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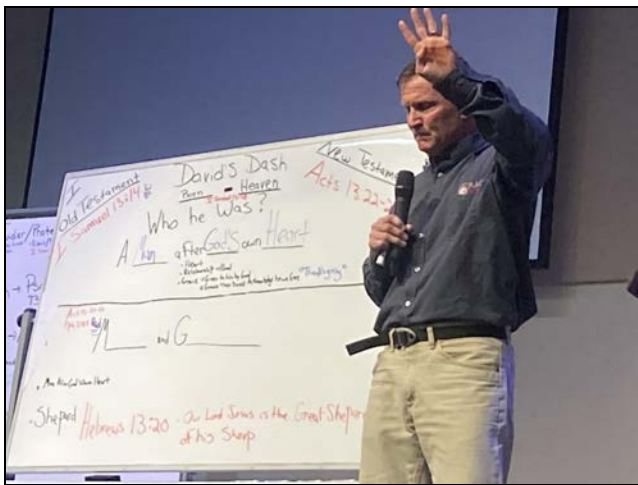
November 20, 2023

David's Dash

Coach G. Shares at Chapel

By: Emma Lugo

David's Dash! This was the title of Coach G's breakdown of David's life. He presented us with



1 Samuel 13:14 which states about David: "14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." David was a man after God's own heart. Coach G then flipped over the white board to reveal a diagram of a soundwave. The middle is called the equilibrium, which he said represents the casual parts of life, the crest, which represents the high and exciting parts of life, and the trough, which represents the bad and sad parts of life. He started with the high points of David's

life. David was a shepherd who provided and protected his sheep.

Using stuffed animals to demonstrate, he pulled out a sheep named Sammy, a lion, and a bear. The lion and the bear attacked the sheep, but David fought them off and killed them. David also spent all his time alone in nature appreciating God's creation.



David was also a writer and musician. Out of the 150 Psalms, David wrote 73 of them. Coach G then defined what a Psalm is, and what a lament is. A Psalm is a song of praise, but a lament is a song of sorrow or sad or broken times. David played the Laird. He then explained how David became the best musician in all of Israel. King Saul had a demon who was sent to torture him, and the only way he could feel at peace was with music to chase it away. So Saul then had tons of musicians audition for him to find who is the best in all of Israel. This person turned out to be David.

David was a warrior as well. He then chanted "when I say David, you say..." implying the crowd to finish it, who replied with a hushed response. He then chanted it again, and the crowd

was a bit louder. He then told us to say Goliath, and this time, the crowd yelled. He explained how David killed Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. He read 1 Samuel 17:32-37, and pointed out what David said in the first part of verse 17: "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." These were some of the highlights of David's life.

Coach G explained the low parts of David's life by starting out with David becoming king. He was supposed to protect and provide for Israel; God's chosen people, but he neglected responsibility instead of caring about the war. David still loved and cared about God, but it all went downhill. He left off his breastplate of righteousness. While he was looking at the sunset out on his balcony, he saw Bathsheba, a beautiful woman. He was about to break four of the ten commandments. First, he coveted. He desired another man's wife. He stole. He sent his people to go get Bathsheba. Then he committed adultery.

Bathsheba became pregnant. Lastly, he committed murder. He had Bathsheba's husband, who was one of David's loyal generals, killed in the battle field so he wouldn't find out about what David did. He then read what happened in 2 Samuel 12: the prophet Nathan confronts him. This confrontation broke David and he repented. He then wrote Psalm 51:10-12, and Psalm 32, which were both laments about David wanting and finding a clean heart in God.

Moving 400 years later in Acts, Coach G read 13:22-23. This far ahead in history, David still has the title "a man after God's own heart". This is because his heart was right. "For by Grace you have been saved," Coach G explained. "The same mercy and Grace extended to David by God is extended to us." He also explained that the Lord is our shepherd, just how David was a shepherd to his sheep.

Another wonderful and notable community chapel was held right here at GCA!

Volleyball's Amazing Season

By: Mady Cannaday

The first volleyball season has come to an end. The middle school team did well for their first season. They practiced very hard and were preparing for the upcoming games of the season! They all supported each other during the games and never gave up. They are all so positive and sweet and they can't wait for the next season!

