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# WORDS OF GRACE

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## A Thirst for God

### *Alison Folwell Shares at Chapel*

By: Emma Lugo

**Mrs. Alison started off this particular Thursday with a wonderful chapel!** She called Holden Boone, Thomas Qualls, and Georgia Ann to the stage to hold a rock, paper, and scissors. She explained the function of each one. The paper could be used to write a letter. The scissors could be used to cut paper. The



rock could be used to get water. Many kids were confused by that statement that was later explained. She then calls Lucy Trollinger and Gracyn to the stage to help act out Exodus 17. She also asked John Laing to be Moses, and draped a towel over his head and handed him a stick that represented Moses' staff, the same one that brought the plagues. 6 weeks after parting the Red Sea, everyone left the wilderness of Sin. There was no water. The 2 million people there demanded water from Moses, and were livid. Moses demanded them to be quiet. God then spoke to Moses and told him that He knew there was no water. Moses reminded them that God is faithful. God also said to Moses "when you want Me more than you want water, you will then receive it." The Israelites were still livid, and wanted to stone him.

Moses then asked God what to do. The Lord said to him to walk out in front of the people and strike the rock on which you stand. Once he struck the rock, water gushed out. Moses made it a memorial and named it not for God being faithful and working miracles, but for their *lack of faith* in God. She said that the strongest message of that story was that they *did not* trust God. They *did not* have faith. They *did not* follow what God said. Even though they disobeyed Him, God is always faithful, He is always with us, and he is the rock on which we stand.

Mrs. Alison asked if we woke up this morning and complained about something. We didn't trust God. She asked if from now on we will trust God. The students responded with a roaring "YES!" She finished off with saying that we should want the presence of God more than anything. She prayed, and just before exiting the stage, Mr. Bowman asks her to move to the center of the floor. He wanted some of the students to pray over her, because she worked 18 years at TLC, and her impact on the community could never be measured. The

students then prayed over her, and the Holy Spirit brought her to tears. Another memorable student chapel here at GCA!

# Kindness

## *Ken Smith Challenges Students at Community Chapel*

Contributed by Guest Writer: Lily Cox, 8th Grade



**Chapel started with prayer as always.** The worship leaders then led us with a few songs. They did amazing and really set the tone for the chapel. Pastor Mike Smith was the chapel

speaker and he spoke on the importance of kindness and the significance of choosing to respect others. He spoke from 2 Kings 2:23-25 about the consequences of actions and how bad temptations to be unkind can turn out. Kindness is a big thing missing in our society today and it can be remedied simply by making the right choices. In the verses he read from, Elisha had gone up to Bethel and on the road back he encountered some unkind young men. He was insulted by these men and cursed them in God's name. This did not mean he was legitimately cursing them however, it did

mean he wanted God to give them consequences for their actions. God proceeded to send two bears from the woods which then mauled some of the boys. So even if an action seems very minor and not like a big deal, it can still lead to awful things. Another thing to keep in mind is that it hurts God's heart to see his people hurt. This chapel sermon was awesome and it helped a lot of us students to realize how much a single unkind act can affect someone's whole day. He wrapped the sermon up with a prayer and then we were dismissed.

# Pink it Out

By: Holden Boone



**GCA had a blast at Pink Out!** The first ever pink out theme night at a GCA volleyball game was a hit! During the first and second set, Holden Boone and Shae Moore went on the court to talk to the crowd about the 50/50 raffle that was going on during the game. The

50/50 raffle was for Rose Brown with Little Pink Houses Of Hope. 50% of the proceeds went to the winner of the raffle and the other 50% went to Rose Brown for her fundraising efforts for the *Little Pink Houses of Hope Dancing with the Stars Gala*. Holden Boone, Gracyn Lee and Ella Clayton decorated the whole gym for this event. They had a huge Pink Out banner on the wall and even had the bleachers decorated with streamers and balloons! Students had a



blast being all dressed up in pink to support the event and watch the girls play volleyball.

Thank you all who came out and supported us and made donations to Breast Cancer!



# Spike That

By: Mady Cannady

**On September 28, 2023, the JV team played against Carolina Friends.** They lost their last game against them, but they made a comeback and beat them! They won both sets and did an amazing job! They were prepared to play the next

game!! On September 29, 2023, the JV team played against ACS. It was a very tight and stressful game. The Chargers made a comeback on the first set! They ended up playing all five sets which lasted about two hours. They had some amazing serves! Some players got a couple serves in a

row! Even though they had some mistakes, they never gave up and kept playing. They gave all their might! The audience was very cheerful and we appreciated everyone who showed up in neon glow attire! Be ready to keep cheering these girls on!

# Middle School Volleyball

By: Emerson Keye

**On Thursday September 28th the middle school team played Carolina Friends.** The girls did amazing and took home the win! On Friday September 29th the girls played Alamance Christian School and sadly came up short. The girls have improved so much since their first game and we are so proud of them!

