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Enjoying a winter wonderland at the snow retreat!

The Principal Observes

School-to-Parent Communication

It is difficult to communicate effectively. Communication is a challenge for people even when they are friends and family, but when dealing with an organization, it is even more difficult. With this in mind, let me review our most common means of conveying vital information to you, our school families.

Most messages regarding academic progress in grades 1-6 come directly from the

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know how their student is performing. The Thursday Folder is the means of transferring graded papers to home. It is your responsibility to review them. In 4th-12th, teachers record student grades in RenWeb. Parents can always check grades there, but even if they do not, they receive a weekly progress report through email. That email also contains helpful details regarding student performance. Our teachers are always open to questions, which parents may ask through email in RenWeb or by calling the school. Whether accessed through an internet browser or the app, RenWeb always has answers to questions about grades.

Some may have noticed that we recently redesigned our website to make our home page more useful. Parents can find current school events and the most recent blog without leaving the homepage. The blog is updated weekly with articles by myself and by teachers, so it is worth checking often and referring to friends. The News and Events drop-down menu has athletic information and archived copies of the Eagle Flyer. I encourage all parents to look around the new website to discover all that is there. As always, any suggestions are appreciated. Of course, the Eagle Flyer is our most aggressive effort to push news to parents so be sure to check out each issue for data relevant to your child. We often post current events, photos, and announcements on Facebook, too.

The above means of communication have served us well over the years, but we are always looking to improve. We have been investigating another all-school app that will enable us to make instant announcements and allow for real-time communication between our constituents that is private. The RenWeb app will always be the best source for grades, but it is not designed as a news source, so be faithful to stop by our website as well.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

Blue: All Other Events

11:45 Dismissal, Conference by Appointment, **February 6**, [Read more...](#)

ACSI District Spelling Bee, **February 9**

NO School, Presidents' Day Observed, **February 16-19**, [Read more...](#)

School Speech Meet, **February 20, 6 p.m.**

HS Track/Golf Practice Begins, February 26

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

Elementary Impact Students of the Month

Claire Watson

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Gracelynn Warren
Elsie Lamb
Nolah Sainfils
Paisley Page
Phoebe Wentling
Alexandrea Viduya
Elijah Brent
Isabelle Shaw

Congratulations!

Grace Cafe Online Valentine's Special

Grace Cafe is offering an online-only special Valentine cookie, February 1-14, for all grades. Students will receive their cookie at lunch. Say "I love you" with a Valentine cookie surprise.

Great Opportunity for Grace Academy Families!

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed into law December 22, 2017. Beginning January 1, 2018, parents can begin to save for both college expenses and for K-12 tuition expenses and the earnings will grow free of federal tax! [Read more...](#)

Flu Season is Here

Influenza is extremely contagious, being passed easily from droplets in the nose and throat. An alarming new study done in the UK has found that the flu is also spread by breath, not just coughing and sneezing. This virus lingers hours in the air. To make matters worse, the contagious period is 1-2 days before you are even feeling sick. [Read more...](#)

\$175 Re-Enrollment Fee Until May 1

Beginning February 1, the enrollment fee is \$175 with a \$525 family maximum until May 1, when it will increase to \$225 with no family maximum. [Read more...](#)

Grace High School Track & Field

Track practices begin on Monday, February 26, 3:15-5:15 at 3:15. The season typically ends at the State Track and Field Championships on May 24-26. [Read more...](#)

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