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### **Graduation 2018**

Three exciting events: Senior Graduation, Kindergarten Graduation, and the 8th Grade Celebration, took place last week and are pictured in the collage above.

## The Principal Observes

### Ten Things

1. Many of our school families took part in our graduation weekend events. Each ceremony, Senior Graduation, Kindergarten Graduation, and the 8th-grade Celebration was well received by our guests and memorable and notable for all the participants.
2. At the Senior Graduation, I announced some of our students' successes this year; such as, two of our seniors are in the top 10% of all Washington state. These awards are not something we control since they are based on a formula that includes the students' GPA and standardized test scores. It is notable that 15 of our students qualified for the President's Education Award, which is given to 6th, 8th, and 12th graders who meet GPA qualifications and achieve the 85th percentile on standardized tests. Also, we had a sixth-grader who placed first in the reasoning category at the ACSI District Math Olympics competition.

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school track team broke ten school records this spring. For many years there are no records, so the students this year performed beyond expectation. Another excellent performance was given by the High School Choir which was selected to sing the Command Performance at the ACSI High School Music Festival in April. Out of all the choirs present and who participated in the mass choir, only Grace Academy was selected to perform at the final concert.

4. Parents who are seeking summer activities for their children should note the basketball and soccer camps offered at Grace Academy in July and August.
5. While children and teens look forward to the summer because of a relaxed schedule, it is a time for parents to be vigilant. Students have extra time they often use for mischief of which they either stumble into by accident or charge into willingly. Parents should be extra watchful over their children's email and social media accounts because these are frequently doorways to trouble.
6. The TerraNova test results are back and will be sent home for parents to review. Do not just file them away without looking them over. Call the school if you need help understanding them.
7. Too often students regress academically during the summer months. Instead take the time to assist in your student's progress. Mrs. Austin will send an email next week with some advice to help parents with this task.
8. I expect that our gym building project will advance this summer. We have reached an agreement with the city, so we should be able to put the plans out for bid soon.
9. In 2014, Sam Galbreath graduated from Grace Academy and headed to the highly competitive environment at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Two weeks ago he graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also cross-commissioned into the Air Force with the goal of becoming a pilot. He is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. This is a fantastic accomplishment for Sam, and he credits the teachers at Grace for his excellent preparation. His address to our donors at Graduation was encouraging!
10. Finally, Kristi Craig has announced that she is pregnant with her first child. We are all happy for her as she enters this next stage of life. Remember to thank God for her great faithfulness to Grace Academy and to pray for hers and the baby's health.

## Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

**Blue: All Other Events**

Elementary Field Days, **June 6-7**, [Read more...](#)

Secondary Finals, **June 6-8**, [Read more...](#)

11:45 Dismissal-Last Day of School, **June 8**

SAT Prep Course, **June 13-15**, [Read more...](#)

Advantage Basketball Camp, **July 23-27**, [Read more...](#)

Grace Academy Soccer Camp, **August 20-23**, [Read more...](#)

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

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### **IMPACT Students of the Year**

The IMPACT Student of the Year award is given to the students who the faculty determines have made the greatest spiritual contribution to their class and school. There is one award given from each class in grades K through 6. From 7th and 8th, one boy and one girl are chosen. From 9th through 12th grade, one boy and one girl are chosen.

Henry Lee, KA  
 Esther Impola, KB  
 Michael Rogers, 1A  
 Nolah Sainfils, 1B  
 Ilyria Torres Lucero, 2nd  
 Phoebe Wentling, 3rd  
 Samantha McNamee, 4th  
 Sophie Harris, 5th  
 Kyle Struiksma, 6th  
 Emma Mathews, JH  
 Luke Struiksma, JH  
 Megan Gardner, HS  
 Colby Christison, HS

Congratulations to our IMPACT Students of the Year!

