

APRIL 2022

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Grace Christian Academy!

School Contact

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Office Hours: 7:30-4:00 M-F



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday, 4/14: Half Day - NO After Care
- Friday, 4/15: No School
- 4/15 - 4/24: Spring Break
- Monday 4/25 - School Reopens
- Tuesday, 4/26 - Lunch Forms Due. Forms found [HERE!](#)
- Wednesday, 4/27 - Mid Quarter

STAY UP TO DATE ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR BY VISITING [GRACEKNIGHTS.ORG!](http://GRACEKNIGHTS.ORG)

Message From the Office

I cannot believe that we are already almost halfway through the last quarter of the school year! We made it through standardized testing week and after Spring Break, the last few weeks of the year always fly by! We have so many fun events planned for the rest of the school year, including sporting events, awards ceremonies, the Knight Run fundraiser, field trips, promotion ceremonies and graduations. However, we want to make sure students stay academically focused so they can finish the 4th quarter out strong! Please help your student stay on track by checking the weekly RenWeb progress report emails and encouraging them to stay on top of their assignments and prepare for assessments. Middle school students will continue to have study hall every Tuesday. They should use this time to work on missing work, study for upcoming assessments, read AR books, and get extra help from teachers. As the school year is ending, you may be in need of report cards, transcripts, and other academic records. Please email records@graceknights.org for all records requests with a list of what is needed and where to send them.

The teachers and staff are looking forward to a wonderful end of the school year!

In His service,
Megan Schaniel
Academic Advisor

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming! May 2nd - 6th

GCA is blessed with truly amazing teachers that put in an incredible amount of time, effort and love into educating our students. Many make personal, professional and financial sacrifices to work in Christian education because they believe in giving students excellent academics and making an eternal impact for His Kingdom! We want to show our teachers how much we truly appreciate them! Please be on the lookout for an email teacher wish lists and favorite things so you can bless them during this week!

PreK/Elementary Dismissal:

We are training some new staff to help out with dismissal. When we return from Spring Break, please bring your car tag with you so the staff members can learn names and faces as well as know who is the authorized pick-up. If you no longer have your tag please bring ID. We ask that you remain friendly if a staff member has to contact the office to verify your student's pick-up. Learning the names and faces takes time and there is no need to be upset or aggravated when we are putting your student's safety first. Thank you for understanding!

GCA Athletics

Athletic Director: stacie.buhl@graceknights.org

Spring Sports are underway! Track and Field has already has its first meet! To stay up to date on the sports calendar, please refer to the school website calendar. Please keep in mind that student athletes are students first, then athletes. Education is a top priority and students are responsible for all classwork, homework and being prepared for assessments.

Go Knights!



Black History Month Poster/Essay Contest Winners

Elementary Poster Contest:

1st Place: Noelle Tonkins - Kinder
2nd Place: Aiden Duffus - Kinder
3rd Place: JaNae Cole - 3rd Grade

Middle School Essay Contest:

1st Place: Mikayla Bouie - 6th Grade
2nd Place: Wyatt Moore - 7th Grade
3rd Place: Alana Holland - 8th Grade

Congratulations!

All winners will receive a prize when we return from break!



Summer Camp

Click [HERE](#) for the registration forms!

Any summer camp questions? Email michelle.goodson@graceknights.org



ELEMENTARY Summer CAMP 2022

9 WEEKS: JUNE 6-AUGUST 5

- Ages: PK4-5th Grade (4 years of age by 9/1/22 through entering 6th grade)
- Weekly Themes
- Field Trips
- Arts & Crafts
- Science
- Reading
- Water Fun
- Outside Play
- Campers receive a free T-shirt. Additional shirts available for \$12.
- Registration requires a non-refundable deposit (\$25/week). If \$25 deposit is not paid, your spot will not be held.
- Early Bird Incentive: Pay in full for 3 weeks or more of camp by May 7, 2022 for a 10% discount. Discount does not apply to before or after care charges.
- Multi-Child Discount: 10% off for 2nd and 3rd child (in the same family). 50% off for 4th child.
- Full payment is due the Friday prior to each camp week. Returned check fee: \$35 + court fees. Payments made by credit/debit card are subject to a 2.5% fee.
- Daily Drop In: \$60/day. All paperwork must be completed. Payment in cash or credit card only.
- Early Arrival/Late Pickup Fees: Arrival prior to 7:50AM-\$15.00. Pickup after 3:00PM (camp) or 6:00PM (after care)-\$25.00.

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Week	Dates	Theme
Week 1	June 6-10	Summer Party 
Week 2	June 13-17	Sports 
Week 3	June 21-24 <small>Camp Closed June 20th in Observance of Juneteenth</small>	Underwater 
Week 4	June 27-July 1	Party in the USA 
Week 5	July 5-8 <small>Camp Closed July 4th</small>	Camping 
Week 6	July 11-15	Disney 
Week 7	July 18-22	Pirate Adventures 
Week 8	July 25-29	Animals 
Week 9	August 1-5	Space 

WE'RE HIRING!

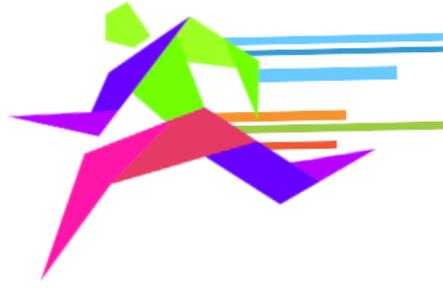


Looking for a way to earn some extra cash this summer? Come join our Summer Camp team!

