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**Students learning and enjoying the water conservation workshops.**

**Pictured: Nathan Mellema and Jazzlynn King**

## **The Principal Observes**

Truth, beauty, and goodness are classic values that people have pursued from ancient times. Philippians 4:8 expresses them best, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

The Apostle Paul, who penned these words, begins with truth because it is impossible to be certain of knowledge without truth. Truth is a foundation that is needed in order to stand on solid ground when making arguments, reporting, or building a case. All truth begins with God's Word and anything that is true will accord with it, such as the many things that are not addressed in the Bible. The idea is captured with the accurate phrase, "All truth is God's truth."

People value beauty and goodness because they make our lives better. To walk in the forest, a meadow, a snow-covered field, or to sail the ocean, or even to stand at the seashore, fills the soul with beauty and brings joy. These are beautiful because God created them this way, but humans have the ability to make pretty things, too. They are given this gift by God through his common grace.

Goodness begins with God because he is the only one in the universe who is completely free from any corruption, or any taint of sin. He is by definition free from wrongdoing. Humans admire and desire goodness, but fall far short of achieving it. Roman 3:10 says, "None is righteous, no, not one." It is almost universal that people want to be treated by others with goodness and want to appear as good to others. The Bible has many examples of good as well as its opposite, evil.

In all the subjects that we teach, Grace Academy is committed to teaching classic virtues that are found in the Bible and have shaped our society. This approach to our instruction enhances our students' moral imagination so they can know and appreciate virtue when they see it. Moreover, we seek to create a desire to live in a way that promotes truth, beauty, and goodness in the lives of our students.

## Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

**Blue: All Other Events**

Picture Retakes, **October 23**, [Read more...](#)

**SAT, October 24**

NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development, **October 25-26**, [Read more...](#)

11:45 Dismissal, Heritage Celebration, **November 2**, [Read more...](#)

No School, Veteran's Day Observed, **November 12**

No School Elementary, Parent/Teacher Conferences, **November 7-8**, [Read more...](#)  
Scholastic Book Fair, **November 9-19**, [Read more...](#)  
School Spelling Bee, **November 13, 6 p.m.**  
Secondary Conferences, **November 15, 5-7 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)  
Grandparents' Day, **November 21**. [Read more...](#)  
11:45 Dismissal, **November 21**  
No School, **November 22-23, Happy Thanksgiving!**

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

## GA Eaglebots: Making Connections from Out of this World

All systems are go as Grace Academy's robotics program blasts off on FIRST's 2019 Into Orbit space challenge. The Eaglebots sought the assistance of Mrs. Natalie (Spencer) Gogins, a Grace Academy alumnus, who works as a certified flight controller for the International Space Station Mission Control Center at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. [Read more...](#)

## Win a Scholarship from Lands' End

Win a \$10,000 Lands' End School Starboard Scholarship! Lands' End is now accepting applications from eligible students in grades 6-12 who display exceptional leadership skills and show a passion for learning and education. [Read more...](#)

## 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. People volunteer to grade papers, drive buses, help teachers, tutor students, and in dozens of other little and big ways, but it is always focused on the children. This month we focus the spotlight on a volunteer who has shown the characteristic of faithful service. **Leah Gresli** is our Volunteer of the Month. [Read more...](#)

## Emergency Information

How does the school notify families in the event of a school closure or an emergency? We use the FlashAlert Messenger to give families and the public essential information. You must download this app for your iPhone or your Android phone and then select Grace Academy from the school options. [Read more...](#)

## 2019 Washington DC/New York Trip Planning

### Yearbook Advertising

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