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**We're enjoying Christmas concert season, beginning with the K-3 concert!**

## The Principal Observes

### Expected Student Outcomes

What do we want to accomplish with our students at Grace Academy? To answer that question we have Expected Student Outcomes. These were primarily crafted by the faculty followed by editing and approval by the board. While these were reviewed a couple of years ago, the faculty is currently in the process of tying these ESOs to our curricular goals so that we can better measure how well we are reaching these outcomes. As students move through the grade levels they will be trained in them and be measured in their progress toward them.

### Expected Spiritual Outcomes

Students will...

- Be able to articulate and defend a Biblical worldview while having a basic understanding of opposing worldviews that are not biblical
- Understand the worth of every human as being created in the image of God
- Understand the gospel and be challenged to commit their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Those who respond will:
  - Know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life
  - Be empowered by the Holy Spirit, pursuing a life of faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love
  - Treat their bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit (spiritual)
  - Be actively involved in a local church, serving God and others with their spiritual

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- Personally respond to the command to carry out the Great Commission locally and around the world

### Expected Academic Outcomes

Students will...

- Be trained in all forms of communication: reading, writing, speaking, listening
- Be proficient in mathematics, science, and technology
- Have a knowledge and understanding of people, events, and movements in history, including church history, and the cultures of other peoples and places
- Know, understand, and appreciate literature and the arts and how they express and shape beliefs and values
- Value intellectual inquiry and engage in the marketplace of ideas as a lifelong learner
- Have an appreciation for God's creation and practice responsible stewardship of it

### Expected Social Outcomes

Students will...

- Have an appreciation of differing cultures, promoting and encouraging hospitality to all
- Understand, value, and engage in appropriate social (community) and civic (political) activities
- Embrace, understand, and practice biblical family principles and family roles
- Respect and relate appropriately with integrity to the people with whom they work, play, and live
- Understand that a strong work ethic is pleasing to God and that work has dignity

### Expected Life Skill Outcomes

Students will...

- Know how to utilize resources appropriately to find, analyze, apply, and evaluate information
- Have skills and multiple strategies to ask questions, seek counsel, solve problems, and make wise decisions
- Be good stewards of their finances, time, and possessions that God has entrusted to them

\*All principles and terms are as they are properly interpreted and defined in the Bible.

## Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

**Blue: All Other Events**

4th-6th Grade Concert, **December 10, 7 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)

PK Concert, **December 12, 6:30 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)

Lost & Found, **December 18-20**, [Read more...](#)

11:40 Dismissal, **December 20, Merry Christmas!**

Alumni Basketball Games, **December 20, 6 & 7:15 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▾](#)[RSS](#)[School Resumes, Monday, January 6](#)[Re-Enrollment Rally, January 16, 6:45 p.m., \[Read more...\]\(#\)](#)[Re-Enrollment Opens, January 17, \[Read more...\]\(#\)](#)[No School, MLK Day, Monday, January 20](#)[Secondary Finals, January 22-24, \[Read more...\]\(#\)](#)[11:40 Dismissal, End of First Semester, January 24](#)[HS Winter Retreat, January 26-29](#)[JH Olympics, January 27-29](#)

For the entire calendar, including events for 2019-20, see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

### First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to these students who worked so hard to be on the Honor Roll.

#### 4th Grade

Tashina Cortez  
 Nicholas Christiansen  
 Jackson Danielson  
 Emily Hammack  
 Benjamin Impola  
 Emery Loffer  
 Ilyria Torres Lucero  
 Solomon Magnuson  
 Moriana Sainfils  
 Ava Roca  
 Keali Stewart  
 Isaac Zyskowski

#### 5th Grade

James Abrenilla  
 Jasmine Bajaj  
 Abigail Fuhrman  
 Reah Gill  
 Aurora Hollis  
 Caitlin Langford  
 Alice Mellema  
 Miles Nunn  
 Emma Reems  
 Caleb Struiksma  
 Lincoln Wall  
 Phoebe Wentling  
 Ella Williams  
 Zoryana Zelenska

#### 6th Grade

Gabriel Engelson  
 Amber Nearing  
 Luke Roehl

#### 9th Grade

Kent Anderson  
 Austin Birkhofer  
 Hannah Chapin  
 Luke Davis  
 Ella Denny  
 Jaya Gill  
 Nolan Hegnes  
 Karis Jones  
 Colton Leigh  
 Jack Mellema  
 Samuel Roehl

#### 10th Grade

Blake Ashby  
 Braden Carr  
 Christina Erfan  
 Kathryn Fehme  
 Serena Ibrahim  
 Heidi Impola  
 Lindsay Impola  
 Caleb Kraft  
 Emma Mathews  
 Sofia Shabalova  
 Luke Struiksma  
 Parker Thompson  
 Hannah Wentling

