

Courier - 1/11/2021

General News

End of the Semester

Wednesday & Thursday, January 13 & 14

- School out at 2:00 - for final exams

Friday, January 15 - School is out at noon - end of semester

Monday, January 18 - No School, Martin Luther King Day

MACS Fine Arts Competition

The Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS) has cancelled the fine arts competition for elementary, middle school, and high school. Each school will be working on opportunities for our fine art students to present to the student body throughout the spring.

Band Fees

Second semester band fees are due at this time. Parents of band students please check Family Portal under the Family Tab for payment fees.

MTA Bussing

MTA busses will be running on January 13, 14 & 15. The normal bus schedule will be moved up an hour on the 13th and 14th for a 2:00 dismissal and it will be moved up by three hours on January 15th to coincide with a noon dismissal.

Direct Your Dollars

GCS collects the receipts from VG's for the Direct Your Dollars program. This program is through the *Spartan Nash grocery stores*. If you shop at VG's, *Valuland*, *Family Fare*, *D & W Freshmarket* or other Spartan Nash grocery stores please consider donating your WHOLE receipt to GCS for the Direct Your Dollars points at the bottom. Only WHOLE receipts are able to be turned in. When we collect enough points from the receipts, GCS will receive a check from the program.

Health Screening Daily

Please be sure to assess your child's health every morning before sending them to school.

Parents need to monitor body temperature every morning, along with possible symptoms.

Please keep students home if they are experiencing two or more Covid-19 symptoms or have a fever. We appreciate your help in keeping our school body healthy.

Auction Planning!

The 2021 GCS Benefit Auction preparations are in full swing and we are looking for items to make this year another huge success! Collecting donations may be challenging this year due to many struggling businesses. If you are willing and able to donate any gift cards or items to our auction fundraiser, we would greatly appreciate it.

If you have any gift baskets leftover from Christmas that you do not need, the auction team could use them! Please send baskets to either building.

Custodian

The Middle and High School is looking for someone to clean part time. Hours are negotiable.

Please contact Chris Rainear, with any questions crainear@geneseechristianschool.com

Day Care/Little Leaders

Assistance with Friday, Jan. 15

Friday, January 15th is a half day and the daycare will be open until 5:30 pm. If you will need daycare/latchkey in the afternoon, please sign-up in the day care office.

Tax Report

If you would like to receive a yearly tax report of all payments made to Little Leaders Daycare during 2020, please let us know by **January 29, 2021**. The reports will be completed the week of February 14th unless you request an earlier date. Please sign up on the sheet next to the daycare door. You must request a report in order to receive one.

Elementary

Parent Teacher Fellowship Reinvisioned (In person event Cancelled)

Our annual Parent Teacher Fellowship will look different this year. Your child's teacher will send a video reviewing what we've accomplished so far this year and giving details of what will be covered in the second semester. More detailed information coming next week!

Slushes

Slushes will be served on **Thursday** afternoon (because of noon dismissal on Friday) for 75¢.

Early dismissals

Wednesday 1/13: **2:00 dismissal** (Latchkey available, advance notice needed)

Thursday 1/14: **2:00 dismissal** (Latchkey available, advance notice needed)

Friday 1/15: **NOON dismissal** (Latchkey available, advance notice needed)

Monday 1/18: **NO SCHOOL, MLK Day**

It's hard to believe the school year is almost half over. We are so grateful that we have been able to meet face to face so far. Encourage your students to finish the first semester strong. Please mark your calendar for the early dismissals this week!

January Bookworm Club

Cold winter days are a perfect time to curl up with a good book! Please encourage your child to read and record their time. Those who complete their goal on the Bookworm calendar will receive a popcorn treat at the beginning of February.

Middle/High School

End of the Semester

This week is the final week of the first semester. Exams take place on January 13, 14, and 15th. On January 13th and 14th classes will be dismissed at 2:00 and on January 15th classes are out at noon.

Exam Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, January 11 & 12, 2021- Regular School Day

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2021 - Out at 2:00 p.m.; 1st and 2nd Hour Exams

THURSDAY, January 14, 2021 - Out at 2:00 p.m.; 4th and 5th Hour Exams

FRIDAY, January 15, 2021- Out at NOON; 6th and 7th Hour Exams
(students must be picked up by 12:45)

Monday, January 18, 2021– No School, Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - The first day of second semester.

Pastor's Luncheon

The Pastor's Luncheon scheduled for this month is tentatively postponed. We hope to reschedule this event to honor pastors in late April.

Segment II Driver's Training

Genesee Driving School will be starting a Segment II driver ed class on Wednesday, January 13th at Genesee Christian after school. Students may pick up a contract from Mrs. Lunney or call 810-564-0808.

High School Library

Thank you for sending in books for our library. We are still gathering books. There are a few ways you could help us. Please go to the link <https://a.co/hgeg3Ye> and look over the books that need to be added to our shelves.

1. If you have these books in your possession and you would like to donate them (only slightly used/worn), please drop them off at the school to the attention of Mrs. Heath.
2. If you would like to purchase these books for the school, you may do so at the Amazon link above or you may purchase them elsewhere and drop them off at the school to the attention of Mrs. Heath.

Thank you for helping to fill our library shelves for years of reading enjoyment. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Heath at kheath@geneseechristianschool.com

Washington DC Trip

Please pray with us regarding this trip! It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students and we would love to go in April 2021. Final payment is due January 15, 2021. Please check RenWeb under Family Accounts for your balance. There is still room if you would like to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Heath at kheath@geneseechristianschool.com

Athletics

Under current MDHHS and MHSAA guidelines, high school winter sports practices will begin Saturday, January 16. Currently, games are scheduled beginning January 22.

Varsity Girls Basketball: Practice will begin on Saturday, January 16 from 12 till 2pm

Varsity/JV Boys Basketball: Tryouts will take place on Saturday, January 16 from 10am till 12pm; varsity practice will be held on Saturday, January 16 from 2:00 till 4:30 pm.

Junior High Girls Volleyball: Season has been CANCELLED.

High School Baseball Players: Open gym TBA.

5th & 6th Grade Boys: Jet League basketball update

We are still waiting on updates & information, but we will send an email as soon as we hear something.