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Groundbreaking Ceremony!

Pictured (L-R): Benjamin Impola, Natelle Austin, Braxton Pearce, Tim Pearce, Catherine Velazquez, Bindi Pedersen, Timothy Lugg

The Principal Observes

Parking Help

Tuesday, January 8, promised to be one of the most exciting days of the school year and it lived up to expectations. In a light drizzle, the Groundbreaking Ceremony highlighted the benefits of the new addition, gave opportunity to thank those who helped us get to this point, and blessed in prayer the builders and the work they will be doing. By all reports, the celebration was a great success!

Thank you to all the church family and school family that came out to celebrate with us. It

dignitaries, Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring, Marysville Council Members Mark James, Steve Muller, and Snohomish County Councilman Nate Nehring.

Also in attendance were construction consultants Noel Higa and Tasha Branch, project attorney Tom Ehrlichman, Opus Bank representative, Dominick Butler, and Joe and Jim Gaffney of Gaffney Construction, our general contractor for the project. From our school board were John Williams, Dr. Ed Oas, Wayne Ohlemeier, Tom Sultze and John Zimmer.

Their presence was a great encouragement and sign of incredible support for this project.

1. But now that the company has marked off the parking lot, there are not many spaces left for parking. At pickup and dropoff there are hardly enough spaces for everyone. Here are some suggestions to reduce the frustration:Elementary parents who wish to walk a child to or from class, park on the north driveway facing the church. Though you will need to walk around the building to get to the school classrooms, the distance is the same as parking in the middle of the parking lot. Plus, there is a sidewalk and crossing guards for a safe trip.
2. When dropping off children at the D building, pull forward as far as possible. Too many people stop in front of the patio to let their children out. When parents do this, there is little room for others to come behind them.
3. Finally, remember to give yourself an extra few minutes in the morning to get your children to class.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

Blue: All Other Events

A Day in K (Grade: PK), Tuesday, **January 15 @ 9 a.m.**

Re-Enrollment Rally, **January 17**, [read more...](#)

Re-Enrollment Opens, **January 18**, [read more...](#)

No School, MLK Day, **January 21**

Elementary Spirit Week, **January 22-25**, [read more...](#)

Secondary Finals, **January 23-25**, [read more...](#)

11:45 Dismissal, End of First Semester, **January 25**

HS Winter Retreat, **January 27-30**

JH Olympics, January 28-30

11:45 Dismissal, Conference by Appointment, **February 5**

Elementary Red, White, Pink Dress-Up, **February 14**

No School, Presidents' Day Observed, **February 15-18**

School Speech Meet, **February 19 @ 6 p.m.**

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

Elementary Student of the Month

Aubree Ahlberg
Brooke Frankhouser
Henry Lee
Michael Rogers
Jala Jimenez
Daniel Lyon
Robert Shabalov
Catherine Velazquez
Deana Ivanov

Secondary Student of the Month

Ella Denny
Gavin George
Braden Carr
Bindi Pedersen

Library**Book Fair**

Our Book Fair in November was tremendously successful! We received approximately \$5,000 for Scholastic products and will receive 60% back in books and materials for the library and classrooms. With the profit we will purchase new books. The teachers are having fun shopping in the Scholastic catalog.

Thank you for your help in reaching these goals. Thanks, also, to all the parents and students who volunteered their time, art, and talents running the Book Fair!

Overdue Library Books

Report cards will be held if students have overdue books to cut down on the loss of books each year. If you cannot find the book, please visit the library (or call June Eldred, ext. 421) to discuss a replacement option. However, finding the lost book is always the best solution for everyone. Thank you!

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