

MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Grace Christian Academy!

School Contact

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



Important Dates:

- 3/1 - Open Enrollment Begins!
- 3/4 - 3/8 - Book Fair!
- 3/8 - Fairytale Dress Up Day
- 3/11 - 3/15 - Crocs Week
- 3/20 - NJHS Induction
- 3/21 - Quarter 3 Ends
- 3/21 - TAG Day
- **3/21 - April Lunch Forms Due**
- 3/22 - No school for students
- 3/25 - Quarter 4 Begins
- 3/25 - Maryland Day
- 3/28 - Grandparent's Day
- 3/28 - HALF Day NO AFTERCARE
- 3/29 - 4/5 - No school for Easter Break
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Lunch Forms Found [HERE!](#)

Message From the Office



Parent Coffees!

With all of the talk about re-enrollment, parents are starting to have a lot of questions about next school year. **Parent coffees will happen again this school year!** These coffees are an introduction the next grade level for your student. We will talk about topics such as possible curriculum, differences in standards and practices, expectations, etc. This is not a Q&A about the current school year but rather a chance to receive insight for what will come in the fall. The coffee sessions will be during the school day. We know this may be difficult for some parents to attend so the presentation used for discussion will be sent out. If there are any topics or questions you have for the following school year, feel free to email me and I will try my best to have answers at the coffee.

Dates are TBD and will be announced soon!

Megan Schaniel, Director of Education
Megan.schaniel@graceknights.org



2024-2025 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

*New families can now enroll for the
2024-2025 school year!
Enroll now to secure your spot in the
fall.*

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

301-645-0406

graceknights.org/admissions



Note From the Nurse:

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healthnotes@graceknights.org



Looking ahead... If your student is entering the following grades next school year, please consider making appointments soon to ensure they are up to date on the following vaccines. You will receive emails if your student has not already received the vaccines required.

- 7th Grade (must be 11 yrs old to receive): Meningococcal, Tdap
- Kinder: Second dose of MMR & Varicella
- Pre-K3 & Pre-K4: DTaP/DTP/DT (4 Doses) Polio (3 Doses) Hib (at least 1 dose given after 10 mos of age) MMR (at least 1 dose) Varicella (at least 1 dose) Hepatitis B (3 doses) PCV (1 dose). If your child turns 5 within the school year, the second MMR dose is required within 20 days of their birthdate.

Is your child out of school for any reason? Please email healthnotes@graceknights.org

Spiritual Emphasis

stacie.buhl@graceknights.org

As the school year continues to move forward please know if you or your child needs a safe place to talk. I am here to chat with them and you! Please feel free to contact me.



Middle School Lock-In

Save The Date

04.12.2023

3:15-Midnight

Grace Christian Academy

Save the Date!

GLOW RUN

May 10



RAIN DATE: MAY 11



We're

Hiring

Summer Camp Workers

michelle.goodson@graceknights.org

We are looking for summer camp workers who are at least 16 years old and love kids! Please reach out to our Summer Camp Director, Michelle Goodson for more info!

GCA Athletics

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- On March 4th, we will kick-off with our first week of Flag Football and Track & Field.
- The Flag Football team will have practice starting March 4th from 3:30-5pm
- Track & Field's first practice will be March 6th from 3:30-5pm.
- If your child has shown interest in joining either Flag Football or Track and Field, please join the Athletic Department and Coaches for a Parent Meeting to discuss this upcoming season on March 6th @ 5:15pm
- Also Middle School Sports Awards ceremony will take place on May 15th during chapel....more details to come!

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK!



New family Referral Program!

We have an Open House on the first Saturday of every month! Please consider sharing these events on Facebook! Do you know about our New Family Referral Program? You have an opportunity to earn up to \$1,500 towards your Facts account!

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Crocs Week

March 11-15

This is an optional activity sponsored by the Middle School Student Council.

\$5 to wear Crocs for the week
Money due by Monday, 3/11/24.



PREK-6TH GRADE *Summer* CAMP 2024



9 WEEKS: JUNE 10-AUGUST 9

Ages: PK-6th Grade (3 years of age by 1/1/24 through entering 7th grade)

- Weekly Themes
- Field Trips
- Arts & Crafts
- Science Projects
- Reading Time
- Water Fun
- Outside Play

Campers receive a free T-shirt. Additional shirts available for \$15.



Pre-Registered Camp Tuition (9AM-3PM):
\$190/week
 Before Care (7-9AM):
\$50/week
 After Care (3-6PM)
\$75/week

Registration requires a non-refundable deposit (\$50/week). If \$50 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 10, 2024 for a \$75 discount. Discount does not apply to before or after care charges.

Multi-Child Discount: \$20 off for 2nd and 3rd child (in the same family).



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 additional fees.

Daily Rate: \$60/day
All paperwork must be completed. Payment in cash or credit card only. There will be additional fees for field trip days.

Early Arrival/Late Pickup Fees: Arrival prior to 8:45AM will be charged the before care fee. Pickup after 3:00PM (camp) or 6:00PM (after care)-\$10.00/15 minutes.



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GCA Summer Camp-2024

| Week | Dates | Theme |
|---------------|--|--|
| Week 1 | June 10-14 |  Summer Party  |
| Week 2 | June 17-21 Camp Closed Wednesday, June 19th |  Underwater  |
| Week 3 | June 24-28 |  Camping  |
| Week 4 | July 1-5 Camp Closed July 4th |  Party in the USA  |
| Week 5 | July 8-12 |  Disney  |
| Week 6 | July 15-19 |  Pirate Adventures  |
| Week 7 | July 22-26 |  Animals  |
| Week 8 | July 29-Aug. 2 |  Olympics  |
| Week 9 | August 5-9 |  Space  |

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Birthday Parties

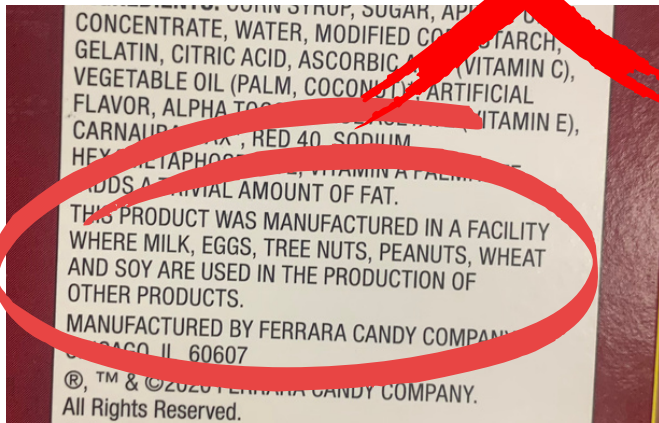
Are you wanting to celebrate your student's birthday at school?

Students are allowed to bring in a treat such as cupcakes and cookies to school. All food must be brought to the office, not given to the teacher directly or sent in with the student.

Any item sent must abide by the following:

**MUST be SEALED from a STORE
AND**

MUST have a NUT FREE Label.



- Your food will not be passed out if the label says made in a facility that produces nuts.
- **No balloons or treat bags.** If brought in, these will be left in the office. The school cannot be held responsible for any times that may contain an allergen in a treat bag, nor can we search each bag that is brought in.