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Our students have enjoyed the snow!

Pictured: Catherine Velazquez

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The Principal Observes

School Safety

Awaiting. School safety is one of our highest priorities. I am always thinking about protecting our students because it is one of my primary responsibilities on behalf of our students and families. As a result, we have planned extensively to safeguard our students.

A key strategy for our security is knowing who is at Grace Academy and why they are here. Having a campus with several buildings requires us to be aware of each person who comes on our property. To identify them, we have trained all the staff to notice whether people are wearing an identification badge. Staff members are expected to ask badgeless people what their business is on campus and refer them to the office. All visitors must get a temporary badge from the office and wear it during their stay.

Beyond ensuring that all guests belong on campus, we also practice secure building and lockdown procedures. The difference between the two relates to the severity of the threat. If the authorities notify us that there is a possible danger nearby, not on our campus, the teachers keep students indoors with windows and shades closed but continue teaching. We call a complete lockdown when there is an immediate threat on our campus. Of course, all external classroom doors are always locked so people cannot just walk in unless they have a fob.

Should there ever be an intruder, we train the staff to avoid, deny, and then if necessary, to defend. Likewise, if we need to evacuate the buildings or the campus, we have strategic places to gather both on and off our property.

These are some of the strategies that our security consultant has recommended and helped us to implement. Practically, our most significant protection arises from our school family. We all invest our lives in our children, in their success. This common goal leads us to look out for each other and our children. We always pray that God would give us His protection, which is the highest security for which we could ask.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

Blue: All Other Events

HS Winter Retreat, **January 26-29**

JH Olympics, **January 27-29**

11:40 Dismissal, Conference by Appointment, **February 4**, [Read more...](#)

Elementary Red, White, Pink Dress-up, **February 13**

No School, Presidents' Day Observed, **February 14-17**

School Speech Meet, **February 18, 6 p.m.**

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

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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. Each month a different teacher chooses our Volunteer of the Month. This month our volunteer has been chosen by Elizabeth Callaghan.

This month we wish to honor Keith Birkhofer. Keith supports Grace Academy in a behind-the-scenes way, but it is so very appreciated by the students and staff. Keith has a screen printing business and has made many products available to our sports teams and events at no cost to us. Recently he made sports towels with the school logo for all the basketball teams and has provided aprons for the new science lab. Keith can also be seen lending a helping hand before and after school activities whenever he attends.

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 a 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!

Grace Cafe Online Valentine's Special

Want a way to say "I love you" with a surprise each day up until Valentine's Day? Grace Café is once again offering an online-only special Valentine cookie for \$1.50, February 3-13, for all grades. Students will receive their cookie at lunch.

SCRIP

Make a date with your children to celebrate the end of the quarter and a job well done. Buy SCRIP for Cold Stone Creamery, Burger King or Dairy Queen and make the date count double! You can buy SCRIP on Tuesdays in the school office before and after school. To order online at www.shopwithscrip.com call Terri Lucero for the enrollment code.

Annual Notice of Asbestos Materials

Information concerning the location of asbestos containing building materials within our buildings may be found in the school's Asbestos Management Plan.

At this Grace Academy facility, the following items have been identified as containing asbestos:

- Sheet Vinyl Flooring
- Vinyl Floor Tile
- Sprayed Ceiling Texture
- Sheetrock Wallboard
- Wallpaper

The public is invited to peruse the asbestos management plan by setting an appointment with Mr. Lugg through the main office.

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