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### Great Success at ACSI District Spelling Bee!

**Pictured Top Six Finalists: Taylor Knappert (far left), Elijah Brent (third from the left), and Caleb Kraft (second from the right).**

## The Principal Observes

### Spring Events

We are in the middle of a busy time a year, therefore, time for a break. As we head into the Presidents' Day break with four consecutive days off, we are reminded of the need for a pause in our busy schedule. To our usual academic routines, the school has co-curricular events such as spelling bees and speech meets that challenge students to grow intellectually. Beyond these events, athletics, music, and drama add more to busy lives. Of course, these events and activities help the students develop, which is why we do them.

Grace Academy's best spellers just competed in the ACSI District Spelling Bee. Our own Taylor Knappert took the top spot for the second year in a row. Next week we host our school speech meet to find out who will represent us at the next level of competition. Other schools will determine their leading students and will bring them to our campus on March 16 for the ACSI District Speech Meet. Grace Academy hosts this event each year to serve other Christian schools in the area as an opportunity for students in the Puget Sound to measure themselves against others through greater competition.

Our athletic teams have just finished basketball season, so there is a short lull before spring sports begin practices. Because there are two or more games per week and because a high percentage of our students participate, basketball is our most exhausting season. Our athletes need this break to heal from minor injuries and recharge for golf or track.

Finally, our arts departments have events coming up, too. The bands and choirs have been working all year for the music festivals and workshops in the spring. There are separate musicales for the elementary and junior high in March and a music festival for the high school in April. The band has a two-day workshop in March. Several of our high school students are beginning play practices for the play, "Our Town." The play will be presented at Grace Academy in early May.

All these events are designed to help the students in their learning, setting them up for long-term success.

### Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#)[RSS](#)**Red: Secondary Events****Blue: All Other Events****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](#).

### Secondary Impact Students of the Month

JH Karis Jones  
JH Logan Anderson  
HS Aeris Fredrickson  
HS Stefan Predoi

Congratulations!

### Volunteer of the Month

It is our privilege to enjoy the benefit of countless volunteer service hours from those who desire to positively impact our students. Each month a different teacher chooses our Volunteer of the Month. This month our volunteer has been chosen by Annie Ubben.

This month we wish to honor Tonya Lamb. Tonya has been a huge help this year on Monday mornings in Miss Ubben's first grade class. Mondays can be very busy so it is so helpful to have Tonya in our classroom in the morning, checking in homework folders and making sure the students have brought their reading logs. Tonya is a blessing and a servant to others as she works on special projects or sends in supplies for our class. This month she was able to take time out of her day to bring a puppy from her veterinary clinic for the students to see. They so enjoyed meeting Hero the puppy, and Tonya was able to answer lots of questions about puppies and other animals too. Thank you Tonya, for your willingness to serve our first grade class!

### ACSI District Spelling Bee Champions

Congratulations to all of our ACSI District Spelling Bee contestants! We are very proud of the results. Grace Academy placed at several of the grade level competitions. [Read more...](#)

### Golf Season Coming Up

A brief golf informational meeting for high school students and parents is scheduled after school on Thursday, February 22. Golf begins after school on Monday, February 26. [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...](#)

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