



SOLDIER RATIONS

Cyber Soldiers - WHAT???

Have you heard... GCS now has a robotics team. Some of you may have a little knowledge about what this new team is and some of you have no clue what this means.

First of all Robotics competitions are a HUGE deal and happen worldwide. **View this short video to see what a competition looks like and how it benefits students.** [Click here.](#)



In keeping with the spirit of late night television or our own Chris Rainer, here are the **Top 10 reasons to be part of Robotics.**

- 10. Super cool spirit wear developed by our own team - <http://cybersoldiers.itemorder.com>
- 9. Inclusivity (big word alert!) - High School Robotics is accessible to a wide range of students with varying talents, skills and interests. **It's more than just Robots!**
- 8. Apply and expand your knowledge in areas such as team building, business, computers, engineering, interpersonal communications and math! Those are just the tip of the iceberg!
- 7. Learn techie skills like **CAD , Java, C++** and how to safely operate a drill press, cutoff saw, and other shop tools, while having fun! You can Geek Out!



- 6. Millions of dollars in **college scholarships** are given each year to robotics team participants. Kettering offers up to \$25K per student just for participating on a robotics team.
- 5. It's like NASCAR - really it is, we even have a drive team, scouts and a pit area.

- 4. Promotes real life skills such as team work, responsibility and attention to detail.
- 3. Yes, this will help your child "adult-up".
- 2. Awesome experience that looks good on a college or job application, increasing chances at employment, grants and scholarships. (Everybody loves robotics!)
- 1. **There is no high school activity more like the real world!**

The Cyber Soldiers first competition is scheduled for March 1st & 2nd at Kettering University. More information, including times and location, will be announced as the competition season gets closer. Plan now to support the Cyber Soldiers!

And yes, Kim Anthony used the "Roboto" font for the robotics column.

Fall Athletics

Fall season was great. Thanks to all who came out and supported the Soldiers. The Volleyball team was District champions and the Soccer team was Regional Champs for the 4th consecutive year. Congrats to all.

Winter Athletics

Banners

Special thanks to those who have chosen to advertise in the gymnasium. The athletic department is already reaping some of the benefits as there will be new chairs for the team benches coming soon. Let us know if you would like to advertise your business in the GCS gym.

Controversy

Ticket prices have gone up. \$5 for HS sports and \$3 for the Middle School. This is NOT an attempt to create hardship for anyone - just trying to make ends meet. Some have suggested discounts for senior citizens, veterans, active duty, law enforcement, educators, pastors, and roller coaster enthusiasts. Not sure where the line should be drawn. The athletic director would appreciate any input you may have. Your input could be in the form of a suggestion or if you would just like to "input" some money into athletics. Either is fine.

Genius

We now have online signups up and running on the [school website](#). Get in early and sign up to help. On the nights you work, you and your family get into the games for FREE.



Basketball

Basketball season is upon us. It is exactly like hunting season except it will be warmer, friendlier and funner. Be sure to come out and support the teams. Here are a couple videos about the upcoming season.

[Varsity Boys](#)

[Varsity Girls](#)

Do You Want to Build a Snowman? In Nov. ?



Spirit Wear Sale for Christmas

Be sure to order some GCS spirit wear for that someone special. Here is the [FORM](#).



Heroes Concert - Elementary

About seven years ago Kim Lauderbaugh and Dianna Harney had a desire to show appreciation of the military and to give students opportunity to connect faces to the pages in a their History books. Over the years, additions like Black Rifle coffee (a veteran owned business), mugs and packets of appreciation and witness specifically geared to veterans have made this event better each year.

Wednesday, November 14, was our third **Heroes Concert**. Our guests were military veterans, law enforcement, and first responders. Kim Lauderbaugh was the main organizer and energizer this year and we were thrilled with all that GCS was able to give and do.

Our official purpose for this concert is to help our students develop an appreciation for those who serve us so faithfully every day, to put faces to events of history and to reach into our community as a light.

Mike 'Flagman' Bowen

As a result of the Heroes Concert, GCS received a wonderful thank you note from a true hero. You may also be interested in a few videos that highlight Mr. Bowens heart and service.

[Video One](#)

[Video Two](#)

Dear Genesee Christian School
Students and staff:
Thank You! Thank You! Thank
You!
Thank you for the Awesome Vet
erans ceremony.
Thank you for the wonderful
Patriotic music and medley.
Thank you for the treats and
bag full of goodies.
It was a privilege and
honor to be invited and part
of the ceremony.
God Bless America,
Mike 'Flagman' and
Patty Bowen