

Welcome back to the 2023-24 school year! And what a smooth start it has been! Please take time to welcome our new office manager, Rochelle Kai. We are so happy to have her manage the office this year! Mrs. Kai comes to us with a great deal of office experience and has done a wonderful job already preparing for the school year.

This past week, teachers have been reviewing procedures and routines. Parents, please know you can help too by reviewing the PS-6th Parent-Student Handbook with your child. The handbook is located on Sycamore under Documents.

A few friendly reminders include:

- Students in the morning session of Preschool and PreKindergarten can enter the building at 7:45 A.M. Their session runs from 8:00 - 11:15.
- Students in the afternoon session of Pre-Kindergarten can enter the building from 12:10 12:20. Their session runs from 12:20 3:30.
- Students in grades K-6 may start lining up outside in their designated areas at 7:45 A.M. They enter the building at 8:00 and are considered tardy at 8:05. Dismissal is at 3:35.
- Parents, please remember that we use the bell system for entering the school building. Please push the button and we will open the door for you. You will need to then check in at the office in the basement of the school.
- Early dismissal for weather will be announced by Beacon and on 107.9 FM radio. If you have not signed up for the Beacon, please go to gaccbluejays.org and click "Parent Links" to find School Beacon. The Beacon is used for a variety of reminders throughout the year.

Finally, thank you for entrusting your child to us. I am looking forward to working with you as a partner in your child's education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at the number 402-372-5328.

God's Blessings, Mrs. Paula Peatrowsky

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 8/22- First Day of After School Program
- 8/30- Picture Day (PS-6)
- 9/4- No School (Labor Day)
- 9/11- Homecoming Week

### **NEWS FLASH:**

There will no longer be Tuesday folders going home weekly. Instead, our newsletter and important dates will be posted to Sycamore bi-monthly with a beacon notice.

If there are any flyers or permission slips that need to be taken home they will be sent in your child's classroom folder and may be returned the same way. Thank you so much!

#### **Reminders:**

- Please start saving your Graybeals receipts as of September 1
- Keep bringing in Boxtops OR download the Boxtop app for the school to receive credit
- Please bring in Best Choice labels & loves for learning labels



## **Guardian Angels Central Catholic** School Photo Information - 2023

**Photo day is approaching very quickly!** We wanted to share some important information about school photos this year. The photography company is the same as last year: Digital Solutions from Norfolk, NE.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL Picture Day:**

• Picture Date: Wednesday, August 16.

#### **ELEMENTARY Picture Day:**

• Picture Date: Wednesday, August30th.

• **T-TH preschool parents** need to bring their child for pictures on Wednesday, August 30th. morning.

#### **RETAKE Picture Day**

- Retake Date: Friday,September29th.
- The retake day is for both the elementary and high school students.

#### ORDERING

- ALL ORDERS must be completed online.
- Please place orders by **Tuesday, October 31**.
- You can order for ALL of your children on the same online order(Preschool-12).
- **NEW:** Proofs with online ordering code will be provided prior to ordering.
- FAMILY PLAN: The family plan no longer exists. However, families can request a hardship by speaking with Celina Hall.

• **PROOFS:** You will receive a proof prior to purchasing. There is the opportunity to do a retake if you are not satisfied.

• All orders will be shipped directly to the families.

#### PHOTOGRAPHER

- You may contact Digital Solutions directly as a parent if you have any questions.
- Website: www.dsschools.com
  Email: support@dsschools.com

#### GACC Booster Club July 26, 2023

#### Dear GACC School Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well and excited for the upcoming school year. As we gear up for another year of enriching activities and opportunities for our students, we wanted to share some important news regarding an exciting development that will benefit all of our children.

Starting this school year, we are implementing a \$50 Activity Center Fee for every student in grades 3-12. This fee will be capped at \$250 per family, ensuring that families with multiple students will not be burdened with excessive charges. This fee will be collected separately this year and as a part of tuition beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

The Activity Center Fee will replace gym rental fees for all activities throughout the year. Whether they are involved in sports, arts, P.E. classes, indoor recess, or any other extracurricular pursuits, all students will have equal access to the Activity Center throughout the school year.

At the GACC Booster Club, our primary mission is to support the growth and development of every student, regardless of their interests or involvement in sports. We firmly believe that every student deserves access to a well-rounded educational experience.

