

CRUSADERS EARN STATE MEDALS

The Lady Crusader Dance Team earned two State Championship trophies last weekend! They competed in both the Jazz and Pom divisions. Dance Team coach Erin Martinez said, "These girls take so much pride in the history of excellence in the GICC Dance program. Every year, they



continue to set the bar high for themselves and tackle more difficult choreography. I think this year's pair of state championships was a little sweeter after getting runner-up in Jazz last year. The girls were extra motivated to bring that trophy back to GICC.."



The GICC Cheerleaders also competed at the State Cheer & Dance Competition, competing in the Game Day division and earning 3rd place.

Crusader swimmer Kate Novinski claimed four medals at the State Swimming Meet. While setting a personal record in the 100 Backstroke, Kate earned a silver medal, along with 6th in the 200 Freestyle. She was also a member of the 200 Free Relay that finished 5th, as well as the 400 Free Relay that finished 6th.



NO SCHOOL

Fri, Mar 1
Fri, Mar 8
5 Fridays Off

1 & 8

NO SCHOOL

Tues, Mar 12
District Speech Meet

12

KARNIVAL KAPERS

Sun, Mar 17
Meal: 11am-1:30pm
Games: 11am-3pm

17

CINDERELLA MUSICAL

Fri, Mar 22 7:30pm
Sat, Mar 23 7:30pm
Sun, Mar 24 2:00pm

22-24

ACT TEST

Tues, Mar 26
8:00am-11:30am
For Juniors who registered

26

NOON DISMISSAL

Tues, Mar 26
GICC HS Track Meet

26

School Board Meeting Date

6:00 pm
March 14, 2024

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NEBRASKA STATE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

We congratulate the following Crusaders for their works of art that received state-wide accolades by a team of professionals who judged this year's Nebraska State Scholastic Art Competition. These works will be on exhibit at the Omaha Public Schools TAC Building, and students will receive their awards at the March 9 awards ceremony. In addition to the Silver Award winners, Molly Kenna and Maeli Mehring were given Honorable Mention for their submissions.



Charlotte Corey
Silver Award



Diana Guerrero
Silver Award



Lydia Henry
Silver Award



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Silver Award



Izzy Mueller
Silver Award

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

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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

Pre-ACT Testing for Sophomores

April 17 at GICC

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

TUES MAR 26
NOON DISMISSAL
High School Track
Meet at GICC

Grand Island Central Catholic's

KARNIVAL KAPERS **SUN, MAR 17**

CARNIVAL GAMES **ROAST BEEF & CHICKEN DINNER**
11AM - 3PM 11AM-1:30PM

TICKETS SOLD ON SITE **ADULTS \$10 K-12TH \$8**
SENIOR CITIZENS \$8

BAKE SALE BINGO CAKE WALK

Central Catholic High School Presents

**RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S
INDERELLA**

MARCH 22 - 7:30PM
MARCH 23 - 7:30PM
MARCH 24 - 2:00PM

1200 RUBY AVE, GRAND ISLAND

TICKETS SOLD AT ACE HARDWARE & GICC \$10 ADULTS \$8 STUDENTS

summer college algebra

Crusaders currently in 10th - 12th grades who are interested in talking College Algebra this summer should contact Dr Engle for more information
Pre-requisite: Algebra II

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ALL CITY HONOR BAND



Eighteen Crusaders participated in the All City Honor Band held January 22, 2024, at Grand Island Northwest High School. The band practiced and performed three selections (*Simple Gifts, Covington Square, and Disney Spectacular*) under the direction of Peter Klemp from Concordia Jr/Sr High.

The annual experience includes students from the Grand Island schools who are selected by their band directors. Ms Toni Birch said, "I think they did a fantastic job of representing Grand Island Central Catholic, and they also worked hard to develop some new skills to bring back with them to our band classroom."



Crusaders For Life members helped at the 5th annual Pro-Life Coffee Sat, Feb 17, in Grand Island. Attendees were educated on the ballot initiative that seeks to create a right to abortion in the Nebraska constitution. The event encouraged citizens to defeat the ballot initiative by voicing their opposition to this legislation.



A MESSAGE FROM DR ENGLE

The State of Nebraska's scholarship process for private schools has now opened. I encourage all GICC families who have an incoming K-6th grader or 9th grader to apply. The application window for these Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska closes April 15. Click the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska logo below to reach their website.



Dr Jordan Engle
Principal

Families who have questions about this online application, or who would like assistance with the process are invited to attend the Grand Island School Choice Fair hosted by Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska on Sat, Mar 9, held at GICC from 10am - 2pm.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDACY

Individuals interested in running for the GICC School Board's 3-year term beginning July 2024, must contact Principal Engle by March 14. Additional information will be provided at that time.



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Welcome
Daniel Reiter



Grand Island Central Catholic is pleased to add Daniel Reiter as both Campus Minister and Theology teacher beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr Reiter comes to GICC with a unique combination of Philosophy study from St Gregory the Great Seminary, as well as a degree from the University of Nebraska Kearney in 7-12 History Education with a minor in Philosophy.

"We're excited about the knowledge and perspectives Mr Reiter will bring to the position," Dr Jordan Engle said. "We've had the fortunate opportunity of getting to know Daniel as a student teacher at GICC this semester!"

Mr Reiter's faith has led him to work in the campus ministry department for St. Theresa's Newman Center in Kearney, serve as the Director of Religious Education in Wood River, be a Totus Tuus missionary for the Lincoln Diocese, and assist with multiple retreats such as Higher Ground, Higher Ground Extreme Faith, Christ in the City, and Teens Encounter Christ.

"I look forward to building relationships with students and teaching them the beauty of our Catholic faith," Reiter said. "I am most excited to support and guide students in their journey to deepen and strengthen their relationship with Christ."