

# WORDS OF GRACE

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• FOR THE STUDENTS BY THE STUDENTS! •

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## Student Chapel

By: Makenzy Ward

**On Thursday, March 9th Mr.G (Georgevich) spoke during chapel.** He opened the sermon by saying, “God’s working on me,” he started to get teary eyed.” Something special is going on here. You’re in a special place and you don’t realize it yet.” Then he quotes Proverbs 21:1 “The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”

Then he continued to talk about how, for high school, we are planning our future. How we have chosen what we want to do and our future career. But, God doesn’t work that way. We could have our life planned out, then God changes it completely and guides us in a different direction.

He talked about how he didn’t choose teaching and how it was in God’s path not his.

He made two analogies: how we are the water in the stream and God paves the direction of the water and how a 13 year old saw 15-20 moves ahead in the game of chess. “That is what God does, He plans 15-20 moves ahead and we don’t know until it is made seen.” Everyday of our life is planned out. This verse really stuck out to him, Psalm 139:15-16 “My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Mr.G continued to tell us his life story, so he told us how he decided in college

to join FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) to realign his path with God. He also met his wife there. After 20 years of teaching, his career came crashing down and then he started working at Eastern Middle and met Mr.Bowman. He started FCA at the school and Mr.G added that is how they became friends. Then he worked at Southeast Middle for a while and then retired. A while later Mr. Bowman saw Mr.G in the parking lot of a Mexican restaurant. He asked him, “Want to come work for me? You would coach wrestling.” Mr.G accepted and now here he is at GCA! We are so glad he decided to teach here.

Mr.G says, “This is not a job. Right? It’s not a job, it is a blessing!” He proceeds to ask all the teachers. The staff chuckle and all agree.

In 2004, He looked at this house and fell in love with it. The guy did not sell it to him because his son moved in and Mr.G kept asking when he was moving out. Finally, the father kicked the son out so Mr.G could buy it.

In 2016 a company decided to build near his house and they needed his house for the road going to the company. Mr.G signed a contract and was supposed to get out of the situation a while ago but God had other plans for him. God was breaking him from his pr(I)de and he had no



help from anyone. Mr. G said that he always felt he could out work any situation. But, this was breaking him each day. The people who wanted to take over his house broke his well and poisoned his water with E-coli. He had some unclean thoughts so he had to keep thinking of “Love your enemy” and God showed him that. He recently had to move and the situation is still unresolved. The last few things said were how we are a piece of clay and God molds us perfectly in his image and if we eat all the ingredients of a cake separately it’s not as good as it is all together. So, we should just wait for what God has in store for us.