By introducing the Activity Center Fee, we aim to foster a thriving and inclusive environment for all students. The funds generated from this fee will be invested directly back into the school community, enabling us to enhance existing programs, create new opportunities, and provide valuable resources to further enrich our children's learning journey.

As part of our dedication to inclusivity, we invite parents to be actively involved in the Booster Club's decision-making processes and to share any suggestions or ideas you may have.

Your support and contributions to the GACC Booster Club make all the difference in the lives of our students. Together, let us work hand in hand to create a vibrant and dynamic learning environment that empowers our children to thrive academically, physically, and socially.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the GACC community. We look forward to a fantastic school year ahead!



Dear Parents,

Your children will be bringing home a copy of their school login accounts in their classroom folders. Students are free to use these websites at home. Grade levels are posted so you know which software your child uses. Please keep a copy of them for your reference throughout the school year. Students in Grades 3-6 get their own copy to keep in their assignment notebook.

CLEVER: All children will use their Clever login to gain access to software and external links used at school. For most links, they will enter the software program immediately with a saved password and a few others will still require a password due to the way that the app was developed. Also, there are a few links that can only be used on a computer, and not an iPad.

Follow these instructions to get started:

- 1. Gotowww.gaccbluejays.org-GoogleChromeisthepreferredbrowser.
- 2. ClickQuickLinks-Clever.
- 3. TypetheirClever/Emailusername.The@gaccbluejays.orgwillbeprovided.
- 4. TypetheirClever/Emailpassword.

Once finished using the Clever app:

(This is ONLY necessary on SHARED devices.)

1. SignoutofClever.

2. SignoutoftheirGoogleAccount.(Theymayhavetoopenitthroughthewaffle).

3. Theyshouldcheckthattheyaresignedoutofindividualbrowserpagesthatpoppedup.

For example, if they clicked on Sycamore, they should check that it is actually signed out before closing that browser window.

We have practiced with all of our students how to use Clever on their iPads (K-5) and laptops (4-6) to gain access to their school apps and websites.

Students are still able to access the software individually outside of Clever. All the same links are provided for you on our GACC Website at www.gaccbluejays.org.

#### If Clever is not available, you can access the login websites here:

→ <u>www.gaccbluejays.org</u> - Quick Links - Elementary Students

NOTE: Some software used at school (Epic & ABC Mouse) are available for free at school, but to use at home parents need to purchase an account.

## SPECIFIC SOFTWARE INFORMATION:

\* Classroom Teachers who use additional software programs other than what is listed on the password sheet, will be shared by the classroom teacher if necessary.

- **Sycamore School** Grades 3-6 have their own student account. (This is different from a parents account because you can access all of your children's information.)
- Gmail -
  - Grades K-3 No email access
  - **Grades 4-6 -** They have access to their email account. They are only allowed to email within our school domain (anyone with the @gaccbluejays.org address)
- **Google Classroom (Online Learning Portal) -** Grades K-6 Classroom and Specials teachers have the option of using Google Classroom to support their classroom instruction.
- **Google Drive (Storage of Online Files) -** All K-6 students have access.
- **Religion, Reading, Math and Social Studies links** will have their textbook available online.
- Accelerated Reader can only be used <u>during school hours</u>, so that they can be monitored while taking their book quizzes.
- Freckle Math practice website found in the Accelerated Reader login
- Hallow NEW Grades K-6 It can be used on a computer or mobile device by downloading the app. Students will have access to Hallow after Sep. 5. We will log them into their Hallow app at school to make sure the account is working properly. We will update you in the Family Newsletter when it's okay to login at home. Hallow is an American Catholic meditation and prayer app. It provides audio-guided Bible stories, prayers, meditations, sleep, and Christian music.
- World Book Online (Online Encyclopedia) It's a wonderful learning resource for your child. They love to go to this site and always share with me all the new things they have learned.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions! My classroom is the GA computer lab in the GA building. You will find my contact information below, but you may also send me a PAN in Sycamore as well.

