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Upcoming Events

March 11	JCS Auction JCS Gym, 4:30 p.m.
March 23	Celebration of the Arts JCS, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 31 - April 9	Spring Break
April 19 & 20	Preschool Grandparents' Day Baldwin St. CRC
April 21	PK-8 Grandparents' Day
May 11	Middle School Spring Music Concert
May 12	Eagle Walk
May 15 - 17	7th and 8th Grade Service Project
May 30	Kindergarten Graduation Baldwin St. CRC
May 31	8th Grade Graduation
June 2	Last Day of School (1/2 day)

Save the Date! Grandparents' Day 2023

JCS is excited to welcome grandparents to school this April! Our students are planning for a fun day filled with special programs, classroom visits and gifts for grandparents.

On Friday, April 21, the Pre-K through 8th grade students will welcome their grandparents to their classrooms. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and grandparents can enjoy refreshments in the middle school lounge and visit middle school classes. After a program in the gym, grandparents can visit elementary classrooms.


The JCS Preschool will hold its Grandparents' Day programs on Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20 at Baldwin Street CRC with the opportunity to visit classrooms afterwards.

And again this year - Geskus Photography will be on-site to take a special picture for grandparent and their grandkids. Grandparents, watch your mailboxes for a postcard with more details!



The Jenison Christian School Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax deductible. Please make your checks payable to JCSEF and mail to 7726 Graceland Dr. Jenison, MI 49428. Contact Liz Wiersema at lwiersema@jenisonchristian.org for inquires or large/estate gifts.





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Psalm 78:4, 6 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born..."



Exciting Changes to JCS Auction!

You are invited to the annual JCS Auction on Saturday, March 11! Join us for an evening of fellowship that features dinner and both a silent and live auction. The auction raises money for important upgrades to technology, classrooms, playgrounds and educational material. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be available from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

New for 2023! Through support of a gracious donor, we have upgraded our auction software in order to streamline the auction night. Here are a few changes to the auction event:

- **Attendees can register beginning February 27 at the auction website: event.gives/jcsauction.** This will streamline check-in on the night of the auction and allow bidders to pay with a credit card.
- Once you register to bid, you can **view all of the auction items at event.gives/jcsauction**. You can mark your favorite items and even share auction information with friends on social media.
- You can **purchase dinner tickets in advance**. This will help us gauge the number of people coming to dinner. Dinner will be catered by award-winning Pit Stop Catering and will feature Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Cheesy Tots, Baked Beans and Coleslaw. Tickets are \$15 per person. (Dinner tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.)
- **Giveaway/Raffle tickets can be purchased online or at the auction.** The only exception to this is the Tuition Giveaway. These tickets may only be purchased the night of the Auction; the winner must be present to win.
- **Online bidding for the silent auction starts March 6.** You can bid during the auction on March 11, but this will allow anyone to bid, even if they are not able to attend the auction. Silent auction will close the night of the auction, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. when our LIVE auction begins.
- **Unable to come to the auction on March 11? Join us via live-stream at event.gives/jcsauction.** You can bid on live auction items from the comfort of your home and bid against those attending in the JCS gym.

Watch for news and updates on our Facebook page at facebook.com/JCSAuction.

If you would like to donate to the auction or have any questions, please contact the Auction Committee at auction@jenisonchristian.org.

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JCS Welcomes the Grassmid Family

When Travis and Renae Grassmid were blessed with a family of four boys, one of the decisions that they had to make was where to send the kids to school. Travis grew up in Holland and went through the Holland Christian School system for his schooling. Renae grew up in Hudsonville, where she attended and graduated from Hudsonville Public. Both were very good schools with excellent teachers who taught from a Christian perspective. After prayer and discussion, they decided to send their kids to Borculo Christian School, where family and friends attended. Renae joined the boys there as a part-time teacher once their youngest started school.

This past year, an opportunity came for Renae to accept a position at Jenison Christian School, and she started teaching 3's preschool for the 2022/2023 school year. Growing up, she had a great experience in the public school, but cannot be happier to now be teaching in and sending her kids to a learning environment that puts Jesus at the center of every subject. Travis and Renae love watching their boys develop at JCS and at Unity Christian High School, as they are prepared to move out into the world with a Christ-centered worldview.

