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PARENT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Dear Parents,

May the peace and grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, be with you always!

NO SCHOOL. Please note the calendar because there are a number of days in February where there is NO SCHOOL. There will NOT be classes on the following days: February 6, February 7, and February 10, and February 17th. There is an Early Release on Monday, February 20th at 1:10 p.m. for a faculty meeting.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS AND ABSENCES. If at all possible, please let the office know by 8:30 a.m. if your student is absent for the day or has any appointments. This gives the office time to notify the teaching staff that students will not be present for class. If you know ahead of time that your student will be gone, please let the office know and they will have the student take a form around to inform all teachers and collect homework. Also, please ask your students to give all notes and checks to the office first thing in the morning.

CHRISTMAS CHEER UPDATE. *The Central Catholic Student Council followed by its teachers and its student body raised approximately \$5100.00 this year. We were able to gift \$1838.40 to the GI Christmas Cheer Fund (via the Independent) and \$1838.40 to the Salvation Army. Students also collected \$709.36 thru "Penny Wars". The Student Council matched this amount and donated \$1418.72 to the GRACE Foundation. This endeavor generates a great deal of enthusiasm and puts our faith into action by sharing with those in need. None of this could be done without the participation of our Central Catholic parents, so please accept our heartfelt THANKS for your generosity. Your support of our Christmas Cheer effort is genuinely appreciated.*

GICC TRAP TEAM: Any student 6th-12th grade that would like to be a part of the GICC Trap Team there will be an informational parent/athlete meeting on February 5, 2012, at 2pm in the school library. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to join the team please contact Tim O'Connor at timo@oconnorandassoc.com or Bunny Schlick at specialkids2@msn.com.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES. Second semester parent – teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 6th. Conferences will be held on this ONE DAY ONLY! There is no school on this day. Conference hours are from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. The afternoon schedule provides another option for parents who have conflicts in the evening. We encourage you to consider attending parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon, if possible. Note that there is an hour dinner break for the faculty from 4:00-5:00 p.m. At conferences you will receive a **six week progress note** from the office. It will look like our report cards. Any six week progress notes not picked up at conferences will be mailed home on Wednesday, February 8th. Conferences will be limited to five minutes and parents will make appointments to visit with the teachers. You may begin making appointments at 12:00 p.m. the day of conferences. CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW GYM.

TUITION ASSISTANCE. Applications for tuition assistance for the 2012-2013 school term will be accepted beginning February 1st, 2012, and application forms will be available in the school office on that date. The deadline for returning completed applications is April 15th, 2012. To qualify for tuition assistance, a family must be registered in one of the Grand Island Catholic parishes and be able to show financial need. Financial need is determined from information provided on the application form regarding household income, number of people in the household, number of students attending Central Catholic and information pertaining to unusual expenses which may create a financial hardship in meeting the cost of tuition.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION: Class meetings in February: February 2 at 7:00 p.m. - Parent/Student Meeting in Library, February 6, 7 and 17 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Class in Library. February 25 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Range & Simulation in Kearney. There are 5 open slots if you would like to enroll your student. Contact john golka at 384-2440.

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JERSEY AUCTION: The TeamMates Mentoring Program is sponsoring a silent jersey auction to raise funds and awareness for the Grand Island Program. The auction is for the opportunity to wear a boys varsity or jr basketball jersey during the day on Friday, February 10th and then to the St. Cecilia game that night. Winning bidders will be notified on February 9th. They can pickup the jersey at 7:30 Friday morning and return it after the game Friday. Silent bids will be taken from February 1-7th. Forms are in the school office.

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 Jan 11th 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 January "Crusader of the Month" are 8th grader Rylan Dvorak (son of Randy Dvorak and Lena Dvorak) and 8th grader Vasu Balraj (daughter of Kavir and Seema Balraj). High school honorees are senior Alex Wirth (son of Don and Denise Wirth) and senior Aisha Lee (daughter of Jay and Marcia Lee). 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.

MAJOR PRODUCTION INFORMATION: See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

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 the 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. Thanks, Mrs. Houdek, Mrs. Brown-Olsen, and Ms. Mollner.!

YEARBOOK. Don't forget to order your 2012 Crusader Yearbook (\$50 until April 1st) and Middle School Memory Book (\$20). Give your order to Mrs. Peters in the Journalism Room 103. See flyer attached.

SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS: Seniors should give a copy of ALL SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD LETTERS to Mrs. Rempe, whether you are planning to attend that school or not.

KARNIVAL KAPERS: 43 years and going! This event will be held on Sunday, March 18. This fundraiser distributes profits to the Student Council, the Fine Arts, the Athletic Booster Club, and the general school fund. Enclosed is information on what items are requested from families, ticket sales and a volunteer form. Please sign up to be a part of this fun and friendly family event! Volunteer at volunteerspot.com. See the enclosed flyers.