#### 11th Grade

Siyapa Chanhorm  
 Faith Engelson  
 John Fehme  
 Aeris Fredrickson  
 Miriam Hamstra

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	Emily Sutton Alexandria Viduya Cohen Waschell Caitlin Zyskowski <b><u>7th Grade</u></b> Shaandeep Bajwa Conner Birkhofer Elijah Brent Claire Coulson Emily Hegnes Luke Impola Nathan Mellema Noah Rainwater Chloe Wells <b><u>8th Grade</u></b> Gavin George Pearce Hess William Maas Candice Mugo-Wainaina Kyle Struiksma Benjamin Wentling	Blaire Hess Hali Nearing Heather Scott <b><u>12th Grade</u></b> Jonathan Hamstra Amiyah Hill Isaac Impola Jordayne Jones-Scalf Quinn Kazen Dallas Mathews David Nelson Tien Nguyen Kaitlyn Struiksma Noah Sutton		

### Elementary IMPACT Student of the Month

Emily Boyd  
 Shawna Cortez  
 Tobias Goodwin  
 Zaylen Veliz  
 Henry Lee  
 Katelyn Anderson  
 Erik Tucker  
 Isaac Zyskowski  
 Aurora Hollis  
 Sofia King

### Secondary IMPACT Student of the Month

Kurtis Lafferty  
 Candice Mugo-Wainaina  
 Hannah Wentling  
 Jason Wu

### 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.

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This month we focus the spotlight on a volunteer who has shown the characteristic of faithful service. One such person is **Mary Lee**.

Mary is quite helpful in her daughter's kindergarten on a weekly basis, as well as in her son's second grade class. She helps with learning stations and compiles Thursday folders. She is kind and compassionate with the students and they love her! Both classes are very grateful. Mary used her technical skills to organize a site for Mrs. Finley's classroom parents to share school photos. In addition, she cleans for the school with cheerful competence. We are thankful for Mary's faithful service!

### 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 2020 Grace Academy Snow Retreat is an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime. It is a chance to make new friends and grow closer to those you already know. There will be occasion to sing praises to the Lord and sit under the excellent teaching of our guest speaker, Charles Heck, who will challenge all to grow closer to the one true God. There will also be games, activities, good food and we will pray for snow.

The annual high school snow retreat will be January 26-29. The students will be leaving Sunday afternoon. All payments and registration is to be completed on [FamilyID](#). Registration is open. The cost is \$175 with a \$25 deposit made by December 31. The cost is \$200 without an early deposit. Final payment is due by January 10.

### Speech Meet Materials

Classroom Speech Meets for grades 1-8 will be held in late January with the school meet on February 18. The 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will have their speech meet materials by December 20 so they can work on memorizing them over the break. Mrs. Struiksma will provide information and guidance in choosing junior high speech meet selections and will approve of the students' choices before Christmas break.

### 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.

### 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 7th-12th grade students without an ASB card. Students from Grace Academy in grades 1-6 without an ASB card are \$1 (non Grace 1st-6th grade students cost \$2), and children under 6 years old are free. You can purchase a family season pass at the gate for \$55. A season pass for an individual is \$30. Concessions are open for high school home games.

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## Robotics Lego Drive

### Class of 2020 Fundraiser, December 6

The parents of our graduating class of 2020 are hosting a second fundraiser to raise money for the graduate's after graduation celebrations.

This event will be at the north Marysville Dairy Queen (11525 State Ave.) on Friday, December 6, from 4-8 p.m. where 30% of the sales will go to the graduation fund. Please bring your friends and family, enjoy some sweet treats, and come support our senior class!\*

\*These fundraisers are being conducted by the parents of our seniors. Grace Academy is not participating in the execution of these events.

### Tax Deductions

People often make year-end donations because it is the last opportunity to give tax-deductible gifts for the current tax year. It is easy to make tax-deductible gifts to Grace Academy from the homepage at [www.graceacademy.net](http://www.graceacademy.net). Click on the [Donate](#) button to enter our secure giving site.

### 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 on Tuesdays before or after school in the conference room. You can buy SCRIP gift cards for Buffalo Wild Wings, Best Buy, Panera Bread, Home Depot, Macy's, Bath and Body Works, Old Navy, and many more. Tuck one in a card and me someone's day! For more information, call Terri at 659-8517, ext. 207. What's easier than shopping online? Get the enrollment code from Terri, then go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### Christmas Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed from December 21 through January 5. School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020.

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