 3 for Jun 8, 2024 Test
Jun 7 for Jul 13, 2024 Test
Details and registration at www.act.org

SAT National Test Date Registration Deadlines

Jul 28 for Aug 26, 2023 Test
Sept 7 for Oct 7, 2023 Test
Oct 5 for Nov 4, 2023 Test
Nov 2 for Dec 2, 2023 Test
Feb 23 for Mar 9, 2024 Test
Apr 19 for May 4, 2024 Test
May 17 for Jun 1, 2024 Test
Details and registration at
satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

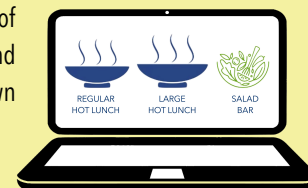
A MESSAGE FROM MR ENGLE

Change can be good ... especially the changes that are coming for our cafeteria! In addition to the remodeled space, our cafeteria experience will be improved thanks to your feedback on our recent parent surveys.



Our school's lunch menus this year will list the side items offered with each entree, and monthly menus will be emailed with the GICC eNews. You can also access our lunch menus online.

The cafeteria will now offer 2 sizes of the daily hot lunch, Regular and Large. Students will order their own lunch size, or the fresh salad bar, electronically each morning. This new lunch count process will allow



for proper planning in the kitchen to meet the portion needs of our student body. Students will still have the opportunity to purchase our a la cart offerings without pre-ordering those items.

Also, GICC is exploring a new point of sale system so that parents and students can see exactly what is purchased on a daily basis. As this new system is installed, we will share additional details.



Furthermore, GICC has secured an online payment platform that families can now utilize to pay for school lunches. Details about this service, **e-Funds For Schools**, will be shared at Parent Orientation, along with instructions for parents to create their account and link a credit card, debit card, or bank account.

The **e-Funds For Schools** online payment platform that we will utilize for electronic lunch payments is also going to be offered for families to make tuition payments online. The details for creating your parent account will be shared at Parent Orientation.



School Supplies List



6th GR: Notebooks, Folders, Loose Paper, 1" 3-Ring Binders, Binder Tabs, Colored Pencils, Blue Folder (Choir), Expo Marker (English), Ruler (Study Skills), Highlighter (Study Skills), Green Pocket Folder (Religion), Red Pen (Religion), Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Calculator, Gym Shorts, T-Shirt & Gym Shoes

7th GR: Notebooks, Folders, Binder Paper, Calculator, Notecards, Glue Sticks, 1" 3-Ring Binders, Binder Tabs, Expo Marker (English), Art Sketchbook, Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Gym Shorts, T-Shirt & Gym Shoes

8th GR: Notebooks, Folders, Binder Paper, Notecards, 1" 3-Ring Binders, Binder Tabs, Art Sketchbook, Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Calculator per course requirements, Gym Shorts, T-Shirt & Gym Shoes

Each Family

1 Pkg Copy Paper



2 Lg Boxes Kleenex



To receive text messages from GICC with weekly reminders & important announcements like school closings, download the Remind app, click Join a Class, and use the Class Code corresponding to your last name.



Grand Island Central Catholic Middle & High School

A - D @8k96d7

E - H @bkgb6a

I - L @4g9k76

M - P @84hg968

Q - T @aeg2dd

U - Z @8k6236

ORDER UNIFORM TOPS & SKORTS:



gicentralcatholic.org/school-uniforms.html



ALL PARENT ORIENTATIONS



SUNDAY
AUGUST 6
7:00pm

Parents of our Crusaders must attend one of the two Parent Orientation sessions.

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 9
7:00pm



GARAGE SALE BBQ & CAR WASH

Softball Team Fundraiser

AUG 5 8AM-2PM
GICC SOUTH PARKING LOT

ALL STUDENT ORIENTATION

FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2022

Seniors - 8:45am

Juniors - 9:30am

Sophomores - 10:15am

Freshmen - 11:00am

8th Graders - 11:45am

7th Graders - 1:00pm

6th Graders - 1:45pm



All students will take school pictures immediately following their Orientation. Send picture order forms & payment!



Join us at the Steak Feed to support student athletes!

\$20 STEAK \$10 BURGER

Buy tickets at the GICC school office or at the event!

DINNER 5:00

Steaks, Hamburgers & Sides

LIVE AUCTION 7:00

Hunting Gear, Jewelry, Gift Cards & More

AUGUST 12 5:00-8:00pm
AT GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC

CASH BAR



Fall Sports Pictures

Weds, Aug 16 @ 7am

High School Teams



cross country
boys tennis
volleyball
girls golf

football
softball
dance
cheer

Please bring your Button & Photo order forms!

POLICY REMINDER

The use of Cell Phones and Smart Watches is not permitted in classrooms, locker rooms, the cafeteria, or academic probation.

Refer to our full Technology Policy at gicentralcatholic.org/handbook-policies.html




High School Opening Mixer

Friday August 18


8:00pm - 11:00pm





Use Your PowerSchool Account to view:

- Student Assignments**
- Missing Assignments**
- Student Grades**
- Lunch Account Details**



gicc.powerschool.com/public

Be in THE KNOW

GICC uses multiple avenues to share important information with families. Your home phone number is already enrolled in our One Call Now system, and you will receive weekly calls from the school. Call the office to add your cell number too!



