

Welcome New Calvin Christian High School Parents!



GCCS Mission:

Equipping students to serve and glorify God

Our Core Values:

Grounded in Faith

Connected through Relationships

Committed to Excellence

Prepare for Service

Tonight's Goal:

To develop a strong partnership between parents and the high school in order to best support your child at Calvin Christian.

Tonight's Topics:

- Resources
- Academic Support
- Spiritual Support
- Emotional Support
- Points of Emphasis
- Important Contacts

RESOURCES

Google Classroom

All students have access to information about their classes in **Google Classroom**. This is where students find:

- Assignments and Due Dates
- Links to Resources
- The link to Google Calendar

Unit 1



Due Friday, 8/26: No assignment

Due Aug 26



Unit 1 Notes pp. 1-2

Posted 5:17 AM



Overview of Geometry

Posted 5:19 AM



Due Wednesday, 8/24: 8 Mathematical Pract...

Due Today

Posted 5:12 AM

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Turned in

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Assigned



AG - 8 Mathematical Pra...
Google Docs

[View assignment](#)

Google Calendar

TUE

23

WED

24

THU

25

FRI

26

Due Wednesday, 8/24: 8 Mathematical Practices

Due Friday, 8/26: No assignment

GCCS Website - gosquires.org



High School Resources

PDF downloads

- 2023-24 CCHS Student Parent Handbook
- Daily Time Schedule 2023-24
- 2023-2024 GCCS Calendar

Useful Links

- PowerSchool
- Moodle
- Gekus Photography Order
- Yearbook Checklist for Seniors

Scheduling Information

Information and forms can be found on the Counseling page.

Hot Lunch

- August Menu
- Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Eligibility Requirements
- Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Application

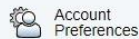
Other Forms (PDFs)

- Service Hours Verification Form
- Prearranged Absence Form
- Medication Policy
- Medical Authorization Form
- Physician Request for Self-Administration of Medication
- School Trip Medication Authorization Form
- Student Parking Registration
- Health Physical Form for Sports
- Early Release/Late Arrival Permission Form

PowerSchool

- All parents have and should know how to access their Powerschool accounts
- If you are having account difficulties, please email powerschool@gccsmi.org
- Use Powerschool for:
 - Seeing grades/missing assignments for your student
 - Absences and tardies
 - Historical Grades
- Students and parents can also use the Powerschool App

Abigail | Evan | **Kayla**

Navigation

District Code

XQZN

Grades and Attendance:

Grades and Attendance

Standards Grades

Attendance By Class

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	T1	E1	S1	T2	E2	S2	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F									
1(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Geometry A Email Dekker, Dave - Rm: 106	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
2(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Symphonic Band A Email Horton, Sarah - Rm: 73	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
3(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U.S. History A Email Throop, Jon - Rm: 98	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
4(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Spanish 1 A Email Kruis Leyen, Holly - Rm: 104	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
5(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Intro to Physical Education & Health Email DeWaal Malefyt, Ben - Rm: Gym	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
6(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Physical Science A Email Teusink, Rebecca - Rm: 98	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
7(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	English 9 A Email Koster, Sarah - Rm: 57	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
8(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Achievement Center A Email Jones, Dianna - Rm: LC	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
CH(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chapel/SLG Email Tameling, Ben - Rm: 107							0	0
FP(A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Focus Period A Email Teusink, Rebecca - Rm: Chapel	[1]	[1]	[1]				0	0
Attendance Totals																		0	0

Current Semester GPA (S1):

Show dropped classes also

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Achievement Center

- Mentor relationship
- Academic Support
- Collaboration

Focus Periods and Student Life Groups

		9:55 - 11:11 (76) 4th		10:15 - 10:56 (41) 4th
BREAK 10:29 - 10:39	BREAK 10:29 - 10:39		Break 10:29 - 10:39	
10:42 - 11:17 Focus Period, SLG, or both	10:45 - 11:15 CHAPEL	BREAK 11:11 - 11:18	10:44 - 11:16 Focus Period	
				11:01 - 11:42 (41) 5th

Focus Period Details

- First priority ---> Intervention & Support
- Second priority ---> Explore and Extend
 - Exploring Careers
 - Khan Academy SAT Lessons
 - Enrichment Activities
 - Guest Speakers for Seniors (College visits, etc)

MTSS and ESS

MTSS (Multi Tiered Systems of Support)

- The student support team (several staff members) meet every week to monitor ALL students' progress and follow-up as needed

Educational Support Services (ESS)

- Students who qualify for these services have a Personal Study for additional monitoring and support

How can I best support my 9th grader academically?

- Realize that high school students need to begin the gradual transition to independence
- We recommend parents encourage students to:
 - Talk to the teacher when difficulties arise
 - Email the teacher for clarifications about homework, future absences, etc
 - Advocate for themselves

How can I best support my 9th grader academically?

- We recommend parents:
 - Talk to their students about classes, how homework is progressing, etc.
 - Have a plan for checking grades via Powerschool
 - Respectfully reach out to the teacher when necessary
 - Reach out to Counselor if you're concerned about emotional health
- Use your best judgement - you know the needs of your child

How much time should my child spend on schoolwork?

