



HOME BULLETIN

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Our mission is to provide a quality learning experience in a Christ-centered, academic environment where children are prepared for a life of faithful service to God and community.

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy Name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:20-22

With another bailout now in place, people wonder whether or not it will really work. The law gets signed, and the stock market plunges. Not exactly a vote of confidence. I suppose it's because all of this is built by humans, with their failings, that cause trust to be so lacking in today's world. The psalmists probably experienced similar feelings, and decided that there is only one place with a guarantee, and that is to put our hope in God. I believe that we are in a test as a nation and a world, but also as individuals. Where will we go in times of trouble? Do what the psalmist did, and put your hope in God.

-Rick Geertsma, Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- February
- 21 Paper Drive/Pop can collection at Tysman Truck from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 - 25 All-school chapel at 8:10 a.m.
 - 25 GHCS Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - 26 Winter Open House / Spelling Bee
- March
- 5 Middle School Choir Pops Concert at 7:00 p.m.
 - 17 Young Fives information meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Kindergarten information meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 - 21 Paper Drive / Pop can collection at Tysman Truck from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 - 21 Science Olympiad
 - 23 Enrollment for next year's Young Fives and Kindergarten at 7:00 p.m.
 - 25 Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - 25 All-school chapel at 8:10 a.m. in gym
 - 25/26 Middle School Play at 7:00 p.m.
 - 27 End of 3rd quarter

If you have a joy or concern that you would like included in the Home Bulletin, please let the office know (842-5420).

RIDDLE #6

How many yards is 13 miles? You will need a calculator (or be a really smart math student) to figure this one out! Put your answer in the box by the office door. The answer to last week's question, "If Mr. Geertsma leaves at 11:30 a.m. and runs 13 miles at 11 minutes per mile, at what time will he arrive back at school, to the minute?" is 1:53 p.m. and Jamie Cooke (7th) was the winner of an Earth's Edge silver mug.

ALL-SCHOOL CHAPEL – Feb. 25

Parents and the public are invited to an all-school chapel the last Wednesday of each month at 8:10 a.m. in the gymnasium. Next Wed., Feb. 25, John Nyitray from Harlem Reformed Church will be our guest speaker.

WINTER OPEN HOUSE – Feb. 26

Our winter open house is Thursday, Feb. 26. All parents, children and friends are invited to join us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for a pizza supper in the gym (cost is by donation). From 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. the classrooms will be open for visiting and meeting teachers and other parents. This is a great time to promote our school by inviting friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed for serving and cleaning. If you need service hours and

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please pray for Toni Schuitema's mom, Elaine. She was diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer last summer and has been declining in health the past few weeks. We know prayer is so powerful and we are comforted by the prayers and kind words that we have received from our family at GHCS. "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

would like to help, please call Amy Fles (296-0159) or Heather Shelton (842-0366).

SPELLING BEE – Feb. 26

You and your family are invited to watch the GHCS Spelling Bee in the music room on Feb. 26 at approximately 7:40 p.m. following the winter open house.

G.H. BUS SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 26, 27 & MAR. 2



Feb. 26 – No PM buses
Feb. 27 – No PM buses
March 2 – No AM or PM buses.
Spring Lake bus will run in the afternoon as usual those days.

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Educational Support Services (ESS) is looking for assistance in developing a picture mini-book to highlight some of the interactions frequently taking place among those involved in the Circle of Friends activities as well as many others displaying Christ through spontaneous acts of friendship. If interested or desiring more information please contact Shelley Feddema at 842-5420.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

We are taking enrollments for this fall’s preschool classes and still have openings in the T/Th afternoon class for 4 year olds. Currently the 3-year-old classes are full, but if we get enough interest, we will offer an additional 3-year-old class on T/Th mornings. Please promote our program to your friends and neighbors. We have brochures in the office if you would like to share a copy with a friend.

VOLLEYBALL HELP NEEDED

Help with the scorebook and with the clock is needed at the 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball matches. Volunteer to do either 7th or 8th or both by calling Esther Driesenga at 842-5420. Great way to earn service hours while watching the games!

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR YEARBOOK

Photos for the yearbook are needed from all grades Y5 – 8th grade. Please submit to the office in digital form, if possible. Thank you!

