

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.

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

-George Washington Carver

September 19, 2018

Dear GCA Family and Friends,

How quickly time flies when you're having fun. It is hard to believe that we are in the third week of school! We are so proud of the start to this school year. Students have been respectful and focused. They have been open to learning from their mistakes and willing to try new things. Please help us to approach each day with positivity and encouragement. We appreciate all you do!

Constitution Day is celebrated nationally on September 17. This federal observance recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become citizens. We also acknowledge the men and women who fight for our freedom. A huge thank you goes to Truino Love, a Wayne State University student who is majoring in music, for playing a tribute to the men and women who have lost their lives protecting our rights.

Our October Vision Event focus is self-determination or Kujichagulia. We are sponsoring a anti-bullying campaign called "Speak up, Speak out".

We will broadcast anti-bullying announcements over the PA system and students will receive awards for completing Random Acts of Kindness. Information will come home regarding this initiative.

NWEA MAP testing began September 11th and ends September 21st. All students' results will be available by September 28th. You play an important role in helping students give their best performance on this important test. Even though this assessment is a snapshot of their learning, it is important that our students have every advantage to do their best! The following guidelines may help to reduce test anxiety and increase their ability to focus.

- Make sure your child goes to bed on time so he/she is well rested.
- Be positive and communicate to your child that this is his/her chance to show what he/she knows. Building confidence is vital to the process.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Get to school on time so you're not rushing to get organized and you have a minute to mentally prepare yourself for the test.
- Practice guided imagery, visualizations of succeeding on the test, mentally "going where the information is stored in your brain", or breathing techniques.
- Don't engage in negative talk with other students before the test, such as "I'm so nervous - I don't know if I'm ready."
- Try your best

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

-The GCA Staff

Uniform Policy

George Crockett Academy families, we need your help!

We are off to a great start. Many students are in complete uniform already.



They are permitted to wear black or khaki colored pants with a grey or black GCA polo shirt. Black shoes or all black athletic shoes may be worn on non-gym days. Colored athletic shoes are to be worn on gym days only.

Failure to adhere to the policy will result in 2 written warnings before a 1 day suspension is issued.

Upcoming Events

September 11th-21st

- NWEA MAP Testing

September 20th

- Open House/Title I 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 20th

- 8th Grade Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m.

September 20th

- PTSO Meeting 6:00

September 21st

- Universoul K-2 Field Trip

Universoul Circus

Each year, the GCA PTSO purchases advanced tickets to the Universoul Circus. This is to ensure a day and time is secured for our students. The trip is scheduled for September 21st and the cost is \$15.00 per student/chaperone. Buses will depart the school at 9:00 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. Please see your child's homeroom teacher regarding the number of chaperones needed (Volunteer form and clearance required). Permission slips must be returned by September 18. Please note that students may wear a GCA shirt with jeans or come in full uniform. They may not attend in free dress. A bag lunch will be provided. Non-GCA student siblings may not attend.

Conferences

Enrollment

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 5 from 2-5:00.

Our conferences are designed to be student led and focused on student growth and achievement. Students should accompany you so they can discuss their NWEA results. Your input is essential to what we do.

Please note that progress reports will be issued during this time.

Do you know someone looking for a school that offers small class sizes and personal attention?

Do you know someone who wants to be a part of an educational community that values the growth and potential of all students?

Tell them to look no further than George Crockett Academy!

We have a few spaces available. Don't miss an opportunity to become a part of something unique and special.

Shout Outs

Girl Scouts

Please join us for an informational afternoon this Saturday, September 22 from 12:30-2:00. New and returning students are welcome! We hope to see you then.

Wellness

We have received the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for this school year. Students will continue to receive a healthy snack 2 days a week in the afternoon! Way to go GCA!

Band Auditions

Mr. McCaskle has returned! He is sending permission slips home this Friday for anyone who wants to audition for after school band next week.

Please be reminded that the school building opens for students at 7:30 a.m. We understand that situations may arise but we are asking parents to assist us by not dropping off children before that time. Students should enter through the playground entrance on 14th Street or through the parking lot door. Parents enter the parking lot on 15th and exit onto Warren. Be mindful that double parking creates blind spots for students walking. Don't double park and respect the flow of traffic. Thank you!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!
George Crockett Academy is teaming up with the
American Cancer Society to Fight Breast Cancer.

We have a donation can here in our main office.

Please consider making a donation.

With the dollars we raise, the American Cancer
Society is helping save more lives from breast
cancer.

Each person that makes a donation will have their
name placed on our Wall of Hope (located in the
tunnel)

For more information please visit ACS's website:

<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>