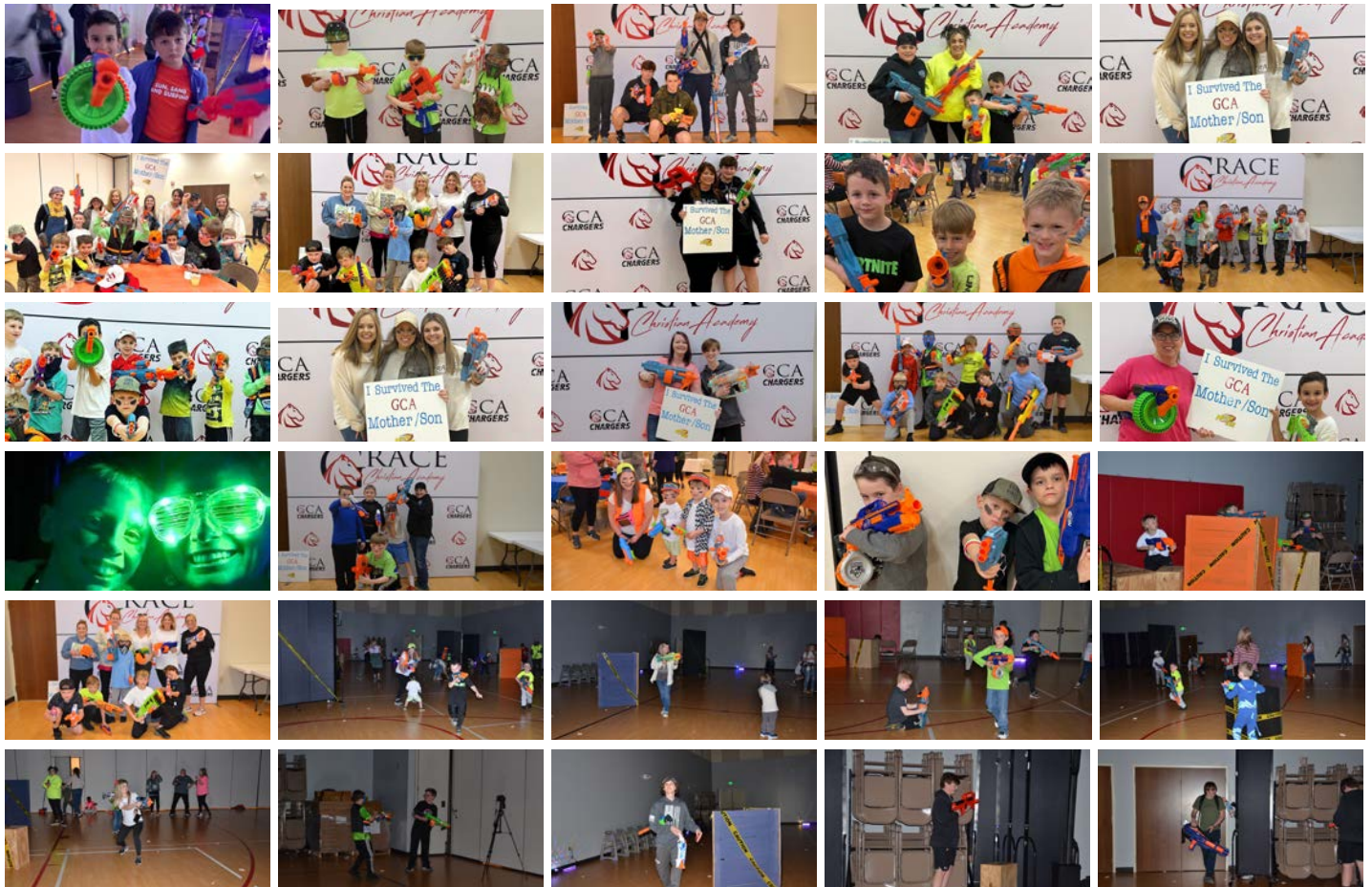
# Mother/Son Nerf Wars

By Jackson Brannock



**The first Mother Son Nerf War went amazing!** So many young men and their mothers showed up for a fun night of bonding. Everybody had an amazing time running around the gym with their nerf guns. There were a wide variety of ages there, ranging from kindergarten all the way through 9th grade. 8th grader, Jaden Ferguson attended the event and said, “we had tons of fun shooting each other, and we ate pizza and butterfly cake!”. 9th grader, Zach Livers also attended and he said, “they set up LED lights around the gym and set up boxes and walls for cover. We ran around and had the time of our lives.” It was an amazing time!

## Scenes from the Mother/Son Nerf War



# Pi Day

By: Emma Lugo

**3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751058209749445923078164062862089986280348253421170679: the first one hundred digits of Pi.** Pi is a symbol that represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Did you know it's a national holiday? Many classes celebrated this day by learning what Pi is, like fifth grade and sixth grade. Many other classes ate pie, like seventh grade. In high school girls Bible class, they ate a big variety of pies, like Hershey's chocolate, turtle, strawberry, key lime, and lemon. The home economics class made griddle apple pies. If you google "Pi", google calculator will let you play a Pi game to memorize the first one hundred digits. I think Pi day should be every day. It's a great dessert and number!

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# PSAT

By: Selena Shaw

**PSAT's are done!** Now if you ask anyone who had to take it, they most definitely will not approach this subject with a happy expression. The 8th and 9th graders were forced- I mean got to take the PSAT's. Which if you didn't know, are the practice SATs. These tests will give us a nice look at what we need to work on for our real SATs. I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little nervous beforehand. They will not count towards our final end of year grade, yet all of 8th and 9th grade were just as nervous as I was.

After taking this test myself, I'd say it wasn't that difficult. And not that time consuming, it lasted around 145 minutes (2 hrs and 25 minutes). It's definitely not the longest test I have taken. Hopefully I got a good score, after taking that test, all of high school has a weight taken off their shoulders. Now all that we are waiting for is the dance coming up in April! Most of us forgot about it because we were so focused on this test! Now that it's out of the way, we have much to look forward to!

