

GCS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL HILTON

DECEMBER 23, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Now-Dec. 23: Winter Walk Youth Art Exhibition
- Dec. 20: Jr./Sr. Winter Concert 7:00 P.M.
- Dec. 21: Q2 Progress Reports on Portal
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2: Holiday Recess
- Jan. 13: Senior Teacher Day

ATTENDANCE

One of our goals is to improve our attendance. All members of the school community (students, families, faculty and staff) are partners in this endeavor. We want all of our students here, every day.

Attendance 12/16-21
Grade 7: 85.29%
Grade 8: 78.37%
Grade 9: 85.45%
Grade 10: 92.59%
Grade 11: 89.62%
Grade 12: 80.66%
Total: 85.49%

FROM THE COMMUNITY

PTSA:

We loved spreading joy through our Winter Cheer for GCS Staffers. Families donated items from teacher wish lists and our PTSA teacher-elves delivered them! Thank you for helping us make our teachers' lives a little sweeter with treats of peppermint tea, sour patch kids, index cards, staplers, guitar picks, scented markers, fun magnets, and lots more! You can still participate by visiting <https://bit.ly/GCSWinterCheer>

The Reflections Contest is back at GCS! Students in grades PK-12 submit entries around the theme "Show Your Voice" in any category: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Local and national cash prizes available. More info in the coming weeks. More: www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections



Our new music teacher, Emily McQuaid, leading the Senior High Concert Chorus at the Winter Concert.

WEEK IN REVIEW

This week, we had a door decorating contest. Many homerooms, clubs and individual students collaborated to decorate doors with our theme "Animals in Winter." Winners were: Mrs. Ide's second grade class and Mrs. Jaeger's 5th period Science 7 class. On Tuesday, the Jr./Sr. High Winter Concert was held in the auditorium, featuring performances by the Junior High Band, Senior High Concert Band, the Junior High Chorus, and the Senior High Concert Chorus. The National Honor Society completed their NHS winter fund drive, for which faculty and staff generosity was in full force! Members each baked a special "thank you" treat for donors just in time for the holidays. Donations support NHS induction, events, supplies, and (hopefully, post-COVID) attendance at leadership conferences.

DISTRICT GOALS

- **Goal 1:** Provide a Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Environment for All.
- **Goal 2:** Promote Community Engagement.
- **Goal 3:** Strengthen and Implementation of Innovative K-12 Curriculum.
- **Goal 4:** Re-Establish Pre-Pandemic School Routines.