

GCS SOLDIER MISSION REPORT

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Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Suemi Shannon has loved music from a young age, studying piano since second grade and voice since seventh grade. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Voice Pedagogy from Northland Baptist Bible College and a Master's degree in Church Music from Bob Jones University. Outside the classroom, she enjoys life on her homestead with her husband, a pastor, and their six children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Elementary Grandparents' Day

October 23, 2026

Grandparents are invited to South Baptist Church at 10 am on Friday 10.23.26.

* STEM Day

November 6, 2026

Elementary and Middle School students will learn about STEM.

* Service Day

November 6, 2026

High School students will go out into the community to serve.



Vision Spotlight

Training "the next generation" of Soldiers for Christ

As we look toward the future of GCS, we want to focus on three school improvement initiatives for growth and development: (1) enhancing the learning environment, (2) expanding access for more families, and (3) deepening opportunities for our students. One way to expand access to GCS for more families is the Education Freedom Tax Credit (EFTC) to fund Christian school scholarships. The EFTC would allow private donors to fund scholarships for eligible GCS students through a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO).

How can GCS families help? (1) reach out to the governor's office to express your support for the EFTC program in Michigan, (2) plan ahead to donate the maximum of \$1700 per person (\$3400 per couple) to an approved SGO, and (3) recruit others to support GCS students by donating to a SGO designated by GCS. Scholarships will benefit the majority of GCS students. Check out accordkids.org for more information.

KAT HARTWIG
EDITOR 2026

Message from the Administrator

Humility is worthy to strive for but difficult to attain. Why? Because it requires the denying of our desires in order to be completely obedient to God and serve the needs of others. Strive to be a Philippians 2 servant of Christ!



Alumni Feature

Jodi Arnst (Montague)- class of '96

Jodi's joy is found in serving the needs of others. After earning a B.A. (Elem Ed - Baptist Bible College) and M.A. in Special Education (UM-Flint), she spent time in the elementary classroom and Kindred Spirit Home before returning to GCS as a Special Ed Director and Elementary Principal.

Jodi and Jaron have three children who attend(ed) GCS - Liam ('30), Piper ('28) and Kaden ('26). Jodi's fondest memories of GCS are the student friendships and school spirit. GCS is thankful for Jodi's contributions to the mission of training Soldiers for Christ!



Favorite quote:
"You were created (by God) on purpose, for a purpose, with a purpose."

The Quarter in Pictures



The GCS Cross Country team is having a record season. The girls' varsity team took the podium recently for the first time in GCS history!



Students receive schedules at orientation night.



Impact Camp 2026- 11th & 12th grade students enjoyed 3 days of Impact Camp at Camp CoBeAc.



Mackinaw Trip 2026- 7th & 8th grade students explored the UP and Mackinaw area for 3 days in September.



Middle & High School Happenings

We have had a great start to the year at the Middle/High School building with many activities already! Juniors and seniors went to Camp CoBeAc for a few days of fun and learning from God's Word with our speaker, John Philips. Meanwhile, the 7th and 8th graders took a trip to Mackinac in September and had a great time exploring Michigan's history. School play auditions have taken place, and the cast for this year's play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, has been chosen. Mark your calendars to come see this fun production on April 16-17 - you won't want to miss it!

There are many more activities coming up this semester, such as Sweetest Day deliveries, Service Day, STEM Day, and Bucks for Bibles, so stay tuned for more!

Get Involved!

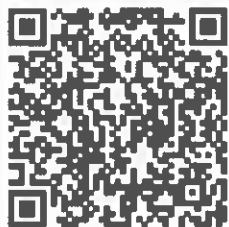
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Elementary School Happenings**Spirit Week Brings the Spirit!**

What an exciting start to the year in the Elementary! We celebrated our first-ever **outdoor pep rally**, followed by the opportunity for our students to head out back and cheer on our varsity soccer team at a 2 pm game. With Spirit Week leading up to the Homecoming Game under the lights Friday night, our building has been filled with so much enthusiasm, school spirit, and excitement!

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Trending News**GCS to Host First-ever STEM Day**

This year GCS will be hosting a team from STEMnetics for its first Elementary & Middle School STEM Day on Friday, November 6.

This exciting day will feature several demonstrations and hands-on activities promoting

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math concepts and careers. We want to thank Brian & Ann Littlefield who have generously donated to make this STEM Day possible.

Little Leaders Happenings**Little Leaders Are Learning, Growing & Showing Their GCS Spirit!**

Little Leaders Preschool & Daycare is off to a wonderful start! Our new Infant & Toddler room is flourishing, while our K3 and K4 students are settling into exciting routines filled with hands-on learning, Scripture, and fun!

Everyone had a blast showing their GCS spirit during Homecoming week.

**Security News**

We welcome Officer Mike Roper and Army Veteran Jason Murphy to GCS as our School Security Officers.

We look forward to upcoming school security improvements including upgraded portable radios, fencing, entrance hardening and impact-resistant window film.

Thank You Corner

"Your gift will have an eternal impact on our children's lives, and we are truly grateful for your generosity."

— Anonymous family
Recipient of scholarship funds