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Our Junior High Retreat was a great success!

The Principal Observes

Planning Family Time

Last year, as the new school year started, I wrote an article encouraging families to remember what is most important. The message is just as important this year so it bears repeating. Many activities crowd our lives and replace the best things. Yet, what is most necessary for a child of any age is to have the time and attention of their parents.

Time with parents should come naturally as families go through regular daily and weekly activities such as eating meals, traveling to and from school, shopping, attending church together, etc. Even during the evening, parents are nearby as students complete their homework, receiving help from parents as necessary. This is a simple principle that is easy

karate, music lessons are some examples of activities that are good for many reasons, but their long-term value is minuscule compared with family time.

Activities are not the only way that children are denied what they need from their parents. Like our culture at large, parents can get too absorbed with their smartphones. The problem is not that the children miss out on time with their parents. The problem is that they do not have the attention of their parents. While it is good that they are in the same room with the children, if their attention is on their phones then it is not on their children. Phones are useful tools but they can keep us from our God-given responsibilities if we are not mindful of them.

I urge our parents to perform a family time audit. Keep track of your family time during a specified period such as a week or a month. Once you have the raw data, put your activities into categories and decide if your family is spending time doing the best things. Are some activities out of balance? What values have led you to your current commitments? The message from our society is that activities, sports, the arts, and other pursuits are necessary. In fact, they are merely good, and when in excess, they actually detract from what is best.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

Blue: All Other Events

College/Career Planning Night, October 10. [Read more...](#)

Emergency Responder Appreciation Luncheon, October 10 (Postponed)

PSAT for Juniors, October 11.

Picture Retakes, October 24, [Read more...](#)

NO School: Teacher Professional Development, October 26-27, [Read more...](#)

11:45 Dismissal, Heritage Celebration, November 3

For the entire calendar, including events for 2017-18, see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

IMPACT Student of the Month

Every month our elementary teachers honor one student from each class and our secondary teachers choose one boy and one girl in junior high and in high school as IMPACT Students of the Month. These students are chosen after demonstrating one or more of the distinctives including Integrity, Ministry, Purity, Accountability, Conformity to God's Word, and Teachability.

Click [here](#) to see our IMPACT Students of the Month.

Emergency Information

How does the school notify families in the event of a school closure or an emergency? We use FlashAlert Messenger to give families and the public essential information. [Read more...](#)

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Heritage Celebration

Uniform FAQs

Click [here](#) to find answers to a couple frequently asked uniform questions.

Pedestrian Safety

Please exercise caution and patience when you park and when driving through the parking lot. [Read more...](#)

Prepare for Rain

Our recess supervisor has asked that parents send their child(ren) to school with a lightweight jacket or raincoat to wear at recess on misty days.

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