SUMMER CAMP WORKERS!

- Full Time or Part Time
- Flexible hours!
- Must be 16 years old to apply
- Weekly Field Trips
- For more information email Michelle Goodson

KNIGHT RUN MAY 14



**6PM: PREK-3RD
GRADE FUN RUN**
\$20



**8PM: 3RD-8TH
GRADE GLOW RUN**
\$35

**A FUNDRAISER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! EVENTS/FOOD!
CLASSES WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FOR MOST PARTICIPANTS, HIGH
DONATION AMOUNT, ETC.**

Register for the Run Here:
<https://forms.gle/MG5fk95TgKgHpi8r7>



Donations/Pledges:
<https://forms.gle/udkcjgGgHgAzz68p6>



GCA Fundraiser!

Saturday, May 14th at 6pm and 8pm!

We are so excited to launch our first annual GCA Knight Run Fundraiser!! This will be an event for the whole family, including a 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, 5k Glow Run/Walk, food, games, and fellowship. Registration will include the run you choose, a glow stick, Knight Run t-shirt and a drink.

PreK - 3rd Grade Fun Run : Register your preschool - 3rd grade students to run/walk in this 1 mile race around the soccer fields! Want to run with them? Of course! Chose to run with them and if you would like a matching Knight Run t-shirt with your child!

3rd - 8th Grade and Adult Glow Run: Register your older student in the 5k Glow Run/Walk! They can participate with their friends or you can make it a family affair. We encourage you to sign up to participate yourself! We would love for parents, family members, and family friends to also run/walk this event!

Pledges/Donations: Pledges/Donations: We understand that participating is not something that will interest everyone but we would greatly appreciate your support towards this fundraiser! You can pledge students to participate in the fun and invite your friends and family to send them pledges as well! Classes will receive prizes and other great incentives for having the most registrations, pledges, general donations, etc.!

Use the QR codes in the flyer above to register and give pledges/donations! Thank you so much in advance for helping us better out school!

Promotions and Graduations!

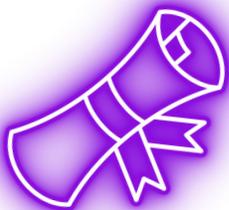
We are so excited to celebrate our students as they are getting ready to finish this school year and embark on their next grade level! We want to celebrate all of their accomplishments from this year and cheer them for what's to come! More information will be coming out soon but for now, please refer to the dates listed and mark your calendars:

Preschool: Friday, 5/27 at 10AM

Kindergarten : Wednesday, 5/25 10AM

5th Grade: Tuesday 5/25 10AM (5th grade will be acknowledged at the end of the elementary awards and will have a light reception in the commons after.

8th Grade: Thursday 5/26 10:30AM



Administrative Contacts

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Congratulations NJHS Inductees!!

Please help us congratulate the following students:

RILEY CUMBERLANDER	NINA ALLEN
CELESTE DAVISON	DONALD COZART- AMOS
NINA JOHNSON	ALANA HOLLAND
ANSLEA SHIFFLEBEIN	MARISSA LANE
SOFIA GIAMBA	ADENIKE OJOMO
SAIRAJI MATTHEW	MAYA STEWART
SAMSON SCHIFFELBEIN	OMAR TULLOCH
OZIAS TULLOCH	



We are GRACE!

- **G**rateful *Hebrews 12:28*
- **R**espectful *1 Peter 2:17*
- **A**ccountable *Galatians 6:4-5*
- **C**ourteous *Ephesians 4:32*
- **E**xcellence Driven *Colossians 3:23-24*

DRESS CODE

Now that school is in full swing, please take the time to remind yourself and your student of GCA's student dress code.

- **All hair should be a natural color. Please begin to plan for girls to have only natural hair colors (no pinks, purples, blues, etc).**
- Bottoms are to be an approved school uniform bottom. No jeggings or cargo pants allowed. Pants should not be skin tight.
- All students are to have on a school uniform top (a navy or white polo), even if they are wearing a GCA hoodie, sweatshirt.
- Crocs are not an approved shoe at GCA.

Students will first receive a verbal notice of any infraction. A second infraction will result in parent contact and the student will either be given a new article of clothing to wear or a parent will be called to bring appropriate clothing.



Grace Christian ACADEMY of MARYLAND

OPEN HOUSE

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Saturday 4/30
10AM-12PM

- ✓ Meet Administration
- ✓ Check out the Campus and Classrooms
- ✓ See how we learn the **GRACE** way!



Open House!

Grace is having another Open House on April 30. Is there someone you know who could be a part of our GCA Family next school year? Let them know there are open houses coming up! Did you know Grace has a New Family Referral program? When a family that you refer to school enrolls you can earn a \$500 tuition credit! Find more information [HERE](#). Any families interested in attending the open house can sign up by emailing admissions@graceknights.org.



Re-Enroll

Now Open for all current families!

Secure your spot for the
2022-2023 School Year!

*Open enrollment for new
families begins March 1.

**REGISTER BEFORE MAY 1 TO SAVE
\$150 ON REGISTRATION FEES!**

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SPRING BREAK APRIL 15 - 24



HE IS RISEN