On Friday October 6th the middle school team played the BCA Royals and not because of a lack of effort, came up short. The girls have improved so much since their first game of the season. They went from some not even touched a volleyball to a good team! We hope to see everyone at the last game on October 12th!

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# New Day, New Game

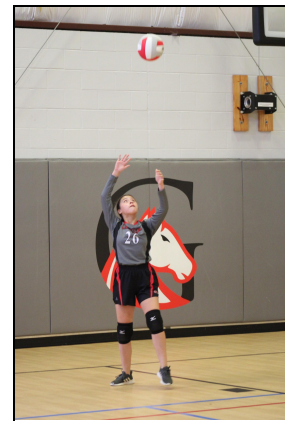
## *Middle School Volleyball*

By Mady Cannady



**On October 10, 2023, the middle school played against The Burlington School again.**

The girls unfortunately lost, but they had some amazing plays! On one play, the other team celebrated too early, and the girls got the ball over and won the point! The girls have improved so much over the season! We hope to see everyone in their pajamas on October 12! Keep cheering these girls on!





# Big Win!

## *High School Volleyball*

By: Gracyn Lee

On October 6th, 2023 the Chargers played BCA. We all knew that this would be a great volleyball game. BCA won the coin toss and chose to serve first. Both teams warmed up and the game began. The chargers played better than ever and won the first set. It was a close win and knew they would have to fight hard to pull out the next set. It was easier than we thought. We got ahead super fast and knew we had it in the bag. The coaches were so proud of the girls for not giving up and climbing the ladder, just as Coach Ivy says. If you play a sport, whether you're good or not, never give up and always play with confidence. Thank you to all who came out to support the volleyball girls.



# JV Volleyball Gets the W

By: Emerson Keye

On October, 10th, 2023 the JV team played The Burlington School and took a big win! The girls won in 2 sets very easily and had some great saves. The first set was 25-9 and the second set was 25-13! The girls have had a great season overall and are pumped and ready to take home the win in their last game! We hope to see you there at 5:00 on October 12th, 2023 to support our girls. Make sure to come out and show your support to our girls in all white for white out night!

# Last Game, Best Game

## *High School Volleyball*

By: Mady Cannady



**On October 12, 2023, the high school JV volleyball team played their last game of the season and took home the win!** They played against CH Friends. With ten wins and and only one loss, the girls have finally completed their first season. We thank everyone who helped set up and decorate the theme nights, and came to ref the games. The team can not wait for our next season!

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# Cross Country Recap

## *One for the Record Books*

By: Caleb Cox

**On Monday, September 25, the cross country team had a meet at Bradford Academy in Mebane.** The team got dismissed early at 1:30, and got to Bradford at 2:00. They had a course walkthrough around 3:00. The track was a little more than a mile, so the middle schoolers did a little less than two laps and the high schoolers did a little more than three. The first race, the middle school girls, started at 4:15. At the start of the first lap, Naomi, a 7th grader from ACS, was in first place, closely followed by Finley Manley, with Gianna Sedota right behind them. Finley fell, so Naomi ended up winning, with Giana in second place. Finley was able to recover and get fourth.

The middle school boys started at 4:50. Bentley Ferguson and Brayden Belden took an early lead, closely trailed by a runner from Bradford Academy. Bentley and Brayden kept the lead the whole time, up until the final downhill, when the Bradford runner passed them. Brayden came in second, and Bentley came in third. Both of them beat previous records.

The high school girls race was next. It started at 5:20. Both girls on our team, Emma Lugo and Izzy Murray, beat their records by a couple minutes.

Finally, the last race, the high school boys race, started at 6:00. Just like the girls race, both of our runners got season records.

Overall, it was a very good meet. The majority of our runners got season records on a great course, and it was good weather for a meet.



- MS Girls (2 miles)
- 2. Gianna Sedota 15:05
  - 4. Finley Manley 16:00
  - 10. Rachel Greeson 19:02

- MS Boys (2 miles)
- 2. Brayden Belden 13:13
  - 3. Bentley Perguson 13:16
  - 7. Eli Dipert 16:16

- HS Girls (3.1 miles)
- 11. Emma Lugo 33:32
  - 12. Izzy Murray 37:37

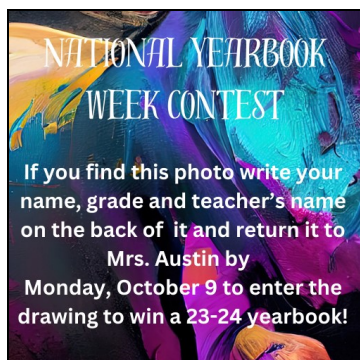
- HS Boys (3.1 miles)
- 17. Caleb Cox 27:41
  - 18. Jeremiah Workman 29:02

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## Free Yearbooks!