Tina Gentrup Tech Coordinator PS-12 & Elementary STEAM Lab Facilitator tgentrup@gaccbluejays.org 1-402-372-5328 Kelly Daberkow Technology Support PS-12 kdaberkow@gaccbluejays.org 1-402-372-5326

## **SPA Paper Trailer Information**

\*\* Paper Trailer is located on the corner of Mill and Wisner streets, 2 blocks west of Pizza Hut, then look south

\*\* All paper drives are the dates listed below, 8am to 10am

\*\* Please show up on your assigned date to work. One family member per family group is sufficient, but all are welcome! Kids are welcome to join in the community service fun, we love to start them early!

\*\* On your assigned work day, you will help unload paper from people's vehicles and stack it into the semi trailer. Slightly physical work, with plenty of time to visit and build community in between.

\*\* If you are saving your paper and cardboard to recycle, drop it off on one of these dates. OR stop by the paper trailer and unload it yourself anytime! It is always unlocked! Just make sure to follow the directions posted inside the trailer for stacking and get the door shut (clasped) tightly

\*\*See enclosed list for acceptable items!

#### Paper Drive Date Families Assigned to Work:

#### September 16, 2023

Mitch and Danelle Ehrisman, Nick and Erica Eichelberger, Bernard and Julia Eilerts, Chad and Lisa Eisenmenger, Scott and Lindsay Eisenmenger, Derick and Amanda Engelbart, Joe and Amy Engelmeyer

#### November 18, 2023

Jason and Lea Grimm, Jacob and Kelley Gubbels, Adam and Hannah Guenther, Andy and Cassie Guenther, Jeff and Nancy Guenther, Michael and Mary Kate Guenther, Mark and Lisa Haase

#### January 20, 2024

Brian and Julie Hass, Doug and Ann Hrbek, Nick and Katie Hugo, Todd and Amber Hugo, Jess and Crystal Hunke, Josh and Alice Hunzeker, Chis and Christine Hutchinson

#### October 21, 2023

Rick and Marla Engelmeyer, Brandon and Katie Eusterwiemann, Loren and Lori Evert, Kyle and Katlyn Gentrup, Kyle and Sara Gentrup, Jesse and Michelle Gerths, Heath and Michaela Graybeal

#### December 16, 2023

Dan and Lana Hagedorn, Tim and Jessica Hagedorn, Tom and Nikki Hagedorn, Bill and Kate Hageman, Dan and Jill Hakel, Shawn and Lachelle Haseman, Arvid and Karen Hass

#### February 17, 2024

Patrick and Erica Hutchinson, Jesse and Morgan Jacobsen, Korey and Maria Janata, Matt and Tarah Jansen, Brent and Chelsea Johnson, Reifer Johnson, Kelli Johnston,

#### March 16, 2024

Brandon and Rochelle Kai, Brenn and Kylie Kai, Adam and Sheena Kampschneider, David Shannon Karnopp, Brett and Britney Kaup, Mark and Nancy Kaup, Trent and Kim Kaup

#### June 15, 2024

Ryan and Libby Knobbe, Ashley Koch, Shawn Koch, Shawn and Anne Kralik, Chris and Tiffany Kreikemeier, Greg and Susan Kreikemeier, Jay and Denise Kreikemeier

### <u>Acceptable</u>

Phone Books Newspaper Office Paper Paperback Books Paper Bags Cereal Boxes Kleenex Boxes Pop & Beer Boxes Cardboard\*\*\*\* Magazines

#### April 20, 2024

Zachery and Carly Kindschuh, Justin and Jennifer Kjolhede, Andrew and Zulema Knievel, Allyn and Heather Knobbe, Bryce and Jessica Knobbe, Doug and Blayne Knobbe, Robert and Amanda Knobbe

#### July 20, 2024

Keith and Jen Kreikemeier, Todd and Heather Kreikemeier, Todd and Lesie Kreikemeier, Chis and Jessica Larson, Cory and Kris Larson, Brandon and Sarah Lierman, Cody and Brianna Lofgren

## NOT Acceptable

<u>NO Plastic</u> <u>NO Metal\*\*\*\*</u> <u>NO Trash</u> <u>NO String</u> <u>NO Feed Sacks</u> <u>NO Plastic Grocery Bags</u> <u>NO Used Pizza Boxes</u> <u>NOTHING Contaminated By Food</u>