As a Trustee on the Jenison Christian School Education Foundation, Travis is excited to support JCS families by lowering tuition with an annual gift from the Foundation to the School. Like many JCS and Unity families, the Grassmid family has a generational history of Christian education and support of these school communities.



The passion of families for learning in a Christ-centered environment is evident in the families at JCS and that passion is very often passed down from generation to generation. The Grassmid's have been welcomed whole-heartedly by the JCS family and are enjoying getting to know better the families they meet, along with the many friends they knew before joining them in school.

If you haven't met them already, please introduce yourself to Travis, Renae, Micah, Levi, Noah and Caleb Grassmid as you meet in the coming years.

JCS Partners with Barnabas Foundation

A practical question asked by those working out the details of their will and trusts might be "How much should I leave to Jenison Christian School and the other ministries close to my heart?" The best answer depends on your circumstances, objectives and values. However, many families consider one of three giving models.

1. Percentage or Tithe. Many individuals allocate a certain percentage of their estate toward JCS Education Foundation as it will be a life long gift that will benefit many generations.
2. Child named Charity. Some families choose to "add" a child to their will. By this method, if a couple had 4 children, each of the children would receive 1/5 of their belongings and 1/5 could go toward JCS Education Foundation.
3. Gift of Assets. People often designate real estate, business interests, life insurance, retirement assets, machinery or even personal collections as gifts to JCS Education Foundation. There are a number of reasons people do this, whether it's because the property has specific meaning, their children have no further use for it or because they wish to protect their family from unnecessary taxes.

What is the right answer for you? It might be beneficial to talk with a trusted ally who can help sort through all the options to determine the best fit for your goals and circumstances.



Through JCS Education Foundation's partnership with Barnabas Foundation, you have direct access to this kind of trusted planning support. At no cost to you, you can speak with a planner who will help you identify a plan that honors God, cares for your family and furthers the important mission of your favorite ministries. Learn more by contacting Liz Wiersema at (616) 886-4551 or lwiersema@jenisonchristian.org.

Winter Activities at JCS

The winter doldrums are not experienced at JCS.... not with so many co-curricular groups meeting at school, including the 8th Grade Play, Robotics, and new to JCS this year – the Game Club and American Sign Language Club.



8th Grade Play
In early February, the 8th grade students performed "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" by Don Zolidis. In the play, the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm were turned on their heads as the narrators and actors attempted to combine all 209 Grimm fairy tales into one. Directed by JCS alum, Anna Riemersma, the cast gave two performances to packed audiences. Personalities shone bright in this experience, and the play will be a fond memory for all who participated!



Robotics Club
The Robotics Club at JCS meets every Thursday night for six weeks. Made of up 30 4th-6th graders, the group spends time in devotions before constructing and learning to program VEX Robots. During their first meeting, students were challenged to create a tall tower that could survive an earthquake. What a fun night of learning about how God's world is put together!



American Sign Language Club
The American Sign Language Club is learning Praise and Worship songs with their hands using sign language. The club, made up of K-8th grade girls, meets six times this winter after school. So far, students have learned two songs, *Give Me Jesus* by Jeremy Camp and *Goodness of God* by Bethel Music. They have also learned the alphabet, and can sign their names. Although the girls use their hands to sign, they also sing the songs as they practice, and it sounds like angels sweetly singing to God! May He be praised in all that they say and do, and sign!

Game Club
The JCS Game Club is a club for 3rd-8th graders. Kids enjoy a wide range of games, and they get to pick their favorite games to play on Mondays after school. Games include chess, UNO, Life, Skip Bo, Ticket to Ride, Risk, Exploding Minions, Guess Who, Battleship, Clue and many more! The club gives students an opportunity to connect with other students and teachers in a unique way once every two weeks. Run by teachers Mr. DeVries and Mr. VanderWal, the club helps students learn game strategy along with the valuable skill of trying to understand something new and teach themselves a new game.