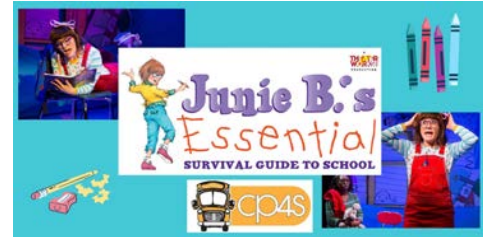


# Junie B. Jones Field Trip

By: Emma Lugo

GCA's 1st grade classes took an exciting field trip on Monday, March 6th, to the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro to see Junie B. Jones! A few kids shared what they thought of the feature production. The first group of kids, Drex Eicher, Everly Grimm, Kameron Joyee, Emma Moore, and Annabelle Stoner, said the play was funny. Everly exclaimed that "she dressed as a pencil!" Drex also stated that "she poured spaghetti on someones head!" The second group of kids, Archer,

Weston, Case, Gracyn, and Ellie, also said the play was funny. "The characters were cringy, though, and they did some weird dance," Archer stated. Gracyn and Ellie said that she said a bad word and had a bull in her belly! You can tell Junie B. is quite a character! "What are y'all's favorite Junie B. Jones books?" Mrs. Austin, the adviser asked. Ellie and Gracyn's was *The Yucky Mucky Fruit Cake*. Archer, Case, and Weston's was *Meanie Jim's Birthday*. All of the first graders really enjoyed the play and would love to see it again.



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# GCA Movie Night Fundraiser

By: Holden Boone



**A great family event is coming soon!** The school has planned a really fun movie. This event is organized by Holden Boone. The movie that is going to be shown is *Despicable Me 3* on April 28th (Friday) at 6:30pm. The movie will be at the Lamb's Chapel Airport campus. Weather permitting, it will be shown in the parking lot like a drive in theater. Tickets go on sale March 15th - April 21st. Tickets are \$5.00 each, which include popcorn, your admission ticket, a soda, and a candy, 1 ticket is for 1 person. Proceeds will go towards the GCA playground.

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# Men's Prayer Breakfast

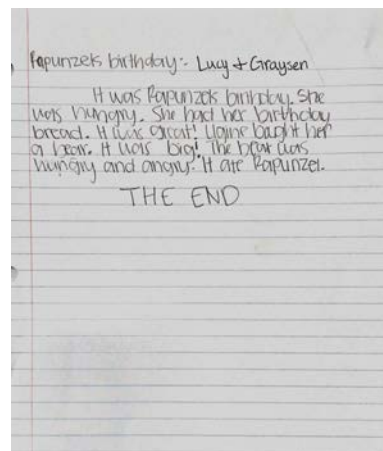
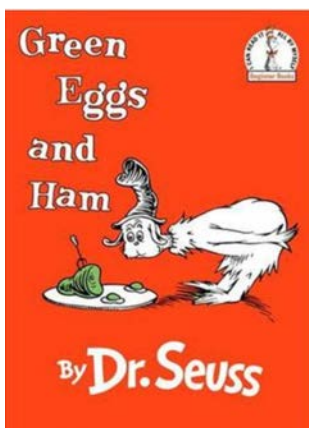
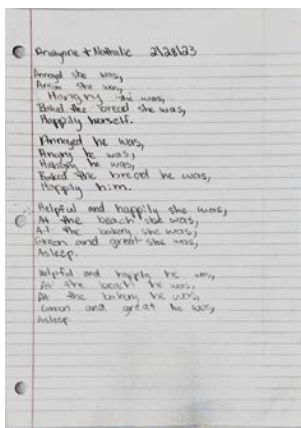
By Holden Boone

**The best breakfast!** Scott Grimm, Pastor of Lamb's Chapel hosted a men's breakfast/men's conference on Saturday, March 11th. The message that Scott gave was being a man in society. Today men need to stay in the word to be a man in society, with all the temptations in this world. Men are called the Priests and the Prophets of the house and God calls them to love their wife as God has loved the church and vice versa.

