



NEW FACES JOINING GICC TEACHING STAFF

With the retirements of three of our teachers at the end of this school year, as well as some shifts that will be made in teaching assignments for next school year, Administration has been interviewing new teachers. And while it's difficult to fill the shoes of staff members who've lived and breathed GICC for so many years, we are excited to announce our newest additions to the GICC teaching staff!



Welcome
Audrey Weeks




Ms Audrey Weeks will be joining the Grand Island Central Catholic English department for the 2024-2025 school year.


"I am looking forward to teaching in a faith-based environment where everyone feels like family," Weeks said. "Also, I'm eager to meet the Central Catholic students and help them achieve their goals in academics at GICC."

Ms Weeks earned her degree in 7-12 English Language Arts Education with an endorsement in Theatre Education from Hastings College. As a student teacher at Adams Central Junior/Senior High School this past fall, she taught 10th grade English. The Hastings native has also been involved in the Hastings Community Theatre as a director, working with children between the ages of 5 and 18.

"Audrey comes highly recommended to us," Dr Jordan Engle said, "and she brings a personal energy to her teaching style. We're blessed to have Ms Weeks joining our English department this coming school year."



Welcome
Kevin Jenkins



Mr Kevin Jenkins will be joining Grand Island Central Catholic as a full-time Middle School Science Teacher beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, and is excited about continuing his career in a Christian-centered school family.

His teaching experience includes 34 years (at Barr Middle School and Heartland Lutheran) in the subjects of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, General Science and Agri-Science. Mr Jenkins received his Bachelor's of Science degree from Kearney State College, followed by a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Nebraska - Kearney, as well as a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Doane University.

"I love the moments when students transfer learned knowledge to real world applications," Jenkins said. "These are the ah-ha moments."

Dr Jordan Engle, GICC Principal, believes Mr Jenkins is a perfect fit for GICC. "Kevin adds a wealth of experience and knowledge to our science department," Dr Engle said. "He has been a well renowned science teacher in the community of Grand Island for many years, and we're excited to welcome Mr Jenkins to our staff."

NO SCHOOL

Mon, Feb 12
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

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BOOK FAIR

TO BENEFIT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mon, Feb 12 1-8pm
Thrs, Feb 15 4-6pm

12 & 15

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS**

Weds, Feb 14
8:45am

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SHADOW DAY #1

Thrs, Feb 15
8-11:45am
for students who RSVPd

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SHADOW DAY #2

Mon, Feb 19
8-11:45am
for students who RSVPd

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SOPHOMORE RETREAT

Weds, Mar 6
8:30am-3:15pm
Blessed Sacrament

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**School Board
Meeting Date
6:00 pm**
February 15, 2024

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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/>

Nebraska Academy Day

March 9, Bellevue University
For current 10th & 11th Graders interested in learning about the Naval, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard Academies
apply.westpoint.edu/register/NEAcademyDay2024

Cornhusker Boys State

March 15 Deadline
For current 11th Grade Boys
nebraskalegion.net/programs/BState.html

Cornhusker Girls State

For current 11th Grade Girls
girlsstate.net/nebraska/wp/

On-Campus ACT Test

Tues, March 26, 2024, 8:00am
For current 11th graders who registered 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

Nebraska State Fair Academic Competitions

www.statefair.org

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!



5 FRIDAYS OFF

FEB 9	MAR 1
FEB 16	MAR 8
FEB 23	

SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES

TUES MAR 12

NO SCHOOL

District Speech at GICC

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TUES MAR 26

NOON DISMISSAL

High School Track Meet at GICC

crusader retreats

10th gr	Wednesday, March 6
11th gr	Monday, March 11
12th gr	Wednesday, May 1
9th gr	TBD

additional information will be provided by religion teachers