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PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1, 2012

Dear Parents,

We sincerely hope that this holy season celebrating the birth of our Savior finds you and your family abundantly blessed with good health, happiness, and a joyful heart overflowing with the peace and love that only Jesus can give.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY, January 2nd or January 3rd, 2012. January 3rd will be a teacher work day for meetings and to finalize 1st semester grades. Students will resume classes on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Listen to the radio, watch the TV and look at the GICC school website for school closing information. If classes are cancelled or delayed, information will be posted on all of these.

CRUSADERS OF THE MONTH: The Grand Island Central Catholic faculty initiated a monthly honor recognizing students who possess admirable character traits and exhibit those traits on a daily basis. These students were acknowledged publicly on December 8th, with the "Crusader of the Month" award recognizing the qualities of integrity, respect, care, honesty, fairness, trust, and citizenship. The middle school honorees for the December "Crusader of the Month" are 6th grader Joe Mueller (son of Jeremy and Kate Mueller) and 8th grader Mallory Woods (daughter of Scott and Gina Woods). High school honorees are senior Aaron Earl (son of Bill and Karen Earl) and senior Victoria Bialas (daughter of Robert and Anna Bialas). In May the faculty will choose its "Crusader of the Year", the highest honor for the award. Please note the "Crusader of the Month" display board in the school lobby.

THANK YOU! The GICC's Adopted Christmas Family Project has been a tremendous success again this year. The response has been wonderful! Seven families have been greatly blessed by your efforts and spirit of "giving". The outpouring of generosity was TREMENDOUS! Christmas blessings to you and your family!

REPORT CARDS: can be picked up in the office on Monday, January 9th and Tuesday, January 10th. If report cards are not picked up, they will be mailed on Tuesday, January 10th at 2:30 p.m.

KARNIVAL KAPERS: The first meeting for KK 2012 will be on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the GICC conference room. Marcia Lee, Chair for the 2012 Karnival Kapers Committee, invites all parents to help make this year's Karnival Kapers another success. We are looking for prizes of any value \$10-\$200. PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED KARNIVAL KAPERS LETTER FOR INFORMATION. Please join us on Jan. 12th and find an area that's just for you or call Marcia at 380-1220. **Karnival Kapers is scheduled for Sunday, March 18th, 2012.** Please mark your calendars.

PRO LIFE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM: The Nebraska Catholic Conference and the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities under the direction of Greg Schleppebach have scheduled an assembly with Central Catholic on Wednesday, January 11th. Leah Darrow will speak to the student body around 9:00 a.m. after Mass (which begins about 8:15 a.m.). Leah's Witness Talk focuses on mercy, forgiveness and the ability to change your life...all of it. Using her personal testimony, she encourages all people to realize their call for greatness, rather than comfort. She also emphasizes the role of women in the Catholic Church, how this affects men and how each of them can unveil the lie of perfectionism that targets men and women, enabling them to see the truth. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass, the program or both!

CRUSADER YOUTH WRESTLING PROGRAM: will take registrations on January 5th from 6-7:00 p.m. at Central Catholic. 4 year s old thru 8th grader are welcome. Check the enclosed flyer for more information.

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DROP/ADD: “The last day any student can drop or add a class second semester is the second Friday of the semester (January 15, 2012). Any class changes must be completed through the Guidance Office and then only with parental and “instructor approval”. (Student Handbook, 2011-2012).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: will be observed from January 29--February 4, 2012. On Wednesday, February 1st, parents and guests are cordially invited to attend a special Mass beginning at 8:20 AM. A reception for parents and guests will immediately follow the program.

STUDENT INFORMATION DAY: for 2012-2013 incoming 6th grade students will be Tuesday, January 31st, 2012, from 8:15 a.m. until approximately 11:15 a.m. Applications for admission will be available.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: will be held for parents who are interested in a Catholic education for their child(ren). Two meetings are scheduled. One will be held during the Student Information Day on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 at Central Catholic. While the students are involved in the informational activities, we will break away and have a meeting with parents in attendance. Student activities begin at 8:15 AM and end around 11:15 AM on this day. The other meeting is scheduled Tuesday evening, January 31st, 2012 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will take place in the Library/Media Center. Parents are welcome to attend either meeting.

DANCE TEAM CLINIC: will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 2012. See enclosed flyer for details.

CRUSADER WEAR: will be available at various home varsity basketball games and varsity wrestling meets. Contact Doreen Spies with questions 402-779-1297.