\*\*\*\*\*Cardboard MUST BE CUT into pieces SMALLER than 4 feet in length and width \*\*\*\*\*No Metal....if you have a heavy duty box with BIG STAPLES in it that

you are recycling in the trailer, please remove the staples before putting it in the trailer

# HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE



## (MUST BE AGE 11 OR OLDER) DATES Sep 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 TIME 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PLACE \_West Point Sportsman Club 1967 Hwy 275, West Point, NE 68788

## INSTRUCTORS Tyler Baumert 402-659-0243, Tom Ortmeier

402-380-8248, Don Oligmueller 402-380-2288, Luke Christensen 402-369-2331, Marvin Piper 402-380-2037, Mark Hagedorn 402-380-3493

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FOR MORE **INFORMATION** 

CONTACT: ANY INSTRUCTOR

Online Registration Required, Go to www.HuntSafeNebraska.org



## **Bluejay Flag Football**

This is for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys. The program's intent is to provide your son an environment where teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, and fun are not only encouraged but emphasized. All proceeds will go towards the GACC football program.

DIVISIONS: 1st/2nd Grade; 3rd/4th Grade; 5th/6th Grade.

**PRACTICES:** Tuesday/Thursdays (beginning Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>): 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Timmermann Field #4 6:00-7:00 pm; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Timmermann Field #2 6:00-7:15 pm; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GACC Practice Field 6:30-8:00 pm on Tues. and 6:00-7:30 on Thurs.

ATTIRE: Weather appropriate active wear, cleats if possible otherwise regular athletic shoes are fine.

FEE: \$50.00 (make checks payable to Bluejay Flag Football) to be paid with the registration.

**INCLUDED:** A mouth guard and t-shirt will be provided with fee.

SIGNUP DEADLINE: August 25th (please return registration form to the school office - a big Thank You to Rochelle Kai).

**<u>GAMES</u>**: The Saturday mornings of 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 at the GACC Practice Field and the Thursday evening of 9/28 in Beemer on the High School Field.

If interested in helping, please contact one of the following grade representatives:

1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	Andy Guenther	402-380-0080
	Kevin Thiele	402-380-9944
	Jason Prinz	402-380-3702
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Tyler Toline	402-440-4512
	Mike Stratman	402-380-2726
	Craig Randel	402-372-6139
5th/6th grade:	Jason Smith	402-380-1958
	Connor Bramlet	307-331-8137
	Luke Strehle	402-380-0113

#### ------ CUT and RETURN to School Office ------

Players Name:	Address:		
City:	Grade: DOB:	Shirt Size:	
Mother's Name:	Father's Name:		
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:		

As a condition to participate in the Bluejay Youth Flag Football program, I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks inherent of participation. Further, I waive any rights or claims against the Bluejay Youth Football League (coaches, representatives, officials). If medical attention is required, I give my permission for such medical care.

Parent Signature:

Date:

#### Blue Jay Activities Club 5 Year Old - Thru 3rd Grade Girls Volleyball 2023

Player Name: Last	First		
School	Grade		
Guardian or Parent Name: Last Street: Telephone Day:		First	
Street:	City	State	Zip
Telephone Day:	Evening	Cell	
Email			
Starts Saturday August 26 <sup>TH</sup> - a Registration Fee \$15.00, make of call Cherie Kreikemeier 459-12 at G.A. school or mail to 742 Hi	check payable to GA CC I 262, or email: <u>cjkreikeme</u> i	Booster Club. Fo er@hotmail.com	r more information you may You may drop off registration
As the parent or legal guardian of Club, their coaching staff and any judgment, loss, expense or cost w participation of the player named not limited to playing, practicing,	y support staff <b>harmless</b> from what so ever arising from or above in any game of volle	m every liability, in any way relate yball including a	claim, action cause of action, d to, or resulting from the ll related activities including but
Parents Signature			Date
Phone #	or email		
School			-
Yes, I can help Coaching	No, I can't help Making phone calls	Other	
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Bluejay Volleyball clinic at the G	A & CC gyms <b>Aug. 26</b> <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , & 1	16 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 -10:00am

Thank you for allowing your daughter to attend the Bluejay Youth Volleyball -Please bring a water bottle and an extra pair of shoes to change into or clean out little rocks to help protect the gym floors. The little rocks in our shoes are very damaging to the gym floors. Thank you for support!