Last year Karnival Kapers had a great success with their new raffle basket bonanza. If you would like to donate an item to go in a basket this year or if you would like to create your own basket, please help us out! We try to make all baskets worth at least \$100 and if you have questions, please contact Lisa Montgomery or Dawnita Buck. Please bring donated raffle items and baskets to the school office by Monday, March 5th.

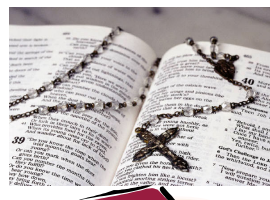
BOXTOPS AND CAMPBELLS LABELS. Thank you to everyone for dropping off your labels in the school office. We want everyone to know how much we appreciate your efforts. Every little bit helps to support and run our school!!!!

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

Sincerely,

Greg Logsdon
Superintendent

John Golka
Principal



Everyone is invited to join in prayer each Wednesday following the school Mass. Please meet in the Chapel at GICC and pray in thanksgiving and support of our school.

From the Diocese of Grand Island - Child Protection Office

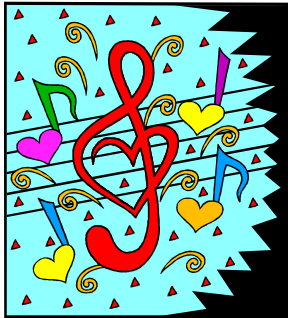
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If you have knowledge of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, church employee or volunteer, you may report the matter to one of our Victim Assistant coordinators:

Grand Island

Elizabeth A. Heidt, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 382-6565
Aileen Grundel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (308) 381-2233



FROM SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO 91.5

We love our Catholic schools, and we want your staff and your students to tell us why they love their school in our “How Cool is Your School?” contest!

It’s easy for parents and students to enter our contest! Just go to our Spirit Catholic Radio Facebook page or e-mail us at kvss@kvss.com and tell us about their school and why they love it! (If families have more than one student, they can enter each child individually.)

Starting Monday, January 30th, our “Daybreak” morning show hosts TJ and Rachel will announce a student winner each day that week, leading up to the GRAND PRIZE on Monday, February 6th for a very cool school! (Yes, that could be our school!)

YEARBOOKS

The cost is \$50 (High School) and \$20 (Middle School) respectively.
The price will increase after March 31st so order soon!

Please make checks payable to GICC Journalism and return with the form below. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Peters at the school (384-2440).

***** Detach Here *****

NAME _____ GRADE _____

NO. OF BOOKS _____ AMOUNT _____

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GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC POST PROM PARTY

April 28-29, 2012

WESTSIDE LANES

12:00 PM-3:30 AM

The Post Prom Party is open to all **Juniors** and **Seniors** and their dates (student choice- whether to bring date to party). Prom attendance is NOT required. The fee is \$15.00 per person. *Please make checks payable to "GICC POST PROM".*

Pre-registration by Monday, April 16th, is a **MUST** in order to be assured of receiving a T-shirt. The **Form and Money** (see below) may be turned into the office.

Students **MUST** be present to win any prizes/ drawings.

The scheduled party arrival/ departure times will be followed exactly as posted. Students should plan on staying at the party for the entire time. If a student needs to leave before 3:30 AM, prior arrangements **MUST** be made with one of the committee representatives.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE CHECKED INTO THE PARTY BY 12:30 AM.

***Any student leaving the party will NOT be allowed to return. By necessity, there will be no exceptions to this rule.**

***The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco is not permitted. Behavior deemed inappropriate by the chaperones will not be permitted.**

Parents assume the ultimate responsibility for their students. Students who decide to test any of the guidelines will be isolated and their parents/guardians will be contacted to escort them from the party.

This party is for fun and enjoyment. The party requires a great deal of money and effort on the part of the community, the parents and the students. It only takes one incident or person to place a damper on everyone's fun. Please do not allow anyone to ruin this event for others or for future classes.

POST PROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Dawnita & Bob Buck – 391-1274

Kim & Greg Jarecke – 381-7347

Julie & Terry Pfeifer – 379-8340

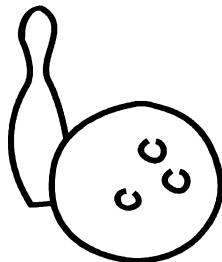
Tracy & Tom Noble – 382-4438

Suzette Woodward – 381-4377

Shawna & Charlie

Shoemaker – 381-0481

Kim Mickels & Ron Moran – 382-3769



POST PROM FEE

\$15.00 per person Exact amount only!!!

Checks may be made out to GICC Post Prom

Due by Monday April 16th

Your name/grade _____ Date's name/grade _____
Your t-shirt size S / M / L / XL / XXL Date's t-shirt size (if appl.) S / M / L / XL / XXL
Your Parents Name & Phone # _____
Dates Parents Name & Phone # _____
Amt. Paid \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____

Find the GICC Calendar