DRIVER EDUCATION: Central Catholic is providing a Driver Education class during the second semester of the 2011-12 school year. The Nebraska Safety Center out of Kearney will provide the program here at Central Catholic. There are 21 students registered to take the course and they will take no more than 24 total students. A student would need to be 15 years of age and have or will have a learners permit. The course would begin on February 6th. There would be 22 hours of classroom instruction and 5.5 hours of In-car instruction (driving). The In-car instruction (driving) will be cut in half because the class will go to Kearney on 2 Saturdays for 5 hours (each time) of simulator and driving range instruction on the following days: Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 3rd, from 8:00am – 1:30 p.m. Classroom instruction will be on the following days: Monday, February 6th, Tuesday, February 7th, Friday, February 17th, Friday, March 2nd, Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. The In-car instruction (driving) would be scheduled with the instructor during a time that the student is available. This could be during free periods during the school day, after school, in the evenings or on the weekend. The cost for the course would be \$295.00 payable to the Nebraska Safety Center. If you have a student that meets the requirements above and are interested in having them enroll in this Driver Education class, please contact John Golka or Doris Rempe at 384-2440 after Christmas break.

TEACHER AWARDS: the Kim West Dinsdale award for Excellence in Teaching nomination form is available at www.gicf.org. A gift will be distributed to a teacher who has demonstrated a love for and quality in teaching. This award was given to Pat Kayl two years ago and made posthumously to Kay Janzen six years ago. Any person may nominate any teacher.

BALLGAME REMINDERS: Our winter sports season is now in full progress and we very much appreciate the large crowds that come to support these activities. Following are five gentle reminders that we need to make regarding procedure at school activities.

1. The school has a “Bottled Soft Drinks ONLY in the Gym” policy, which helps us avoid damage to the wood floor and also saves custodial clean-up time. Please use the appropriate recycle bins when disposing of your trash. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping with this policy!
2. Parking is NOT permitted in the circle drive in front of the school. This area is a fire lane and must be kept open at all times so that an emergency vehicle could enter if necessary.
3. Young fans should sit in bleachers with their parents and should not be out in the lobby, hallways, or cafeteria while the game is in progress. Children should not bring miniature basketballs or other personal items with them to school activities.
4. We ask that all of our fans practice good sportsmanship. We want to be recognized for outstanding conduct in the stands.

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Your help in these areas will be of great assistance to us in providing for the well-being and enjoyment of everyone who attends our school activities.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC CONCESSION WORKERS: want to thank Santa for dropping off a brand new microwave at the school to be used in the concession area. We truly appreciate all of our Crusader Santas!

GRADUATION: is set for May 13^h, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the new GICC gymnasium.

Parents/Guardians of Seniors: You may have already received information about picture needs and senior ads for the 2012 yearbook. Please make sure you get your information to the Journalism department before the listed deadlines. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peters at 308.384.2440. Thank you!

PROM 2012: Due to some concerns and wardrobe malfunctions in the past, we are asking that careful consideration is given to the design of the dresses selected to wear at this dance. Deep plunging necklines, lattice or open sides and extremely short or tight dresses seem to create fashion mishaps. Even some tuxedos have had problems and you need to make sure that the alterations and seams are secure. It is our hope that the students can come to the dance, look good, be comfortable and wear appropriate attire. Thanks for helping us out on this matter.

May the Spirit of Christ dwell in your heart and remain with you forever!

Greg Logsdon
Superintendent

John Golka
Principal



From the Diocese of Grand Island - Child Protection Office

If you have knowledge of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, church employee or volunteer, you may report the matter to one of our Victim Assistant coordinators:

Grand Island

Elizabeth A. Heidt, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 382-6565

Aileen Grundel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 381-2233



All 6-8 grade girls are invited to attend “FUN AND FUNDAMENTALS BASKETBALL NIGHTS” on Monday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. in January (9th-16th-23rd-30th).

The 2012 Crusader Yearbooks and Middle School Memory books can be ordered beginning the week of January 16, 2012. The cost is \$20 for the memory book and \$50 for the high school yearbook. These prices are good until March 31, 2012. After that, the books will increase by \$5. Please clip and return this form with your order. Thanks!

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Amount paid: _____

Hey GICC students! You too can be a Crusader Crazy! See the school website under Student Life to order your crazy T-shirt and be eligible for the best seat in the house and raffle goodies! Parents and supporters are also welcome to order this shirt to show support for GICC at all events. Come on, let's get

CRAZY!