Overall, the JV team had an amazing first volleyball season. They won ten games and

kept a winning streak! They also supported each other in games! Everyone helped set up games, keep score, line judge and more! They practiced very hard and were ready to defeat anyone. We thank everyone who supported the volleyball team by dressing up, helping with concessions, decorating the gym and planning every theme night. Can't wait for the next season! GO CHARGERS!

Second Season in the Record Books

By: Caleb Cox

The Grace Christian Academy cross country team finished their second season on Friday, October 27th, with pizza and an award ceremony. This year, we had 21 runners, and even won a few races. Gianna Sedota, Brayden Belden, Bentley Pergerson, Tucker Jones, Finley Manley, and Isabella Murray all won a meet during the season. We hosted our first home meet on August 24th, and our second on September 21st. We had 10 meets total, two home, and 8 away. The team got to participate in a meet that was unfortunately canceled, last year, due to a hurricane. Almost everyone beat their personal records. We also went back to the only meet we did last year. We had a ton of new runners including the middle school boys', girls', and JV girls' MVP's. We had another school, Alamance Christian School, join us for a practice in October. Everyone improved greatly throughout the season.



Cross Country Team Roster

Middle School Girls

Emily Braun
Sarah Brewer
Jordyn Evans
Rachel Greeson
Finley Manley
Chloe May
Collin Newsome
Gianna Sedota
Emily Workman

Middle School Boys

Brayden Belden
Ethan Cox
Jackson Curry
Eli Dipert
Leo Dipert
Bentley Peterson

JV Girls

Emma Lugo
Isabella Murray

JV Boys

Caleb Cox
Tucker Jones
Dion Sedota
Jeremiah Workman

Grandparent's Day

A special time with family

By: Ella Clayton

For the first time, GCA hosted *Grandparents Day* for the whole school. There were lots of smiles as the grandparents came and ate lunch with their grandkids. Some came to lunch multiple times because their grandkids had different lunch times. The whole day was filled with smiles as everyone had fun being able to eat with their grandparents. While they were in the gym eating and enjoying socializing and being with family, high school students assisted by helping carry plates and escort families to their tables. Some of the highschoolers even helped to raise money for the new playground by selling mums.



We've Got Spirit

By: Emma Clayton

The awesome PTT organized two spirit nights recently. Hursey's Barbecue hosted a spirit night for GCA where families could eat and have a good time together. Part of the money that they made is going towards the new playground. Roll A Bout also hosted a spirit night. All of the kids were so excited to be able to have fun and socialize together while also raising money for the new playground.



Red Ribbon Week

By: Emerson Keye



Everyone had such a blast participating in Red Ribbon Week to support the cause and help prevent people from using drugs. It highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. We had speakers from *Living Free Ministries* visit with the high school students to tell their story about their journeys. They said that “Drugs do not discriminate against your status in life. It can happen to anyone”. The themes this year were awesome, and everyone went all out! Monday was America day, and everyone showed their support to our country in their red, white, and blue! Tuesday was Country vs Country Club, most people wore their boots, and cowboy hats but a few showed up in their country club outfits.

Wednesday was pink out! Everyone showed up and showed out in their pink gear! Thursday was throwback Thursday, we had a lot of hippies from the 70's, and some dressed up as Elvis Presley from the 1950's! To close out the week everyone showed up in their Hawaiian gear and had an awesome day! Overall this year's red ribbon week was a hit and everyone had so much fun dressing up as all the cool themes!



Fall Festival

By: Holden Boone

The Fall Festival hosted by the GCA PTT was a hit! A bunch of kids and family came to hang out and relax on a cool Saturday! We have a lot of different vendors there and things for the kids to do. We even had princesses there to take pictures with everybody, we had over 10 vendors set up for people to shop at. Some of

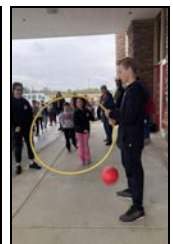
these were Deez + Beez Boutique, Breast Cancer Donations, a photo booth and a coffee pop up shop. It was so fun seeing all the families come out and have a blast. We even had a little farm going, they had pigs, lamas, and alpacas. Some staff here at GCA signed up to get pied in the face by the kids. The kids paid \$5.00 to pie a teacher in the face, some of the teachers were Coach Qualls, Mr. Tim, Mr. Bowman and Mr. G.



