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JCS Events Calendar

2023

Saturday Nov. 4 – Fall Arts and Crafts Fest
Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Chapel, JCS Gym
Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Giving Tuesday Roof Sit - Watch Facebook for more details!
Wednesday, Dec. 7 - MS Christmas Concert, JCS Gym
Wednesday, Dec. 13 – Elementary Christmas Concert, Fair Haven Church
Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 18 & 19 – Preschool Christmas Concerts, Fair Haven Church
Friday, Dec 22 – Christmas Chapel, JCS Gym

2024

Thursday, Jan. 18 – Early Childhood Open House
Thursday, Feb. 8 – EOCS Band Concert, Fair Haven Church
Saturday, March 9 – JCS Auction, JCS Gym
Saturday, March 16 - JCS Sporting Clay Shoot, Blendon Pines
Wednesday, March 27 – Good Friday/Easter Chapel, JCS Gym
Friday, April 19 – PK-8 Grandparents' Day, JCS Gym
Tuesday, May 7 – Annual JCS Society Meeting, JCS
Tuesday, May 7 – MS Spring Band/Choir Concert, JCS Gym
Friday, May 10 – Eagle Walk, JCS Track
Tuesday, May 28 – Kindergarten Graduation, Baldwin St CRC
Wednesday, May 29 – 8th Grade Graduation, Ridgewood CRC

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A Visit to the Principal's Office

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Every year, Jenison Christian School's 7th grade class picks a theme for the next school year, their last year at JCS. The current 8th grade class picked "Keep the Faith" for the year. We are focusing on Hebrews 11:1 which says: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." As a school, we are learning about the seed of faith, how to walk by faith, and how to share that faith.

That faith verse originates from earlier in the Bible from the book of Genesis. The story of Abraham and Isaac is the scene of an incredible story about faith. Many of us know that Abraham prayed for years to have a son. The Lord provided, and he and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, even in their old age. Years later the Lord tested Abraham's faith when He told Abraham to sacrifice his only son to God. Abraham obliged and was ready to offer the unthinkable sacrifice of his son. The Lord provided and a ram was retrieved from the bushes to take the place of Isaac on the altar. That exact spot on the mountain was named *Jehovah Jireh*, which means "God provides."



Principal Joe Oosterheert



As a school, we have been richly blessed by our Father for over 90 years. Jenison Christian has gone through ups and downs, but God was always with us. He has always provided for JCS.

As we enter a new year, we are reaching out in faith. Our rooms are full! The staff lounge is currently a 2nd grade classroom. We have added 30 students in our PreK-8th grade classes. The Lord is providing new students and families, and we need to provide the spaces for them to learn. I am excited to see how our Lord provides for the

JCS community over the next few months as we need to add space for His children. I pray that you can be a part of the provision!

Thanks for supporting JCS in numerous ways this year!

In Him,

Mr. O



2023-24 School
Theme Photo with
505 Total Students

FAST FACTS ABOUT GIVING TO JCS

- You can **buy more time on your year-end gift by using a donor-advised fund**. You can decide later how to distribute the funds as long as you give into the account by December 31.
- You may be able to increase your potential impact — and experience significant tax savings — by giving stock, real estate or other non-cash assets to JCS.
- If you are 70 ½ or older, you can **give to JCS from your IRA and receive significant tax benefits** in return.
- You can give cash and other non-cash assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to JCS with a Stewards Fund (donor-advised fund).
- Many people are able to **give more than they ever thought possible by giving a vacation home, rental property, farmland or other real estate** to JCS. It's a smart way to redirect property you no longer need for the benefit of God's Kingdom.

Email Liz Wiersema - lwiersema@jenisonchristian.org to find out how!



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.



November 2023

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Where Does My Support Go?

Volunteer Highlight - Mr. Lloyd Tinholt

Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) at JCS

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..."

Thank You for Your Giving!

Jenison Christian School is blessed with an extremely generous community! Thank you for your annual support to JCS through fundraising events and fund-specific giving!

WHERE DOES MY SUPPORT GO?

EACH GIFT TO JCS SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL, BUT VARIOUS FUNDS EXIST TO MEET NEEDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund provides support to every PK-8th grade student within the designated school year.

The Annual Fund covers costs with curriculum, technology, experiences within and outside of the classroom, meets ongoing maintenance needs, and provides financial support to families in need of tuition assistance.



JCS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The JCS Education Foundation provides a long-term and increasing source of income for the school.

For over 40 years, the JCSEF has provided an annual gift to the school (5% fund balance) which helps offset budget costs, keeping tuition lower for each family at JCS.

Many legacy gifts are given to the JCSEF.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

New since 2019, the JCS Capital Campaign 'Something Extraordinary' is a strategic plan to address and meet the compounding needs of our aging building AND growing community.

Support given to this fund allows JCS to continue building for the future! Our hope is to complete projects each summer, using gifts as they are given, until all building and expansion needs are met.



PARENT CLUB FUND

The Parent Club Fund supports the school with an annual gift toward the general operating budget, keeping tuition costs lower for each family. Direct support is also given to individual teachers and classrooms needs.

Fundraisers for the Parent Club Fund include the annual Auction, Clay Shoot, and Eagle Walk, as well as various sales and events throughout the year.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Tuition Assistance Fund at JCS provides support to over 50 qualifying families who are struggling to meet the full cost of tuition.

Gifts given to this fund can be toward a designated scholarship fund, or the general Tuition Assistance fund.

Support cannot be designated for a specific student.

Volunteer Highlight - Mr. Lloyd Tinholt

If you've ever dropped off a student in the drive line at JCS, you may recognize this familiar face. Former JCS teacher, Lloyd Tinholt, volunteers every day at JCS by welcoming kids at the parent driveline. Thank you, Lloyd, for your help! We are grateful to all who volunteer at JCS throughout the entire school year!



Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) at JCS

Each year our entire school takes one week in September to spend additional and intentional time focusing on this year's school theme. Through special chapels, worship, class and art activities, students and staff focused on the importance of *Keeping the Faith*, our theme based on Hebrews 11:1. A highlight of the week was the Community Outreach Day where students shared their time and talents at various serve sites in our community. It is amazing to see God at work as our students give back!



Thank You

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