We recommend parents and students join their corresponding **Remind** group to ensure receipt of our weekly Remind text messages. (See the **Remind** details on pg 3).

Your provided email address is now enrolled in our GICC eNews distribution list.



View the daily calendar of activities by downloading the "Activity Scheduler" App. Select Nebraska, and enter Grand Island Central Catholic.

And families are also encouraged to follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.



COMING SOON!



PAY ONLINE

Following our Parent Orientations, you'll have instructions to create an account to pay for school lunches and tuition online using a credit card, debit card, or bank account transfer if you wish. Transaction fees will apply. Payments by cash and checks will still be accepted.

FOR LUNCH & TUITION



Attend Parent Orientation to receive the details and instructions for registering!

SCHOOL YEAR IMPORTANT DATES

Homecoming Dance	Sept 2
Parent/Teacher Conf	Sept 21
Grandparents' Mass	Sept 28
Faculty Convention	Oct 2
The Knight Fundraiser	Nov 17
Winter Ball	Jan 13
Faculty Day of Prayer	Jan 29
Parent/Teacher Conf	Feb 12
Prom	Apr 20
Graduation	May 12

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The GICC School Board has updated the Dress Code accordingly: ● Shorts & skorts must be at least fingertip-length. ● Uniform bottoms may not be denim, fleece or athletic fabric. ● Undershirts must be a solid uniform color and free of any lettering or design. ● Uniform polos must be worn underneath the uniform crewneck and uniform jacket. ● Friday Spirit Wear must be school-approved colors.

MONDAYS THROUGH WEDNESDAYS

The color scheme for tops (either short-sleeved or long-sleeved) includes white, navy blue, gray, and royal blue. Undershirts must be a solid uniform color and free from lettering and designs. The Uniform Jacket & Uniform Crewneck Sweatshirt are the only outer layers allowed Monday through Thursday, and a uniform polo must be worn underneath. No hoodies allowed.



The color scheme for bottoms is khaki, navy blue, black, and plaid (skort). Boys can wear pants or shorts. Girls can wear pants, capris, shorts, and the skorts from the GICC Land's End uniform site. These are the only skorts/skirts allowed to be worn at school. Shorts and skorts must be at least fingertip length. Bottoms can not be denim, fleece or athletic material. No leggings or cargo pockets, or drawstring waists allowed.



MASS DAYS

On Mass days (typically Thursdays), the GICC *Forward Together* Tshirts can be worn with Uniform Bottoms. This year's theme shirt is the only non-polo shirt allowed on Mass days. Undershirts, if worn, must be a solid uniform color and free from lettering and designs.



FRIDAYS


On Fridays, Crusader Spirit Wear tops can be worn with Uniform Bottoms. All attire (Tshirts, Crewnecks, 1/4 Zips, Pullovers and Jackets) must be school-approved colors (Blues, White, Gray, Black) and represent GICC. Undershirts, if worn, must be a solid uniform color and free from lettering and designs.





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CHECKLIST

- JULY 31** Deadline to **Order Uniform Tops**: stores.inksoft.com/gicc_school_uniform/shop/home
- AUG 7** **Sports Physicals Due**; Fall Sports Practices begin for HS (coaches will share specifics)
- AUG 6 & 9** **Parent Orientation Sessions** 7:00pm (attend 1 of the 2)
 - Join the appropriate Remind group for text messages from GICC
 - Follow the school's social media pages on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram**
 - Create an **e-Funds For Schools** online payment account following Parent Orientation 
- AUG 10** Complete *Cassie Price Photography* School Picture orders & payment
- AUG 11** **Student Orientation & Picture Day**  See schedule online or in the eNews
 - Deliver 1 ream of white copy paper and 2 large boxes of Kleenex per family to the school office
 - Pay **Tuition** online or in the School Office 
 - Place money on **Lunch Account** online or in the School Office 
- AUG 12** Booster Club Steak Feed & Fall Sports Kick-Off 5:00-8:00pm, GICC South Gym
- AUG 13** New Student & Family Picnic 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Blessed Sacrament Church
- AUG 14** Log-in to PowerSchool for access to student assignments, lunch account balance and more gicc.powerschool.com/public Call Amy in the office with questions 308-384-2440 
- AUG 15** **School Starts! 8am - 3:30pm** 
 - Complete **Activity Button & Picture Order** & payment: gicc.org/crusader-shop.html
 - Sign & return any missing forms for: Student Information, Student-Parent Handbook, Chromebook & Internet Use, High School Vehicle Registration, and Open Campus/Senior Lounge Use 
- AUG 16** **Activity Picture Day for HS**: 7:00am Fall Sports, Cheer & Dance 
- AUG 18** High School Opening Mixer Dance 8pm-11pm, GICC North Gym
- SEPT 12** **Picture Retake Day**: Individual pictures for students 8:15am