Fall Fun Day

By: Gracyn Lee

The cold and rainy weather didn't dampen the students spirit for fall fun day this year! All of the K-3-Middle school students participated in all of the fun activities, while our high school students organized and managed all of the stations. Some of the activities that occurred that day were Trunk or Treat, the three legged race, the balloon pop challenge, the dizzy bat relay, limbo, and many more. One of our main, most meaningful activities was shoebox packing. All students at GCA participated in packing shoeboxing or helping one another pack them. Before fall fun day, all of the families helped provide items for our shoe boxes and we couldn't have done it without them. Mr. Kevin also provided amazing hot dog lunches for all of our students. We wouldn't have wanted this day to go any different.



High School News

By: Mady Cannady and Caleb Cox

Cupcake Wars

On October 12, 2023, the Family Consumer Science class started decorating their cupcakes for Cupcake Wars! The “war” lasted for a week and on October 18, it was judge day. There were three groups that had very creative themes. The themes were Noah's Ark, Garfield, and Charlotte's Web. Everyone had a pizza box to decorate so they could put their cupcakes in. Each group's cupcakes were very neat! On October 18, the judges came in. The judges were Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Fenton, and the winners from last year's contest. Coming up in first place was Charlotte's Web, then Noah's Ark, then last but not least. Garfield. Everyone had so much fun decorating cupcakes!

NC State Fair

On October 19, 2023, the 9th and 10th graders went to the NC State Fair.

The NC State fair is located in Raleigh and is about an hour drive. To be able to enter, everyone had to bring six cans of food to donate to get a free entry ticket! As soon as everyone was in, they went their separate ways in many groups. The fair is huge! It has food and rides on every corner, including some farm animals on the other side. They had many different rides that spun, dropped you, and even went upside down! There was a TON of delicious food! There were hotdogs, candy apples, fried ice cream, potatoes, etc. They were given about two hours to do everything. Everyone had a lot of fun!

GCA Student Council

From November 6th to the 9th, students were campaigning for GCA's very first student council. They made posters, flyers, and handed out candy. Voting took place at lunch on Thursday the 9th. The council has already done their first project, the parade float for the Burlington and Graham Christmas Parades. They will plan many future events throughout the year to make school more enjoyable for the students.

President - Zach Livers

Vice President - Holden Boone

Treasurer - Gracyn Lee

Marketing Coordinator - Sarah Doby

Senate - Noah Bason, Caleb Cox, Lucy Trollinger

Special Committee Representatives - Nathan Ross, Graysen Thornton

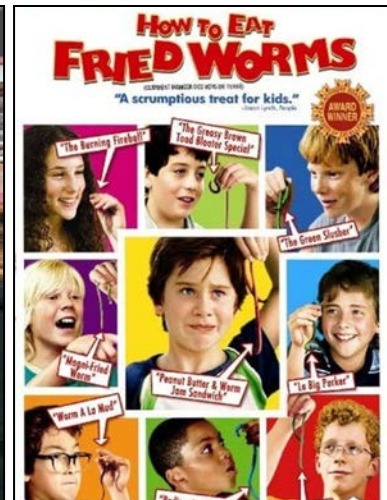


Middle School News

By: Emma Lugo

6th and 7th grade girls Bible class is learning who God says they are! Mrs. Wall led them through an activity where they chose cups from all different shapes, sizes, colors, and materials. They talked about how the cup was made to be a cup, and no matter what you turn it into, or cut it into, it's still a cup. They then talked about how no matter what you look like, or what your gifts are, God created us for a purpose. They wrote words that described them on a name tag, and 5 other words that people have told them they are on another tag and stuck it to the cup. Afterward, they read Ephesians 1 and discussed who God says we are. The verses they discussed were on a coffee sleeve, which they cut out and stuck to the cup over the name tag. They lastly talked about how what people say about us doesn't matter and God's thoughts about us are superior.

The 6th grade class recently finished reading the book *How to Eat Fried Worms*. They were able to take a field trip to the movies to see it on the big screen. Middle school will have many more exciting events in weeks to come!