# Dr. Seuss Poems

By: Selena Shaw

**Let's make our own rhymes!** 6th grade was assigned a fun little project, but before we get into that, let me give you a little background on the famous book, *Green Eggs and Ham*. This book was originally made to settle a bet between Theodore Giesel and Dr. Seuss, of whether or not Seuss could write a book with 50 words or less. Mrs. Jones was the teacher that assigned this fun little project. She gave her students a list of 50 words and told them to write a poem or story using only those 50 words. What a fun assignment!



# Update on High School/Middle school Buildings

By: Gabby Jenkins



**On Tuesday, March 7, Tim Britt visited the newspaper class, to address some questions we had about the buildings.** Mr. Britt emphasized that the buildings are a big project! Luckily, we are getting electrical wiring done in one of the buildings. "Once this process is completed, the buildings should finish pretty quickly", he says. After most of the electrical gets done, the fire alarm system can be put in. Mr. Britt said that Duke Energy then will be able to connect the power and then the water and sewer will be turned on. The interior floors will then be cleaned, sealed, and shined. Once inspected, we will be issued a CO (certificate of occupancy). Mr. Britt stated that one of the hold-ups is one of the buildings waiting on the sewer line. He said that to install the sewer line we need 5 days of dry ground. But it's tricky because usually on Fridays and Saturdays it rains. Also, they are not allowed to work on weekdays because of traffic. Makenzy Ward asked him about the classroom assignments and which classroom will be assigned to which teacher. Mr. Britt said that he doesn't know that and Mr. Bowman is in charge of those assignments. We got some exciting news that we will be getting lockers! After questions were asked, he took us on a tour of the buildings! Our newspaper staff had a lot of observations. The classrooms are much bigger than our current classrooms. The classrooms have actual white boards attached to the wall! Teachers, guess what, you get your own bathrooms!! Also, the rooms have windows! We are so thankful that we have the opportunity to get these buildings!

# Student Spotlight

By: Holden Boone

**The best blanket ever!** Mrs. Smith's class made a blanket for a young 6 year old girl named Riley Faith. This all started with a young student with a hurting heart who wanted to help another girl who is hurting. Mrs. Smith's class wrote Riley letters and cards for Valentine's Day. They have shown her love and compassion and that they care for her and that they support her and will be there through all the tough and great times. They have not heard back from Riley yet. Mrs. Smith said "we are hoping that God will have her in His hand and just heal her". They are leaving all faith in God's hands!



Mrs. Smith's Class with the blanket that they made for Riley.

# Upcoming Events At Grace!

By: Makenzy Ward

**New fun and exciting things that are coming up in the next few months!**

- March 23rd (Thursday) Community Chapel
- April 6th (Thursday) Community Chapel/Dismissal at 11:30 am
- April 7th-16th Easter Break!!
- April 22nd, ( Saturday) Middle/High School Dance! Make sure you dress sharp!
- April 28st, (Friday) GCA Movie Night at Airport Campus
- May 6th, (Saturday) Mother's Day 5K! We, GCA, are looking for one official sponsor. Contact Mr.Bowman for more information.
- May 19th, (Friday) Field Day Preschool-4th grade and Early Dismissal
- May 19th, (Friday) 5th-9th grade to Bowling Alley and Early Dismissal.
- March 27th (Monday) GCA Rollabout Skate night

March 2023				
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		01 Green Eggs and Ham Tater Tots Fruit	02 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fruit	03 Pizza Vegetable Fruit
Dr. Seuss Week begins today!		04 Chicken Nugget Vegetable Fruit	05 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!	
06 Chicken Nugget Vegetable Fruit	07 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	08 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	09 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fruit	10 Hotdog Vegetable Fruit
11 Chicken Nugget Vegetable Fruit	12 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	13 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	15 Pizza Vegetable Fruit
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31 Chicken Nugget Vegetable Fruit				

## PTT Fundraiser Update

By Holden Wilson

**Thank you so much to our fabulous PTT (Parent Teacher Team) for organizing the recent fundraisers for the GCA playground!**

They recently hosted the Daddy/Daughter Dance (\$1,197.22), Hersey's Spirit Night (\$1,000), Zach's Hot Dogs Spirit Night (\$1,268.23), and the most recent was the Mother/Son Nerf Wars (\$1,006.27). Just in the last six weeks these PTT organized events raised a total of \$4,471.72. Special thanks to Karyn Robinson and her team for organizing these awesome events! We look forward to participating in future fundraisers.