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GICC MARKETING COMMITTEE:

We've met, selected co-chairs, some committee chairs, set some goals, and now are in much needed help from all of our GICC family members. Our major goal for the year is to have class sizes at 60 students per class. Initially, we are looking at this number for the incoming 6th grade class for the Fall of 2012. We are asking for names of current 5th graders who we can invite to the Tuesday, January 31, 2012 Open House at GICC. All we are asking for at this time is the name of the 5th grader along with her/his parents name, address, e-mail and phone number. If you have name(s) of upper class students, please feel to submit those also. You can e-mail name(s) to either Angie Ziller at aziller@kdsi.net or Sue Pirnie at tpirn@yahoo.com. If you have questions, feel free to call Angie at 308.380.8757 or Sue at 308.390.0876.

We are also in need of committee members in the areas of: School Liaisons, Parish Ambassadors, GICC Information Day, Crusader Kids' Club, Survey Group, and Social Networking. There will also be many more ways to get involved as we continue to meet and fine tune the Marketing Committee. All parents are invited to be a part of the Marketing Committee--please think about your own gifts and talents because many of these could be beneficial to really changing the dynamics of marketing GICC. Any added ideas are welcome!!!

Happy Holidays to each and everyone of our GICC Families,
Angie Ziller and Sue Pirnie
Marketing Committee Co-Chairs



KARNIVAL KAPERS...

The Carnival Kapers Planning Committee will meet at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12** in the GICC Committee Room. Please plan to join us! The committee meets only 3 times a year so it won't take much of your time to help plan this event. Carnival Kapers will be held on Sunday, March 18. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please call or stop in the office to give Sharon Witmer your cell phone number or email address.

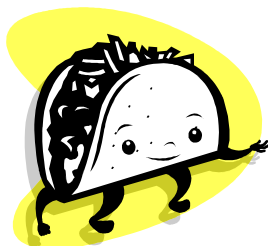
PRIZES NEEDED

Raffle Prizes: If your business would like to donate money or a product valued at \$200 or more, we still have room on the raffle tickets that the students sell. Great opportunity to advertise! *Tickets will be printed February 1, so please call or text Marcia Lee at 380-1220 ASAP for this opportunity!*

Crusader Raffle Basket Prizes: Last year we had 27 raffle baskets that profited \$1,400! Businesses and individuals are invited to donate a basket of products or donate individual items and/or gift cards *of any value* to add to themed baskets. Another great way to advertise and help the school! Drop off your donation with Sharon Witmer in the office or call 384-2440. You may also contact Marcia Lee at 380-1220.

WALKING TACO NIGHT

Tuesday, January 17th, 2012



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**GICC vs Kearney Catholic Basketball Games
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria**

Menu

Taco, Drink & Dessert.....	\$5.00
Taco.....	\$4.00
Dessert.....	\$1.00
Tea, Lemonade, Water.....	\$.75



SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, January 21st, 2012

**GICC vs Adams Central Basketball Games
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria**

Menu

Meal (Soup & Sandwich, Drink & Dessert).....	\$6.00
Soup (Chicken Noodle or Chili).....	\$3.00
Sandwich.....	\$2.00
Dessert.....	\$1.00
Tea, Lemonade, Water.....	\$.75



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LADY CRUSADER DANCE TEAM CLINIC



WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 2012

WHERE: GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC

TIME: 5:00 PM DANCE CAMP WITH PERFORMANCE AT BOYS VARSITY GAME THAT NIGHT

GAME TIME: 7:45 PM

GRADE: KINDERGARTEN-FIFTH GRADE

COST: \$25.00

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD TO GICC MAIN LOBBY AT 5:00 TO CHECK IN. THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DINNER AND A T-SHIRT. THEY WILL LEARN A DANCE ROUTINE AND PERFORM AT THE HALF-TIME DURING THE BOYS' VARSITY GAME. SUPERVISION WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE PICK UP YOU DANCER AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCE (APPROX. 8:15). HAVE THEM WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO DANCE IN!

PLEASE TURN THIS FORM INTO GICC OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 22 TO BE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT!!

CHILDS NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: YS YM YL AS AM AL

PARENT NAME: _____ PARENT PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CONTACT ALEX NIETFELD AT 402-980-2059 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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