Elementary School News

By: Gracyn Lee and Ella Clayton

Our elementary school students have been busy these past few weeks with many fun activities and field trips. Kindergarten did pumpkin investigations. They counted the seeds in the pumpkin, carved the pumpkin, and much more. Our first graders had a flag presentation from our veterans. It was very special having the veterans come and share about the American Flag. The second grade class had a visit from The Lamb's Chapel pastor, Scott Grimm. He talked about his job as pastor at TLC and the students were able to

open up and ask him questions about his job. Mrs. Smith's second grade class held a mock election on election day! They learned the importance of exercising the right to vote in this country. The third graders went to old Salem and had such an amazing time. They also did a book report in their class. They made the character and also dressed as their character



Preschool News

Preschool students have had a lot of fun these past few weeks. They went on a field trip to a farm recently. They loved riding the school bus! At the farm they saw the cows, goats, sheep and donkeys and even fed some of them. The kids got to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. They had the opportunity to dig for worms. Some kids loved it and some thought it was gross! It was such a fun field trip for our preschoolers!



Trophy Case Donation

By: Nathan Ross



Bob and Lori Burger have donated a special piece of their furniture to GCA. It is beautiful! We thank you so much for your donation. We now have a special place to display all of the trophies and awards that we collect over the years! GCA thanks Mr. and Mrs. Burger for your generous donation to Grace Christian Academy. We greatly appreciate it!

Student Spotlight

By: Holden Boone



On October 6th-8th and 13th-15th, Jaden Fergurson and Autura Fergurson were in the SpongeBob Musical at the Paramount Theater. Jaden said that there were a lot of people in the audience, over 300 per each show. He said it was really fun and exciting, he was a little scared to be in front of everybody especially when GCA students came to watch. Autura said that she was fine on stage and she was not nervous and she was excited. Jaden said that there was a cast of about 30 people. This was an amazing event to see our talented GCA students perform and work hard to put this on the musical for tons of people. Job well done, Jaden and Autura!

Dad Jokes

By: Nathan Ross

- **WHAT SUBJECT DO COWS TAKE IN SCHOOL? COWCULUS**
 - **WHAT'S THE SCARIEST PLANT IN THE FOREST? BAMBOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
 - **WHAT DO YOU CALL A FISH WEARING A BOWTIE? SOFISHTICATED**
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GCA Pledges

Every day before class, every student recites the three pledges that they have memorized while here at GCA.

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.

Upcoming Events At Grace!

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



- November 20-24 - No School: Thanksgiving Break
- November 30: Student Chapel
- December 1 : Newsong and Jeremy Camp Concert at TLC
- December 11-13: High School Exams
- December 11- 15: Christmas Spirit Week
- December 14: Christmas Community Chapel
- December 15 - January 3: Christmas Break
- January 4: New semester begins for high school

Follow Grace Christian Academy on Facebook to see more photos of school activities.

November Lunch Menu

<h2 style="margin: 0;">November 2023</h2>		<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">School Lunch Price - \$4.00 Retain this lunch calendar for your records. The homeroom teacher will be taking lunch counts each morning so that we are sure to prepare enough meals. If your student is not eating school lunch, please make sure they have a lunch from home. All students should bring a water bottle each day.</p> <p style="color: red; margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Grace Christian Academy</p>		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		01 Teacher Workday No School for Students	02 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable  Fruit 	03 Pizza  Vegetable Fruit
06 Chicken Nuggets  Vegetable Fruit	07 Cheeseburger  Vegetable Fruit	08 Chicken Sandwich  Vegetable Fruit	09 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable  Fruit	10 Veteran's Day Holiday No School for Students/Staff
13 Chicken Nuggets  Vegetable Fruit	14 Corn Dog  Vegetable Fruit	15 Chicken Sandwich  Vegetable Fruit	16 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable  Fruit	17 Breakfast for Lunch Pancakes  Sausage
20 No School for Students/Staff Thanksgiving Holiday	21 No School for Students/Staff Thanksgiving Holiday	22 No School for Students/Staff Thanksgiving Holiday	23 No School for Students/Staff Thanksgiving Holiday	24 No School for Students/Staff Thanksgiving Holiday
27 Chicken Nuggets  Vegetable Fruit	28 Cheeseburger  Vegetable Fruit	29 Chicken Sandwich  Vegetable Fruit	30 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable  Fruit	

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We hope you enjoyed this edition of our student published GCA Newspaper, *Words of Grace*. We have lots of news to share in the next issue. Please share your class events or stories that you would like to see covered in future editions, with Elaine Austin, elaine.austin@gca-nc.com or your newspaper staff contact.

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