



HOME BULLETIN

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GHCS Mission: Educating minds and shaping hearts for service to God in His world.

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Our theme is: Unite

Theme Verse: Psalm 133:1

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1 Spirit Day
- 6 Blood Drive 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- 6,13,20 Moms in Prayer at 1:45 – 2:30
- 7 Christmas Band/Choir Concert @ 7:00 pm
- 11/12 Gift Wrap & Gab @ 8:30-11:00 am
- 13 Silver Tea (Y5-2nd) at 1:00 pm at 1st CRC
- 15 Preschool 4's Christmas Program @ 10:00 am
& 1:00 pm
- 20 Christmas Chapel
- 21 **Christmas Break (no school)**

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 5 Spirit Day
- 12 End of 2nd Quarter
- 12/13 Dad's Camp-in
- 15 **Records Day – No School**
- 16 Early Education Open House
- 17 Report Cards
- 22 GHCS Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 25 Variety Show (Y5-5th) at 6:30 pm
- 31 All-school Chapel at 8:00 am

HAND 2 HAND

As the giving season approaches, we always want to make sure our kids' teachers know how much we appreciate and love them for all they do! And while teachers appreciate the thought and care that comes from the families of their students at Christmas time, many would prefer those dollars be directed to a charitable cause. It is certainly not expected to give gifts, but if it is laid upon your heart to do so please consider making a donation in honor of your child's teacher to GHC's Hand 2 Hand ministry. Hand 2 Hand provides backpack meals to children in need in our community. It is a ministry of GHC in collaboration with All Shores Wesleyan Church and the meals are packed with care by the hands of our very own students.

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Donations can be made in the school office anytime between Thanksgiving and Christmas Break (Please include "Hand 2 Hand" on the memo line if writing a check).

JINGLE BELL PARADE - Dec. 2

Please come out and support GHCS at the Grand Haven Jingle Bell Parade this Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5:45pm. We would love to have our float filled with GHCS students and families. You are welcome to ride the float or walk along. If it isn't too cold, or if you get creative with layering, we'd love for you to wear some spirit wear! Our float is number 26 and we will be lining up at 5:45pm on Franklin St between 2nd and 3rd street on the south side of the road. We hope to have a good turnout of GHC supporters!



IF YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE, WOULD YOU?

Next Wednesday, Dec. 6, the middle school students will be hosting the 7th annual blood drive in the gym from 2pm-7pm. **Registration is now open** and appointments can be scheduled online. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code GHCS in the upper right corner. If you prefer to have a time scheduled for you, please email a time frame to Sherri Bradford-Royle at bradfords@grandhavenchristian.org. Plan on an hour to donate....one that can save three lives!

BAND & CHOIR CONCERT – December 7

The Christmas Music Concert will be held at 1st CRC on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm. The 5th/6th grade choir, the middle school choir, the 5th grade band, and the middle school bands will be performing. A free will offering for the music program will be taken.



SILVER TEA – December 13

Please join our students in grades RK-2nd in celebrating the miracle of Jesus' birth. The Silver Tea will be held at 1st CRC (across from school) at 1:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 13. **Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.**

For your convenience there will be a nursery available beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Following the program, holiday cookies, punch, coffee and tea will be served at school. Please join our school family in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus! **We are looking for volunteers** to help put cookie trays together, serve punch/coffee, decorate the gym and clean up. For those of you with children in the program; you will be able to make it over to the church to watch the program if you are volunteering.

If you are interested in helping on this special day please contact Jen Somers at 616.566.0186 or jjsomers@att.net.

WHAT IS THE SILVER TEA?

The Silver Tea originated many, many years ago when women from the Christian community would dress up and gather at GHCS to begin the Christmas season with tea and fancy cookies served on silver tea sets. They would enjoy fellowship and Christmas songs sung by the children of GHC. Today the Silver Tea continues to celebrate the Christmas season but in a much less formal manner and is open to all.

ISO: GHC Parents with Gift Wrapping Skills

PTF is gearing up for our annual Gift Wrap & Gab on **Monday, Dec 11 & Tuesday, Dec 12 from 8:30am-10:30am.**

Our Gift Wrap & Gab days are a volunteer service we provide to GHC teachers and staff to bring their purchased Christmas gifts, either personal or classroom related, and we do all the wrapping! PTF provides the gift wrap and all the supplies, we meet in the Maker Space and parents get the opportunity to come together in fellowship and fun! Come one or both days for an hour or the whole time, whatever you are available to do! If school is cancelled for either of these days because of inclement weather, we will reschedule for Friday, Dec 15. Your time wrapping and gabbing also counts toward your parent service hours. To reserve your spot in the Maker Space to wrap, please contact Denice Belknap via email ptfshines@grandhavenchristian.org, via FB Messenger, or stop her in the hallway and say "Count me in!"

SURROUND CARE NEEDS HELP!

SurroundCare is in need of a caregiver for our after school program on Mondays - Fridays, 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. If you are interested and wish to apply, please send a resume and cover letter to James Onderlinde at jonderlinde@grandhavenchristian.org or contact us at 616-842-5420 if you have questions about the position.

SCHOOL CLOSING POLICY (Due to weather)

Grand Haven Christian School will close for severe weather when either Grand Haven Public or Spring Lake Public School closes. This is due to the fact that we have many students from both school districts.

In the event of a two-hour weather related delay, we will follow what Grand Haven Public School District does. **On delay days, please do not drop children off prior to 9:30 a.m.** Parents, please use your discretion when driving students to school when the weather is severe. For up to date information regarding school closing, check TV channels 8 or 13, or check our website www.grandhavenchristian.org and click on the link WZZM School Closings. GHCS will also be using a text messaging application, Remind, to notify parents of school delays or cancellations due to weather. There is no cost to sign-up. Individuals who want to join Remind need to text @ghcs to (248) 823-7119. Individuals who joined last year are automatically on the list still. You will then receive a message asking you to provide your name so that the school can monitor who has signed up. The phone number above is generic through the website so you cannot reply or send other messages to reach someone associated with GHCS.

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

- The library needs help reshelving books! If interested, please email Emily Bierma at ebierma@grandhavenchristian.org and she will be happy to show you the system. The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays with a special need on Thursdays when most of the books get returned. Thanks!
- Volunteer at Once & Again (616-296-0677) and/or DIBS (231-798-2252)
- Help with the Silver Tea on Dec. 13. Contact Jen Somers at 616.566.0186 or jjsomers@att.net.
- Wrap presents Dec. 11 & 12. Email Denice Belknap via email ptfshines@grandhavenchristian.org.

Check out the Warrior's Youth Basketball Program!!!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18NO3hv2QfYlhUO_luxXh6O2Ea-42vYKLGorR5pMDCEvE/edit?usp=sharing

AMAZON SMILE

If you are starting to think about Christmas shopping, or other online shopping, remember to shop at Amazon Smiles and choose Grand Haven Christian as your designated school. We will then receive rewards from Amazon! Here is a direct link for your ease of shopping! <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1467641>

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer is a group of moms that pray for our students, staff, school, and community. They would love for you to join them. They meet weekly on Wednesday from 1:45-2:30. Please consider joining, it also can count toward your service hours. Please contact Brooke Campbell with any questions at: jonandbrooke@gmail.com.

HOT LUNCH MENU: Nov. 30 – Dec. 6 (see www.grandhavenchristian.org for complete monthly menu)

Thursday, Nov. 30	Friday, Dec. 1	Monday, Dec. 4	Tuesday, Dec. 5	Wednesday, Dec. 6
Subs	Bagel & sausage	Beef hot dog	Dominos Pizza	Pancakes
Apple slices	Hash brown	Curly fries	Broccoli	Sausage, Hash brown
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar

TRIP Christmas News

Is it time to think about Christmas giving? Teachers, Newspaper carriers, Youth Group Leaders, Angel Tree giving, Neighbors, Coaches.....low denomination gift cards are available in the office for easy Christmas gift giving. Others are available for order on line. These cards will be available while supplies last.

- Amazon.com \$10 Panera \$5 Walmart \$10
- Barnes & Noble \$5 Starbucks \$5
- Meijer \$10 Target \$10

Last Chance for TRIP:

Check & Carry before Christmas: done at 2:45 PM, Dec. 20th

Long form or on line orders: Order by 8 AM Dec. 11th - pick up after 9AM December 18th

Any orders not picked up by end of school December 20th, will be available January 3rd

ScripNow or Reload: Order any time 24/7

Regular TRIP schedule resumes January 8, 2018

Be sure to set up your PrestoPay now so you can pay on the go!

Contact Amy Miedema at trip@grandhavenchristian.org with any questions.