THE GHCS AUCTION IS COMING! (April 25)

The date has changed – please mark your calendars for April 25, 2009. Bill Steffen will be our auctioneer for the night as we Shine through the Seasons. We are currently gathering auction items and donations. Don’t fall back this winter waiting for a call to donate, spring ahead and drop off your item to us before summer when

it will be to late. If you have a service, goods, or money that you can donate to help support GHCS at the auction, please call Fred VandenBrand at 842-5420 or Jodi Kooistra at 847-7806. Or drop your item off to the school by February 27th.

TUITION ADJUSTMENTS

If you would like to be considered for a tuition adjustment for the 2009-10 school year, please complete the FACTS form **by Feb. 27**. You may do this by mail or online at www.factstuitionaid.com. All the information is kept confidential. Decisions regarding tuition adjustments need to be made before enrollment, so the sooner the FACTS form is completed the better. **Completion of this form is a requirement for any family to receive tuition adjustments.**

HOT LUNCH STILL NEEDS HELP!

Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to help with hot lunch; it’s very much appreciated! We are now looking for helpers on the **2nd & 4th Mondays of March, April & May** from 11:00 to 12:30/1:00. Please call Amy Cunningham at 847-7139 if you can help one of more of these Mondays.

WMC EVENTS

1. The Parade of Bands Winter Concert featuring the bands from Muskegon Christian School and Western Michigan Christian High School will be February 23rd at 7 pm at the former WMC Campus (1212 Kingsley St., Next to MCS). The public is invited to come hear these great bands free of charge.
2. The WMC Music Boosters will be hosting a Candlelight Italian Dinner ON Saturday, Feb. 28, at WMCHS to benefit the WMC Band & Choir Spring trip to Kansas City. Tickets (Adults - \$15; Children under 12 - \$6 are limited and can be purchased at the school office (455 E. Ellis, Muskegon or 231.799.9644). There will be two seatings - 5 pm and 6:30 pm.

GIRLS’ VOLLEBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Mrs. Cindy Brace

Feb. 19	Home	vs.	Borculo Chr.	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Home	vs.	Fremont Chr.	4:15 p.m.
Feb. 24	Home	vs.	Allendale Chr.	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	Away	vs.	Allendale Chr.	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	Away	vs.	Borculo Chr.	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	Home	vs.	Muskegon Chr.	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 10	Away	vs.	Fremont Chr.	4:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

You are invited to a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Feb. 21 from 8-10 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church, located on the corner of Waverly and Ferry. Cost is by donation. This is a fundraiser for our group of families who are volunteering on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota through a non-profit organization called Re-Member. Our group will be partnering with other volunteers in building houses to meet the housing shortage on the reservation. The trip is planned for June 13-19, 2009. The first 30 people to come to the breakfast will be given a small gift.

THINKING ABOUT SPRING HOUSECLEANING?

First Christian Reformed Church volunteers collect and recycle over 600 pounds of metal each week through their Metal Recycle Ministry that supports youth and other church programs. Examples include: exercise equipment, old grills, electrical cords and Christmas tree lights, motors, pumps, aluminum screens and siding,

metal pipes, brass and copper parts, cans, broken appliances (except refrigerators) and more! If it's metal we can take it! And, we will pick it all up! Call 1st CRC at 842-6370 for pick up or drop off information. Thank you for supporting environmental stewardship.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Allendale Christian School is hosting their annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on March 28 for both girls and boys 3rd-8th grades. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams at each level, and each player will receive a tee shirt. All area schools are invited to join us! The cost is \$15 per person and should be sent in by team. Registration forms are due by March 13 and are available at ACS or on our website at www.allendalechristian.com. Tournament will be held at Allendale Public High School, 10760 68th Avenue.

HOT LUNCH MENU: Feb. 19 - 25 (see www.grandhavenchristian.org for complete monthly menu)

Thursday, Feb. 19	Friday, Feb. 20	Monday, Feb. 23	Tuesday, Feb. 24	Wednesday, Feb. 25
Nachos Grande Taco Meat, Cheese, Chips, Salsa, Tomatoes, Lettuce, and Sour Cream	Chicken/Bacon Tortilla Wraps Corn, Grapes, Salad Bar	Beef & Cheese Burrito Corn, Tator Tots Pineapple Tidbits Salad Bar	Chicken Patty on a bun Green Beans Alphabet Soup Fresh Fruit Mix Salad Bar	French Bread Pizza Corn Peaches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit