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TAKE THE GICC SPRING SEMESTER PARENT SURVEY

Central Catholic is committed to gathering feedback from our families, sharing that feedback with our staff members for classroom adjustments, and creating action plans for future improvements at GICC.

GICC parents with a current email address on file were sent a survey link by email from <u>jarmstrong@gicc.org</u> via SurveyMonkey on April 5, 2024.

"It is important that we receive honest but kind feedback so we know with sincerity where to invest our time and efforts going forward," Dr Engle says.

"We strive to continue making Central Catholic the premier school in Grand Island!" In addition to utilizing the parent survey, GICC also gathers feedback from teachers and students to guide decisions for improvements.

The most recent example of seeing comments converted into change are the adjustments made to the lunch program for this school year.

By hearing that students wanted a larger lunch size offered, GICC Nutrition Services was able to offer two sizes of the daily hot lunch.

Additionally, parents expressed their desire to see what sides would be served with each hot lunch, and wanted the ability to see what items their students were purchasing. Both of those desires



were fulfilled by revising the lunch menu and also purchasing a new point of sale system.

To provide your feedback from this school year and share ideas with the Administration, complete the survey online by Sunday, May 5.

SOPHOMORE CLASS RETREAT Mon, Apr 8 8:30am	FRESHMAN CLASS RETREAT Weds, Apr 17 8:30am	JUNIOR CLASS RETREAT Fri, Apr 19 8:30am	School Board Meeting Date 6:00 pm April 18, 2024
8	17	19	Contact Us 308-384-2440 1200 Ruby Avenue
PROM Sat, Apr 20 7:30 Pictures 8:30 - Royalty Crowning	SERVICE DAY Weds, Apr 24 8:00-11:30am Afternoon Classes 5A-9	FBLA RETREAT Fri, Apr 26 7:30am-3:30pm	Grand Island, NE 68803 gicentralcatholic.org Janelle Armstrong
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APRIL 15 DEADLINE FOR NEW OSN SCHOLARSHIPS

Grand Island Central Catholic families have an additional opportunity to gain financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year if they have an incoming K-6th grader!

Click on the Nebraska Opportunity Scholarships (OSN) link to reach the



website for the State of Nebraska's new application for scholarships to private schools. This online process requires a \$40 application fee, so please be sure you are eligible first! To be eligible, your family must have an incoming K-6th grader.

NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska application window is open until April 15. Decisions will be made by July 1, 2024. These scholarships are needs-based and will require tax documentation to be submitted with the application.

"I hope all GICC families who have students entering the specified grade levels will apply for the OSN aid if they need financial assistance," principal Dr Jordan Engle said. "These funds will help make GICC more affordable for many of our families, and also help us use our internal funds to assist the Crusader families who don't have students entering K-6th grades."

With this change to the process for applying for financial aid to attend GICC, Central Catholic has changed its internal process.

"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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

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After completing an application for OSN (if eligible), 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 expense based on financial need and other criteria. Click the Financial Aid Application Form link to reach a printable form.

GICC FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

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 to OSN and Central



Catholic's internal tuition assistance and scholarships, 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 to learn more. **TUITION SAVINGS WHILE YOU SHOP INFO AND REGISTRATION FORM**

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





On behalf of Crusaders For Life, members Gabe Rief and Avery O'Boyle, presented a \$300 donation to **Mary's Cradle** . The funds were raised during Catholic Schools Week to assist mothers in need. **Mary's Cradle** is located at St Mary's Cathedral, and provides baby supplies free of charge to women experiencing unexpected pregnancies, as well as to families in crisis.



Just a reminder, several GICC students have unpaid lunch balances. We're asking all GICC

families to check their students' lunch account balances on PowerSchool and send payments.

Additionally, seniors will be required to pay-off all lunch balances, library fines, and any other fees before they can graduate. **APRIL 2024 LUNCH MENU**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL NO LUNCH	2 Pepperoni Grilled Cheese Pears Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk	BQ Meatballs Co Co 1/2 P	 4 No Breakfast Bar X Chicken Quesadilla Peaches Pudding Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 	5 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Breadstick Side Salad Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk
8 Corn Dog Chips Celery w/Peanut Butter or Ranch Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk	9 Walking Tacos Pudding Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk Regular Size Only	10 No Breakfast Bar X Chicken Sandwich Chips Pickle Spear Mandarin Orange Cup Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk	 11 No Breakfast Bar X Jello Brownie 1/2 Pt Milk Regular Size Only 	12 Chicken Bite Bowl Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 7th Gr Class Favorite
 15 Crispitos Chili & Cheese Rice Pudding Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 1/2 Pt Milk 1/2 Pt Milk 	16 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Dinner Roll Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk Pudding Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 1/2 Pt Milk Regular Size Only	 17 Beef & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes Peaches Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 24 Turkey Tortilla Wrap Apples w/Caramel Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 	 18 No Breakfast Bar X Corn Corn Garlic Bread Poke Cake 1/2 pt Milk 25 No Breakfast Bar X Corange Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk 	 Breakfast Burrito Tri Tator Mandarin Oranges Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk Taco Salad w/Beef Pears Donut Holes 1/2 Pt Milk
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Peaches Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk	Chicken Tetrazzini Green Beans Breadstick Cookie 1/2 Pt Milk			

Entrees are available in Regular & Large portion sizes. Students will order their sizes each morning. Salad Bar is also available as an alternative option. Snack Bar items are sold individually. REGULAR LUNCH - \$4 LARGE LUNCH - \$6 SALAD BAR - \$5 Menu subject to change upon availability