- Some classes will have homework nearly every night (Math, Science, etc)
- Some classes will not have homework as often, but in bigger chunks (English, Bible, etc.)
- Some classes may have little to no homework - often project based in class (Art, STEM, etc.)
- Block schedule advantages

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

- Daily devotions and prayer
- Weekly chapels
- SLGs
- Faith woven into classes
- Mentoring through Achievement Center and Personal Study
- Relationships inside and outside of the classroom

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Emotional Support -- Counseling Services



Miss Rebekah Karel
9th Grade and Social Work Support



Mr. Nate Vander Wal
10th, 11th, & 12th Grades

Emotional Support - Counseling Services

- Counselors connect with every student one-on-one each school year
- Counselors provide classroom lessons during the year - freshmen students learn about emotional wellness in PE1 from Miss Karel
- Counselors lead focus periods throughout the year for social emotional learning

Emotional Support - Counseling Services

- Students may request to see a counselor at any time
- Information for Parents:
 - “Counseling Notes” in monthly newsletter
 - “Counseling Office” tab on the website gosquires.org
 - Rebekah Karel: rkarel@gccsmi.org, 616-257-4206

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Points of Emphasis

- Absences for Illness
 - Communicate with office the morning of absence
 - Email jbetten@gccsmi.org or call and leave a message at 616-538-0990
 - If needed, you may send a note after returning from the illness

Points of Emphasis

- Personal days and Family trips
 - Prearranged Absence Forms available in the office or on the website
 - Completed by family and then the teachers
 - Should be submitted at least 3 days in advance

Points of Emphasis

- Cell Phones
 - Place in school cell phone holders during all class periods
- Dress code
 - Make sure your child is aware of our dress code
 - Emphasize the “spirit of the law”
 - If you’re wondering, it’s probably not appropriate

Points of Emphasis

- Eligibility
 - Based on weekly grade updates beginning in the fourth week of school
 - Students must be passing all of their classes
 - First week with a failing grade in a course leads to probation
 - Second week with a failing grade leads to ineligibility

Points of Emphasis

- Detentions
 - Most often for tardy to class, minor incidents in hallways, etc.
 - Detentions are held after school
 - Typically these are NOT for classroom incidents
- If a student receives multiple detentions
 - Parents are contacted
 - Consequences are elevated

Points of Emphasis

- Restorative practices
- Internet and Social Media safety
- Bullying and harassment
- Loving Others

Point of Emphasis - Additional Information

- Thursday's Weekly Announcements
- Monthly Newsletter
- Wear Calvin - Spirit Wear
- Athletic Passes
- Yellow Cards
- Service Hour Requirement
- Extracurriculars
- Late starts - every Wednesday
- Back to School Night - Tuesday, September 12
- Parent Teacher Conferences - October 9, 11, 13
- Athletic Schedule info

Important Contacts

Where can you get involved?

- Athletic Boosters - contact ndole@hotmail.com
- Drama Boosters - contact mmarsman@gccsmi.org
- Music Boosters - contact shorton@gccsmi.org
- Robotics Boosters - contact jlawrence@gccsmi.org
- Parent Org - contact jbetten@gccsmi.org
- Moms in Prayer - contact ameliabroekhuis@hotmail.com
- Athletics - contact tbouma@gccsmi.org

Connect with Parent Ambassadors

Name	Email	Phone	Original School	Student Grades	Student Activities
Amy Bell	amymichellebell@gmail.com	616-794-3451	Northpointe/Northview	9, 11, 12, grad	football, basketball, drama, robotics
Amy Piersma	amy_piersma@yahoo.com	616-340-5306	CCMS	12	drama, cross country, Young Life, chapel, band
Lisa Jousma	ljousma@gccsmi.org	616-633-0215	CCMS	8,10,12	orchestra, boys soccer, cross country/track, robotics
Jamie Tanner	jamet05@gmail.com	616-304-2561	CCMS	8, 11	ESS, girls golf, drama
Dinorah & Dean Dykstra	ddykstra@gccsmi.org	616-379-1865	CCMS	twins in 10th, grad	Spanish immersion, soccer & swim, drama, Model UN
Liz VanStempvoort	thevanstempvoorts@gmail.com	757-345-9413	CCMS	twins in 7th, 10th	boys tennis & soccer, musical, robotics, orchestra
Mike Dalrymple	mikedalrymple72@gmail.com	616-340-4657	CCMS	11, grads	girls softball, choir, band, Spanish trip, drama
Jim and Rachel Becher	rachelbecher@gmail.com	616-915-6834	WSC	10, 12	volleyball, girls basketball & soccer
Kelli VanDellen	ckavd@hotmail.com	616-446-3565	CCMS	12	girls swim & soccer

We are here to support you ...

Todd Henderson - Principal

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John Timmer - Assistant Principal

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Rebekah Karel - Social Worker / Counselor

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Questions?