### **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 our Athletic Director, Mark Ruhlman.

Our Athletic Department at Grace Academy would not function well if it were not for our volunteer coaches and helpers. Larry Pitzer has served as a volunteer coach for our high school track team for the last four years as his grandson, Jake Donovan, participated on the team. He has spent countless hours helping to train our high school track athletes in their field events and has also helped to support various needs of the track program. He was the driving force in getting our school high school track record board this year which helped to motivate our team as they broke ten of those records this season! Thank you, Larry, for your sacrifices over these last four years and for mentoring our athletes.

### **High School Golf**

It's been a great year for HS Golf! Even though we have had a few rainy practice days almost all of our golf matches have been sunny! Trenton McKinney, Chase Zachry, Josh Ridewood and William Chen qualified for Districts. Trenton and Chase moved on to Bi Districts where Trenton finished 10th and qualified to compete at State in Spokane where he represented Grace Academy well. Congrats to Paige Bristol, Caitlyn Goodwin and Alannah Widener for an excellent golf season too!

### **High School Track**

The Track and Field High School State Championship Meet for 1A, 1B and 2B schools took place May 24-26 at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. It marked the end of a very successful record-breaking season. 13 athletes from Grace Academy qualified to participate, most in more than one event.

The girls relay team, consisting of Arianna Turner, Lindsay Impola, Aeris Fredrickson, and Blaire Hess took the podium twice as 3rd place finishers in the 4x100m and 4x200m relays. Blaire, competing in a total of four events, finished 10th in the 100m, and 15th in the long jump. Aeris ran the 200m and finished 9th. Morgan, competing for her first year in track and field, took 17th in triple jump. Emily Fredrickson was prepared as a relay alternate.

The boys 4x100m relay team, including Josiah Tuohimaa, Ethan Hess, Caleb Sanders and Michael Starkweather finished with a season record, but did not

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advance to finals. Finishing their last year of high school track, seniors Ethan and Jake took the podium finishing 2nd and 3rd in discus and Josiah placing 16th in javelin, 15th in discus, and 7th in shot put. Our fourth Senior Colby Christison ended his season with an injury but was an incredible support to his teammates. Dallas Mathews was prepared as a relay alternate. Michael Starkweather squeezed out a new school record in the 800m and placed 7th. Caleb Sanders took first place in long jump and beat his own school record.

The boys team placed 8th out of 37 1B teams participating at state, and the girls 19th out of 33.

A total of 10 school records were set throughout the season.

### Morsels from the Kitchen

Grace Cafe will be closed on the last day of school, June 8, which is a half day. It has been an honor to serve you and your students this year and we are looking forward to some new and exciting menu items for next year!

### Library Books

All library books were due to be turned in last week. Overdue notices will be sent home. If you have a dispute about a book or have lost a book, please come to the library after school and we will work it out with you. If you have any questions contact our librarian, June Eldred, at 360.659.8517, extension 421. If books are unaccounted for, report cards will be held.

### Medications in the Office

If you have medications in the office for your children to take at school, you will need to take them home on or before the last day of school. **We cannot hold the medications for the summer, and will be forced to dispose of them if they are left when school is out.** Please pick up your Tylenol, cough drops, and prescriptions, including epi-pens, by June 8.

### Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open during the summer months, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except when we close the office on the last two Fridays in June and every Friday in July. The office will also be closed on Wednesday, July 4. There may be occasional closures at various times during the day so please call before planning a visit.

### SCRIP Summer Office Hours

You may pick up SCRIP during the summer. Stop by Terri's office in the church on Tuesdays between 9-11 a.m. SCRIP is also available online all summer. Call Terri if you have any questions, 360.659.8517, extension 207.

### Summer Tutoring

Are you interested in finding summer tutoring for your student? Ruth Kline will be on campus offering private tutoring for Grace Academy students in grades 1-6. Rates are very reasonable with family discounts available for multiple children. Space is limited! You may contact Mrs. Kline at [rkline@graceacademy.net](mailto:rkline@graceacademy.net).

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