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## NHS Students Clean Grace Creek

Pictured: Quinn Kazen, Jenna Knudson

## The Principal Observes

### High School at Grace Academy

What part of the Christian school is most crucial? Is it Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten? How about the early elementary grades? Late elementary, junior high, high school? In my view, they are all necessary, but I think that the high school grades are vital for preparing students for their early adult years. I would not have wanted my children to have attended any other school when wrapping up their K-12 education. My reasons center around academic preparation, life skills, and community interaction.

If you want your child to attend college, private or public, Grace Academy is the place to train them. We prepare our students well enough to be accepted and attend the college of their choice. It does not matter which college it is; the data says our students get accepted to selective colleges. Their classes at Grace Academy have enough rigor to prepare them for the challenges they will face in college.

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As the nation strives to rescue its educational system, people divide over whether it is more important to teach academics or practical life skills. There is no reason to be split over this choice. In high school, students should receive the academic training that they need to pursue their desires and be successful after they graduate. If they learn and practice personal discipline, hard work, submission to authority, and grit now they will be able to transfer these skills to any vocation whether in academia, the military, or another career.

We teach at Grace Academy that community service is something in which to participate throughout life, not something to accomplish to graduate. They are encouraged to demonstrate authentic interaction with the community, as something that comes from the heart. Empathy for others is more caught than taught, and we nurture it around our campus. Plus, surveys conducted by Cardus, a Canadian think tank that studies the relationships between virtues, social structures, education, markets, and a strong society has established that Protestant schools teach community engagement better than any other type of school, public or private, and consistently deliver an excellent education. Contact me if you would like more information about the Cardus studies.

There are many positive attributes that make Grace Academy the best choice for high school students, but it gets better when one considers the culture and detractors that students encounter at other schools. Grace Academy is the best choice in this area for high school students.

## Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

**Blue: All Other Events**

Young Authors/Open House, **March 23, 6:30**, [Read more...](#)

JH Lock-In, **March 30, 12-6 p.m.**

11:45 Early Dismissal-End of Quarter, **March 30**

Spring Break, NO SCHOOL, **April 2-6**, [Read more...](#)

Scholastic Book Fair, **April 9-16**, [Read more...](#)

HS Spring Banquet, **April 13**, [Read more...](#)

Terra Nova Achievement Test Meeting: Helping your student get the most out of the test, **April 18, 3:15**, [Read more...](#)

Achievement Testing, **April 23-27**, [Read more...](#)

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

## Athletics

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### **JH Track Informational Meeting**

We will have a Parent/Athlete Informational Meeting on the gym stage on Tuesday, March 20 @ 3:15. [Read more...](#)

### **Spring Sports Are Upon Us**

Spring sports are upon us, and you don't want to miss out! [Read more...](#)

### **Easter Concert**

You are invited to join us at Grace Bible Church on Good Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. as we worship and sing praise to our living Lord. Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ and rejoice in His great love for us. Childcare is provided. For more information call the church office: (360) 659-8517, extension 101.

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