

Changes to Financial Aid Process for 2024-2025

Grand Island Central Catholic families will be offered additional opportunities to gain financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year! With that comes a change to the procedure for applying for financial aid at GICC.

Parents must complete a two-step process moving forward, which we've simplified here.

STEP ONE:

Click on the Nebraska Opportunity Scholarships link to reach



the website for the State of Nebraska's new application for scholarships to private schools.

NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Since Nebraska recently passed LB753 Opportunity Scholarship Act, this transformational law provides tuition assistance to eligible families through dollar-for-dollar tax credit contributions.

"Families with Crusaders entering grades K-6, as well as grade 9 (for the 2024-2025 school year) should sign up for updates and apply for these scholarships," Dr Jordan Engle said. "This can have a large impact on our GICC families because it widens the pool of funding available to their students."

The Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska application window is set to open around February 15, with a deadline of April 15. Decisions will be made by July 1, 2024.

"Because of the importance of Crusader families applying for Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska first and foremost, we have adjusted our timeline to accept applications for GICC Tuition Assistance and Scholarships," said Jolene Wojcik, Director of the Central Catholic Development Foundation.

Central Catholic has not only lengthened the window for internal applications, but also updated its application form.

STEP TWO:

After completing an application for the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska, GICC families will be able to apply for both

tuition assistance from the GICC Business Office and GICC scholarships from the Central Catholic Development Foundation. These options may reduce a family's tuition bill based on financial need and other criteria. Click the Financial Aid Application Form link to reach a printable form.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FORM

The application window for GICC's tuition assistance and scholarships is April 16 - June 14. Decisions will be made by August 1, 2024.

In addition, GICC reminds families of its tuition relief



program, Tuition Savings While You Shop. This rebate program for current and future Crusader families reduces your tuition bill by the amount of rebates you accumulate. Rebates are applied to tuition balances twice per year. Click the link below.

TUITION SAVINGS WHILE YOU SHOP INFO AND REGISTRATION FORM

For a comprehensive list of ways your family can reduce GICC tuition costs, visit <https://www.gicc.org/tuition-financial-aid.html>



TUITION ASSISTANCE



SCHOLARSHIPS TO GICC

NO SCHOOL

Mon, Jan 29
Faculty Day of Prayer

29

EXPLORE GICC NIGHT

Thrs, Feb 1
5:30-7:30pm
For families with 5th graders

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

Fri, Feb 2 8:10am
Dress Your Best!

2

School Board Meeting Date

6:00 pm
February 15, 2024

Contact Us

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NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

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Leadership Workshop

Sat, Feb 10, 9:15am-3:00pm

Deadline: Thrs, Feb 1

Free leadership workshop at the Kearney Public Library for future leadership opportunities and resume-building. Contact Dr Hehnke jhehnke@gicc.org by Feb 1 for registration.

Teen Writing Contest

March 1, 2024 Deadline

For 9th-12th graders

Twenty \$1000 cash prizes are given to teens who recount their impact with cancer, either through their own battle or through a loved one's in a 1500-word essay. <https://cancerpathways.org/programs/cancer-unwrapped/>

On-Campus ACT Test

Tues, March 26, 2024, 8:00am

For current 11th graders who registered in the school office by Jan 25.

Payment (\$53 per student) is due by Fri, Mar 22.

National ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

April 13 Test; March 8 Deadline

June 8 Test; May 3 Deadline

July 13 Test; June 7 Deadline

www.act.org



SHADOW DAYS
CENTRAL CATHOLIC

**FEB 15
FEB 19**
8:00-11:45am

Reserve Your Student's Spot
308-384-2440
info@gicc.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JAN 27/28 Wear GICC attire to Mass & Volunteer



MON JAN 29 No School, Faculty Day of Prayer

TUES JAN 30 7:20 Mass in the Chapel, Donuts & Juice

WEDS JAN 31 Living Rosary

THRS FEB 1 Adoration, Cards to support our clergy & seminarians
Explore GICC Night for 5th Graders 5:30-7:30pm

FRI FEB 2 8:10 Mass w/ Bishop Hanefeldt, Students: Dress Your Best

5 FRIDAYS OFF

FEB 9 **MAR 1**
FEB 16 **MAR 8**
FEB 23





Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mon Feb 12

Last Names **A - L** 1:00 - 2:30pm
5:00 - 6:30pm

Last Names **M - Z** 2:30 - 4:00pm
6:30 - 8:00pm

Enter Door #1 No School Feb 12



Shop at our Book Fair to benefit the New GICC Elementary School!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MON FEB 12
1pm - 8pm

THRS, FEB 15
4pm - 6pm

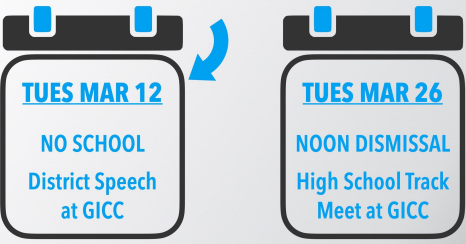

Donations also accepted on these days to stock the library shelves!

SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES

TUES MAR 12
NO SCHOOL
District Speech at GICC

TUES MAR 26
NOON DISMISSAL
High School Track Meet at GICC

A MESSAGE FROM DR ENGLE



The beginning of the spring semester means the beginning of looking ahead to next school year! Our Crusaders have accomplished so much this year, and they will continue to shine for the remainder of the semester. With that in mind, I have some exciting news to share with Crusader Nation regarding staffing for the 2024-25 school year. With the addition of our elementary grades, a number of staffing changes will happen with our current staff!

First, we wish a happy retirement to Sharon Zavala, Cathy Howard, and John Howard. These three stalwarts have been a fixture at Central Catholic, and our halls will tell the stories of their dedication and service to GICC for many years to come!



Sharon
Zavala

Cathy
Howard

John
Howard

Dee Hanssen will be assuming the role as library specialist next year, and continuing as girls golf coach. Dee has served as our campus minister and a theology teacher at the middle and high school levels.

We look forward to leveraging Dee's expertise in elementary media!

Jeff Ashby will be transitioning from middle school / high school to our elementary school to serve as our PE teacher next year. Jeff will continue to serve in his role as Crusader head football coach as well!

Willie Fair will assume the high school weights and PE position while still serving as an assistant football coach. The vacancy in middle school science has been filled, and that announcement is coming soon.

Brady Brokaw will transition into high school history. He also plans to continue his role as the high school student council sponsor and assistant coaching roles for both football and basketball.

Tyler Koepp and Toni Birch will be splitting the role of elementary music teacher in addition to the vocal and instrumental music duties they already oversee for middle school and high school!

Both Elementary Principal Sarah Nordhues and I are excited about these staffing assignments. There

will be many more exciting announcements coming in the weeks ahead, and I encourage you to stay up to date on all things Central Catholic by following us on social media, reading the e-News, and checking the school's website regularly.

For those of you who will have K-5 students next year, I am enthusiastic about our upcoming Elementary School Open House this Spring when you can tour the new classrooms and meet Principal Nordhues. We will announce this Open House date in the near future. There's never been a better time to be a Crusader!

Finally, I'd ask that you encourage any family, friends, or coworkers who might be interested in Catholic elementary education for their own children to come check out our GICC Elementary School! Elementary enrollment is now open to the public, and we're eager to have a nice full school come August! Help us to spread the word by encouraging those you know to take a look at GICC!

