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**Grandparents' Day is a very special celebration at Grace Academy!**

**Pictured: The First Grade Class**

## **The Principal Observes Building Update**

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I have exciting news to share about the Activity Center addition. After putting the project out to bid, one company has shown the most interest and made the best bid: Gaffney Construction. The board has accepted it and we are negotiating with Gaffney on the final details. The timeline for construction is being determined.

With an estimated price of six million, the cost of construction and equipping the building are a million dollars more than we have received in donations and are comfortable borrowing. The board believes we need to move forward with the building while continuing to raise funds. We always have the option of building as far as our money takes us, but we obviously desire to finish the task in one continuous project.

We are planning a groundbreaking ceremony in January and will make an announcement soon with details. The students will be involved, parents will be invited and city officials will be invited to build momentum for the project.

There two ways you can be involved. First, and most important, please commit to pray for the entire process. There remains a myriad of decisions, arrangements with contractors, and money to raise. We need to beseech God for his grace as we move forward. Secondly, you can participate by contributing. Would you consider giving to the project for the future of our students? Do you know people who might help us with the needed funding? We still have money to raise and I am confident that there are people who will want to help us complete the project. Let me know if there is someone I need to talk with who might be interested. One thing is for certain, God has blessed Grace Academy greatly! For that we are grateful. As we move forward, we are excited to see what He will do to make this project a success.

## Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

**Blue: All Other Events**

K-3rd Grade Concert, **December 3, 7 p.m.** [Read more...](#)

**Secondary Concert, December 4, 7 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)

4-6th Grade Concert, **December 11, 7 p.m.** [Read more...](#)

PK Celebration, **December 13, 6:30 p.m.** [Read more...](#)

11:45 Dismissal, **December 21, Merry Christmas!**

School Resumes, **January 7**

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For the entire calendar, including events for 2018-19, see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

## Impact Students of the Month

### Elementary Impact Students of the Month

Elijah Finney  
Eiisley Losik  
Matthew Blakely  
Elizabeth Nysether  
Erik Tucker  
Madelyn Mathers  
Ilyria Torres Lucero  
Evie Tucker  
Sofia King  
Jazzlynn King

### Secondary Impact Students of the Month

Emily Niethamer  
Braxton Pearce  
Jeneava King  
Michael Starkweather

## Athletics

### Good Sportsmanship

We like to hear good reports regarding sportsmanship at Grace Academy such as this one from the athletic director of Providence Classical Christian School saying, "The Grace Academy fans were great! They cheered loyally and proudly, but graciously as well." As basketball season gets underway, here are some guidelines for being great fans.

- 1) Show courtesy and respect to opposing teams. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and goodwill. (See 1 Corinthians 13:4.)
- 2) Remember that the games are for the players. They are here because they want to play and enjoy the experience. Your good sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
- 3) Treat the officials with respect before, during, and after the game. We cannot play the game without officials, as they are an integral part of the game, and they should be considered impartial arbitrators. Remember that your view of the game could be quite different from that of the official. (See Romans 13:1 and Proverbs 16:32.)
- 4) Display good conduct. Fans who are enthusiastic and positive help the team more than those who are angry or negative. (See Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18, James 3:18, and Proverbs 15:18.)
- 5) Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school, as do the

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athletes.

- 6) Remember that an athletic contest is only a game - not a matter of life and death.
- 7) Show support for the coach and the program. Be careful about making negative comments about other players or coaches.

### **Alumni Basketball Games**

Grace Academy will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Alumni Basketball Night. On December 19 we have scheduled two exciting games. The varsity girls will play alumni girls. The boys' game will be a bit different this year due to scheduling. Male faculty, staff and dads of the boys' team will play alumni boys. The girls' game will begin at 6:00 and the boys' will begin at 7:30. You will not want to miss this night of fun, sweat and tears.

### **Basketball Season Passes Available**

Have you considered coming to one of Grace's high school basketball games? Bring the whole family and have an exciting time cheering on the boys' and girls' teams! Admission to junior high games is free. High school games cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students without an ASB card. Students from Grace Academy in grades 1-6 without an ASB card are \$1 (non-Grace 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students cost \$2), and children under 6 years old are free. At the gate, you can purchase a family season pass for \$55. A season pass for an individual is \$30. Concessions are open for high school home games.

### **Basketball Volunteers Needed**

Do you want to see some basketball games for free? A variety of volunteer positions are open to help staff our basketball games this winter. We need individuals to operate the scoreboard, the shot clock, keep the official game book, help with game-time security, setup and cleanup for junior high and high school games. If you are available and interested in helping with any of these positions, please contact Mr. Ruhlman at extension 208.

### **Be Prepared for Snow**

The temperatures are falling and this time of year there is always a possibility of snow on the horizon. If you have a smart phone and sign up for [Flash Alert](#), you will receive an alert in the event of a school delayed start or closure.

### **High School Snow Retreat**

A not-to-be-missed event, the 2019 Grace Academy Snow Retreat is an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime. [Read more...](#)

### **Speech Meet Materials**

Classroom Speech Meets for grades 1-8 will be held in late January with the school meet on February 19. The 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will have their speech meet

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materials by December 21 so they can work on memorizing them over the break. Miss Callaghan and Mrs. Struiksma will provide information and guidance in choosing junior high speech meet selections and will approve of the students' choices before Christmas break.

## Christmas Shopping!

How does your Christmas list look? Do you want an easy way to send gifts long distance? Try shopping for SCRIP at Grace Academy. [Read more...](#)

## Yearbook Advertising

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