

The Crockett Review

George Crockett Academy

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Mission Statement

George Crockett Academy provides a nurturing, respectful and stimulating academic environment, committed to the empowerment of responsible citizens who are critical thinkers in a global society.

Vision Statement

The entire George Crockett Academy community is committed to developing students who are self-respecting, respectful of others, and dedicated to community service. The students of GCA are taught to believe in the power of law to solve problems for justice and equal rights. The Kwanzaa principles are the foundations of our vision.

Umoja (Unity)
Kujichagulia
(Self-Determination)
Ujima (Creative Work
& Responsibility)
Ujamaa (Cooperative
Economics)
Nia (Purpose)
Kuumba (Creativity)
Imani (Faith)

Chartered by
Northern Michigan
University



George Crockett Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, age, disability or sex.

Dear GCA Community,

It is officially the holiday season! As the song goes, it's the most wonderful time of the year. As parents and educators of little ones, we say it's also the busiest time of the year! Take a deep breath and a break from all of the craziness to enjoy all of the great goings-on at George Crockett Academy. There will be many family oriented and/or educational events that are sure to bring joy to everyone over the next two weeks.

First up is The Book Fair! The new tradition at GCA will start on Monday (12/11) where students will be able to browse and shop for books at our Scholastic Book Fair. They will also be able to share with their families the magic of reading on our Book Fair Family Night, December 14th when the Fair will be open until 5 p.m. If you can't wait until then, please check out our website or Facebook page for the link to our Online Book Fair which goes until the 19th!

Our second new tradition starting this year is Santa's Secret Workshop. The week before Winter Break will have a lot of stuff happening and this is the one of the main events! All week, from 12/18 to 12/22, students will be able to shop for gifts and other seasonal items. Families are also invited to share in the festivities at our Santa's Secret Workshop Family Night, December 20th until 5 p.m. Family Night will be the same evening as our December PTSO Meeting and Parent Workshop on Bullying for your convenience.

Now for our main event! On December 21st we will have our awesome k-8 Winter Blast Concert from 4 to 6 p.m. with intermission and refreshments. The students and music teachers have been working hard to put on this spectacular event for the GCA community. Please come and show your support for all of their determination and practice.

Our special events during school hours are many! The eighth grade will be going to check out The Mosaic Theatre's Matinee of Woodward Wonderland (12/8). The Drama Club will get some real life theatre experience at WSU's performance of A Christmas Carol (12/8). Selected Middle School students are also catching a show, We Beat the Streets, on the 14th. The Avenger Chess Club is ready to test their skills by to the DIA to participate in their first chess club competition this week! Have fun everyone!

Thank you for your continued support and participation our events!

-The GCA Staff

Watch D.O.G.S

WATCH D.O.G.S.® is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life.



Watch dogs can volunteer in the classroom, assist at lunch, help in the hallway or help with arrival and dismissal procedures. Watch Dog Volunteers are always welcome! Please come and join our fabulous and incredibly helpful Watch D.O.G.S.! Shout out to all who have come to help make GCA an incredible place!

Stay Connected...

As the cold weather sets in and the holiday season begins, Let's Go Detroit would like to partner with George Crockett Academy and spread some holiday cheer! They will serve hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts to the first 60 parents they greet. They will begin at 7:30 a.m. We will post pictures of the event on our website and Facebook page. We hope you visit those sites and like us.



Homework

All students have homework every night!

If students come home without written homework, they should read every night and practice their math facts. Students with internet access at home can work on:

www.studyisland.com

www.mobymax.com

www.ixl.com

www.readingeggs.com

www.razkids.com

8A students are reading The Hunger Games, 8B is reading To Kill a Mockingbird and 7B is reading We Beat the Streets. All of these students are required to read, ideally, a chapter every evening for homework and write a summary in their Reading Response Journals.

Basketball

We are asking everyone who is willing and able to come and support our third and fourth grade basketball team this

Saturday, December 9th
at
2:00 p.m.

They are facing Plymouth Education Center in the Playoffs/Championship game at the Tindal Activity Center ([10301 W. Seven Mile](http://10301.W.SevenMile)).

Let's cheer them to victory!



Eighth Grade News

The DPSCD High School test application is now available to the 8th grade students and their families online.

Yesterday, in class, Mrs. Dunbar went over the DPSCD website with the students so that they would be able to locate the information.

There is no due date for students to take the test.

If your child is in eighth grade, please see detroitk12.org for more information about high school enrollment for next year.

Upcoming Events

December 8th

- Progress Reports go home
- 8th grade Mosaic Trip
- Drama Club trip to A Christmas Carol.

December 11th

- Book Fair begins

December 12th

- Board Meeting 5 p.m.

December 13th

- Early dismissal 1 p.m.

December 14th

- We Beat the Streets (middle school)
- Book Fair Family Night until 5 p.m.

December 15th

- Book Fair ends

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Cassie Becker,

Math Coach for the Leona Group,
for working with our teachers and
coaches December 4-6.

This partnership continues to
strengthen our instructional
learning cycles and improve
student achievement.

Extra Curricular Activities

Drama Club -
3:45 to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday in the library

3rd/4th grade Basketball practice -
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Mondays and Thursdays

Drumline -
3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays

**Avengers in partnership with Detroit Lunch
with a Mentor Program -**
For middle school students, during middle
school lunch
every Wednesday

Avengers after school Chess Club -
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Stay connected

Stay informed on your child's academics at

<http://www.crockettacademy.com/powerschool.html>

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Meals

Healthy breakfasts are served daily
from
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

Dinner is served from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
for any students participating in an
after school activity.

Tutoring Schedule

| Grade 2 | Grades 3-5 | Grades 6-8 |
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| <p><u>Mrs. Marsh</u> Monday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Ms. Simpson</u> Monday and Wednesday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p><u>Mrs. Pratt-Smith</u> Thursday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Mrs. Barnwell</u> Tuesday and Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.</p> <p><u>Ms. Cole</u> Monday and Wednesday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p><u>Mr. Dean</u> Tuesday 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Mrs. Dunbar</u> Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.</p> |

If you think your student could benefit from tutoring please talk to
ther teacher about signing up and for more information.