



GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
PROGRAM**

GRCHS ISP Newsletter Fall 2020

Updates for Fall

Although school looks different for the Fall of 2020, we have many things to celebrate! Please read on to hear updates from the International Student Program.

Celebrating our seniors: Class of 2020!

Our 7 seniors from 2020 have moved on to university life! Although the year ended in quarantine, seniors celebrated with teachers and administration in a drive-thru graduation ceremony. Congratulations class of 2020!

[Next Steps for the Class of 2020](#)



Xinmeng (Mary) Zhou: Attending Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana



Ou (Sonny) Xi: Attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



Yunhao (Leo) Zhang: Attending University of Washington in Seattle, Washington



Yuyao (Leanne) Li: Attending Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan



Hyeonsu (Brian) Shin: Attending Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana



Lexiao (David) Wu: Attending University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan



We are so proud of these students and their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the ISP and GRCHS community!



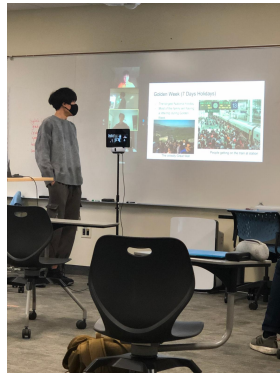
Manqi (Mandi) Li: Attending Loyola University Chicago in Chicago, Illinois

Welcoming new students

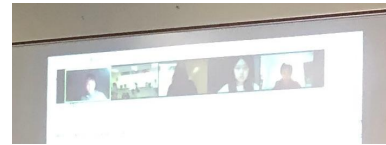
This year we have 38 students from 9 countries. We welcomed 9 new students this fall: 6 from China, 1 from Russia, 1 from Germany, and 1 from South Korea. We are excited that these new students joined our community.



Mrs. Rozema presents to our virtual and in-person students during English Lab.



Daniel Liu presents about China's anniversary celebrations along with virtual students, JJ Guo and Brian Huang.



The 12 hour time difference makes it interesting for our virtual students. These students join Zoom for classes each day-watching some live classes and then videos the next day for those classes that are too late at night.

GRCHS Protocols for 2020



GRCHS opened as scheduled on August 19th. Many protocols were put into place to keep our students safe.

Protocols include:

For more information, please visit:

[GRCS Reopening: COVID Guidelines FAQs](#)

- Masks worn by all students and staff
- Hand sanitizing when entering the building and before all classes
- Disinfecting classes after each session
- Daily health screener
- Plexiglass shields in between student desks and in the cafeteria
- Limiting social gatherings



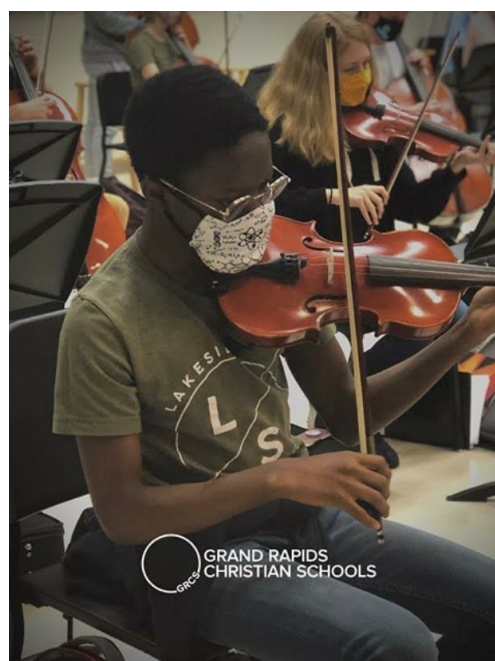
Fall Activities



Two of our ISP students: Yisu Hwang and Emmanuel Alarape made Homecoming Court, voted on by their peers and representing our student body in games and quiz shows.



With safety protocols in place, many students are participating in activities during school and outside of the school day: Orchestra, Cheerleading, and Football are just a few.

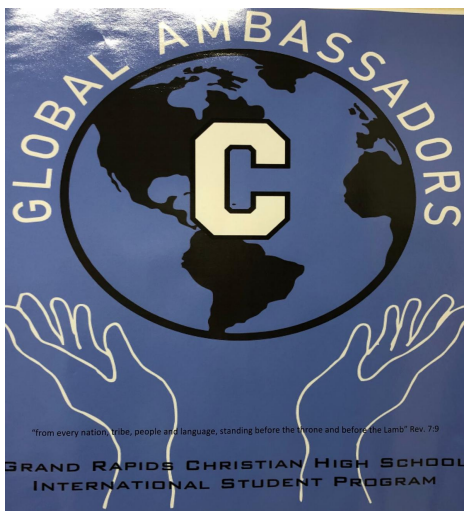




These two seniors were then presented to the Senior Class of 2021.



The entire Homecoming Court for the Class of 2021!



Global Ambassadors is off to a great start! GRCHS students will be penpals with other students in China and the Netherlands and students will be partnering with an agency to help with COVID relief in Mexico.



We are so grateful for a beautiful fall that has allowed for alternate ways to spend time! Outdoor lunches have been an important way for students to safely connect and enjoy the sunshine.



It is a joy to have school safely



underway and we appreciate the students' adherence to social distancing guidelines, their willingness to wear masks, and their flexibility to our new schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are in-person with a late staggered start and staggered end of the day release. Wednesdays are virtual for all students, allowing the custodial staff time to deep clean and sanitize all areas of the building.

ISP Welcomes New Host Families

We are so grateful for the families who host our students, providing love, care, guidance, and accountability. Host families are one of the foundational pieces to our program and we are excited to welcome several new families into our community!

[ISP Host Family Info](#)



Livestream with families and friends in China

On Friday, September 25th we had just over 37,000 viewers join us for a livestream of GRCHS and how we have started this fall. Thank you to Shirley Saylor for her amazing tech skills! If you would like to see the recording, please use this link (hosted in Chinese, translated into English):

[GRCHS Livestream](#)



Thank you for being an integral part of our community! If you can imagine becoming a

part of our community, have questions, or want to apply, please visit our website or contact Joelle Williams at jwilliams@grcs.org. Applications are being accepted for January and August 2021.

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