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Educating for Life, Impacting for Eternity



Come out and cheer for our soccer and volleyball athletes!

Pictured: Austin Birkhofer and Nicholas Lenhardt

The Principal Observes

Help for Dads

Parenting is a demanding job. Even though most people are a parent at some time in their life, they are not pre-qualified or trained beforehand. Most parents only get on-the-job training. New moms and dads are fortunate if they have strong relationships with parents who can guide them, or if they are part of a church that offers parenting guidance. I am going to write some articles this year to help parents. First, help for dads.

Dads have a unique role to play in the lives of their children. If he shirks this responsibility his children pay a price and if he accepts the opportunity his children are blessed. Dads can bless their children in many ways, but one of the most significant is in giving them

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The highest priority is to set an example as a spiritual person. If children see their dads reading their Bible, worshiping Christ, and serving in their church, they learn that he is serious about his faith. Too often, moms end up taking children to church on their own and dads attend only occasionally, or not at all. It is not enough to say that the Bible is important, it must be demonstrated with action. Though children can be fooled for a while, eventually they will realize what is important to their father.

Even being spiritual is not enough. While dads should want to help their children be successful adults, it is more important for them to be Christ-followers. We only have this lifetime to believe in Christ so that we will be able to spend eternity with Him. We cannot force our children to follow Christ, so dads must both teach them the Bible and live in a way that compels them to follow Him. The only way to do this is to follow Christ ourselves. Peter wrote, "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

In a future column, I will move on from these foundational truths, to other best practices.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

Blue: All Other Events

College/Career Planning Night, October 15, [Read more...](#)

PSAT for Juniors, October 16

SAT, October 16

NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development, October 17-18, [Read more...](#)

Picture Retakes, October 22, [Read more...](#)

11:40 Dismissal, Heritage Celebration, November 1

NO SCHOOL, Secondary Conferences, November 6 Only, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

NO SCHOOL, Elementary Conferences, November 6-7

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

IMPACT Student of the Month

Every month our elementary teachers honor one student from each class and our secondary teachers choose one boy and one girl in junior high and in high school as IMPACT Students of the Month. These students are chosen after demonstrating one or more of the distinctives including Integrity, Ministry, Purity, Accountability, Conformity to God's Word, and Teachability.

Elementary IMPACT Student of the Month

KA Ethan Altis
 KB Braylon Slattery
 1A Paxton Blankenship
 1B Grace Daniel

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2nd Kingston Losik
 3A Brodie Kane
 3B Max Harden
 4th Daniel Timmermans
 5th Caleb Struiksmas
 6th Emily Sutton

Secondary IMPACT Student of the Month

JH Conner Birkhofer
 JH Olivia Wade
 HS Morgan Casey
 HS Dallas Mathews

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. One such person is **Jennifer Boas**.

Athletics are a big part of the secondary program at Grace Academy and they would not be possible without volunteers! Jennifer has given of her time and talents to help the volleyball program succeed. She can be seen helping with regular practices, filling in as coach when needed, arranging for extra practices for players who need help and so much more. What makes Jennifer even more special is her commitment to the school's mission of Educating for Life and Impacting for Eternity. Her love of the Lord is evident and her concern for student's spiritual growth is clear.

Heritage Celebration

Come and celebrate with us at a wonderful dessert function called the Heritage Celebration on November 1, at 7 p.m. This is our annual fundraiser, which is a unique evening for the entire school family and community. Talented students will entertain us as we raise funds to furnish our new building addition and continue our scholarship program!

You will receive your invitation for this special evening in the near future. Mark your calendars to attend this special night, and invite your friends and family to attend with you! Childcare is provided.

To make this unique evening successful we need your help! If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Renee Lugg in the school office, (360) 659-8517, ext. 322.

Pedestrian Safety

Please exercise caution and patience when you park and when driving through the parking lot. Avoid parking in or too close to crosswalks. Also refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the parking lot.

When dropping off and picking up your elementary children, please proceed slowly down the driveway as you leave. Thank you!

Prepare for Rain

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Our recess supervisor has asked that parents send their child(ren) to school with a lightweight jacket or raincoat to wear at recess on misty days.

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