# GCA Pledges

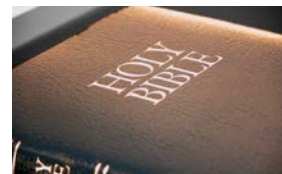
By: Holden Wilson

Every day before class, every student recites the three pledges that they have memorized while here at GCA. We say these three pledges to help us remember what this school is about.

**Pledge of Allegiance-** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Christian Pledge-** I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

**Bible Pledge-** I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.



# March Habit of Grace: Courage

By: Rayden Thompson

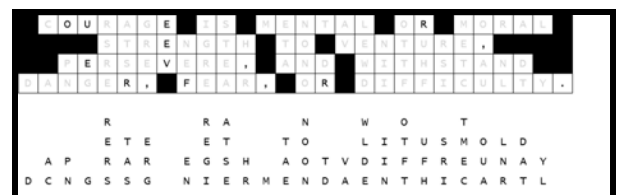
The Habits of Grace are a thing we do here at Grace Christian Academy. It explains the character traits that we want the kids to show. They are monthly habits we challenge the kids to show. Whether this is excellence, responsibility, or friendship, they show how the kids of Grace truly are. The habit for March is Courage. The definition from Oxford languages dictionary of courage is “the ability to do something that frightens you.” We interviewed some kids on what courage means to them from High School, Middle School, Elementary and Preschool. We asked Nate Howell and he says Courage means “To do something that makes you very scared.” We also asked the middle schooler Micah Villagante and he said Courage is “Doing the right thing when under lots of pressure.” It took a lot of courage for these kids to answer this question in front of so many. We even interviewed some cute little kindergartners and Miller Wall and Robin McCurry both said that courage means “Helping People.” A little boy in preschool named Cayson Bowdens said that courage means to be brave and preschooler Everleigh Durham said that courage means to not be afraid. We asked them who had courage in the Bible and they said Jesus and David when fighting Goliath. Don't forget to show courage this month by telling others about Jesus and loving on them!



**Joshua 1:9**

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”.*

## Courage: Habit of Grace Fallen Phrase Puzzle - Solution



## Mind Blowing Thoughts

By: Holden Wilson

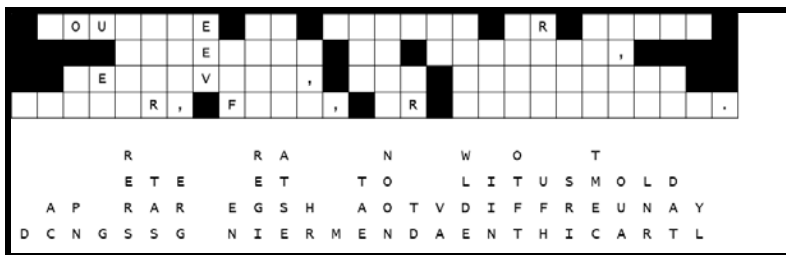
- What happens to the car if you press the brake and the accelerator at the same time? Does it take a screenshot?
- The youngest picture of you is also the oldest picture of you.
- Why do we drive in parkways but park in driveways?
- If it rains on a Sunday, does that mean it's now Rainday?
- Clapping is just hitting yourself repeatedly because you like something.
- Your alarm sound is technically your theme song, since it plays at the start of every episode.

### Courage: Habit of Grace Fallen Phrase Puzzle

By Jackson Brannock

This is how this fallen phrase puzzle works. It is kind of like "Wheel of Fortune" but you know where and what letters go where. So just think of it as a Wheel of Fortune and have fun!

The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the letters for each cell.



## Jesus Jokes

By: Gabby Jenkins

- 1.) How did Jesus pay for our sins?
- 2.) What time of day was Adam created?
- 3.) What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?



### Jesus Jokes Answers

- Answers: 1.) Praypal 2.) A little before Eve. 3.) Absolutely Ruthless



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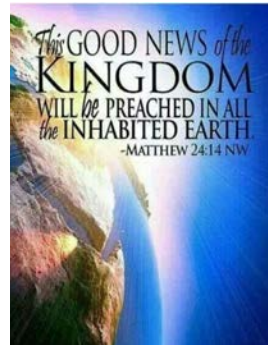


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