### *National Yearbook Week Scavenger Hunt*

By: Caleb Cox



**In honor of National Yearbook Week, the yearbook staff had a scavenger hunt to be placed in a drawing for a free yearbook.** The scavenger hunt started on Tuesday, October 3rd, and ended on the 6th. The yearbook staff hid pictures with glimpses of the 23/24 yearbook all around campus. There were 157 entries, and only 2 people could win. The drawing took place on video on Tuesday the October 10th. Noah Ross, from Mrs. Austin's 10th grade homeroom won as well as Hepzibah Poe, from Mrs. Staley's 2nd grade class. Both students will receive a free yearbook when they arrive in May. If you have not purchased a yearbook,

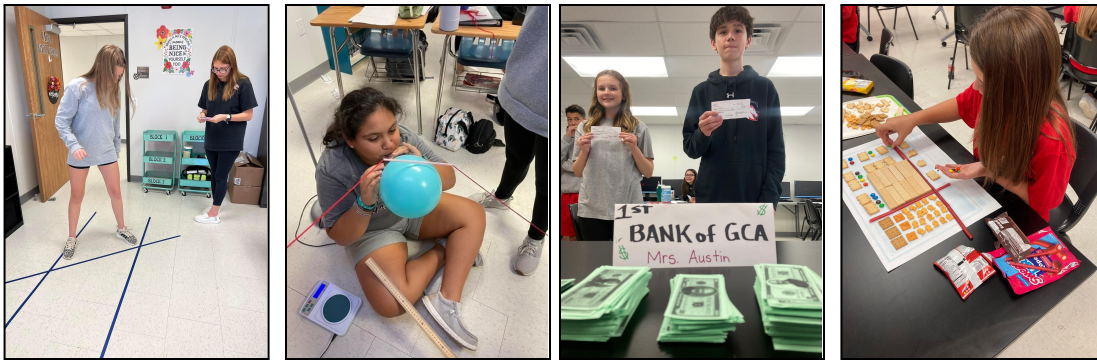
they can be purchased online. [Click here to purchase your 23-24 yearbook.](#)

# High School News

## *Close Up View of High School*

By: Mady Cannady

**Who says learning can not be fun.?** Mrs. Williams CP Geometry class did a hands-on activity that included angles. They had tape on the floor that formed many different angles and each group had teams that had “jobs”. They had writers, performers, readers, and timers. They had 45 seconds to complete the challenge. In Mrs. Campbell's science class, they learned about Newton's 3rd Law. They also did a hands-on activity and made balloon rockets! In Mrs. Austin's Family Consumer Science class, they finished the Personal Finance Unit and are now learning how to manage a family budget. Lastly, Mrs. Austin's yearbook class used food such as M&Ms, crackers, sweet tart ropes, and goldfish to learn to design a yearbook page. Everyone had an awesome time!



## Middle School News

**Middle school students have been spending time worshipping through music.** It is a beautiful sound to walk the halls of the middle school during praise and worship time. The students love this time of day and it is apparent that they love Jesus! What a blessing to be able to praise and worship Jesus at school on a daily basis!

## Elementary School News

By: Gracyn Lee and Ella Clayton

**The 4th graders went on a field trip to Cedar Rock Park for a farm to table event recently.** This was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about agriculture in Alamance County. Thank you to Cedar Rock Park for teaching our 4th graders and letting them have a great time. 4th and 5th grade students have been having a great time participating in fun competitions for Friday Fun Day!





# Preschool News

By: Holden Boone

**Preschool farm day! Kick the dust up!** The preschoolers had a farm day and they had so much fun! They go to pet goats, dress up as farmers and get to “Work on the farm.” Mr Bowman brought the goats to let the preschoolers pet them and play with them, they also got to talk to the Firemen of the Haw River fire department, the chief (Tyler Franklin) came and spoke to the preschoolers about fire safety and all about what they do. This was such a fun day for them to experience and get to learn about new things! Thank you to all who came and helped this day come together.



# Dad Jokes

By: Nathan Ross

- **"My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction"**. So I packed up my stuff and right!
  - **"How do you get a squirrel to like you"?** Act like a nut.
  - **"Why don't eggs tell jokes"?** They'd crack each other up.
  - **"I don't trust stairs"**. They're always up to something.
  - **"What do you call someone with no body and no nose"?** Nobody knows.
  - **"Did you hear the rumor about butter"?** Well, I'm not going to spread it!
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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.

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# Student Spotlight

By: Holden Boone



**Thank you for the donation to the school!** Charleigh Covington donated some money to the school for the playground that she earned over the summer. This is such an amazing thing to see students who care about getting the little kids a project done fast! It's truly responsible for her to donate her own hard earned money to the school for a major thing! We want to thank her for having a servant's heart and supporting GCA!

# Upcoming Events At Grace!

By: Ella Clayton

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



- November 2 - A Night Out with Jonathan Evans
- November 6th - Spirit Night at *Roll A Bout*
- November 10th - No School Veterans Day
- November 16th - Community Chapel
- November 17th - Dodge Ball - 1st Annual Turkey Ball Tournament
- November 20-24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break



## November Lunch Menu

November 2023		Grace Christian Academy		
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 <b>Veteran's Day Holiday</b> 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 	

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.

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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](mailto:elaine.austin@gca-nc.com) or your newspaper staff contact.

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