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## The Principal Observes

### Accreditation Team

Since writing these comments regarding the accreditation team visit, the coronavirus has become big news. We are working to stay ahead of the story and follow safe practices for the benefit of all without succumbing to panic. The good news for children is that it is affecting them the least of any age group. They tend to get only mild forms of the illness. Of course, those with compromised immune systems or other health issues will need to take extra precautions. For the most recent information, be sure to go to our home page and follow the link to our COVID-19 information page.

I would also remind our school family of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. While we are subject to natural forces that impact our lives, we do not need to live in fear as we are reminded in 2 Timothy 1:7, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." Instead, we need to remember 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." While we must prepare as best as we are able, we may still be directly impacted by this scourge of a virus. If it remains only remote to us personally, we can be praying for God's grace on those who are afflicted with it.

It is time for our re-accreditation visit! So that everyone is prepared and not surprised, I want to let you know what to expect. Up to this point, the entire accreditation process has happened out of sight of our parents and students. Most of the work has been done in committees with teachers, administrators and board members. However, for three days next week it will be visible to all. A team of administrators from four other Northwest schools will be on our campus to interview staff, observe our procedures, and review our documents to assure that we are in fact worthy of accreditation.

Parents and students will likely see our visitors because they will be all over the campus trying to view everything that we do as a part of our weekly routine. They will be especially interested in student drop-off and pick up since it is unique to every school. The team will be in classrooms all day on Monday and will have interviews with various groups of people on Monday and Tuesday. We have given them a classroom as their work space so that they can be undisturbed by the normal school activities and have private conversations.

We have been through this before so we know what to expect. It does disturb things a bit for three days, but we invite this scrutiny to help us improve our school. This is part of our effort to remain one of the best schools in the area, constantly reviewing what we are doing and strategizing how to improve.

### Calendar

**Green: Elementary Events**

**Red: Secondary Events**

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▾](#)[RSS](#)**Blue: All Other Events**ACSI District Speech Meet, **March 13**JH Track Practice Begins, **March 30**11:40 Dismissal, End of Quarter, **April 3**JH Lock-in, **April 3, 12-6 p.m.**NO School, Spring Break, **April 6-10**

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

**Elementary IMPACT Students of the Month**

Melanie Landon

Avianna Hill

Kennedy Harney

Zaylen Veliz

Kyla Munoz

Blaise Goodwin

Andrew Gresli

Isabella Marquez

Adysen Laizure

Cohen Waschell

**Secondary IMPACT Students of the Month**

Shaan Bajwa

Claire Coulson

Samuel Roehl

Sofia Shabalova

**2020 HS Spring Banquet**

Spring is coming which means that our annual high school banquet is just around the corner. On May 1 we will be celebrating on an Argosy Cruise around Lake Washington. There will be amazing views, an incredible buffet of Mexican food, and a whole lot of fun!

High school students will be dismissed from school at 12:40 on banquet day. They need to be back at Grace by 3:15 p.m. for departure. After the banquet students will arrive back at school by 9 p.m.

The cost is \$100 payable through FamilyID (this is the same place that you have used for Snow Retreat and athletics). Students may make a \$25 non-refundable deposit to reserve their spot. Final payment is due by April 24. If you choose to pay through the office, you must still register through FamilyID.

Details about inviting guests and appropriate banquet attire can be found in the Student Handbook. Guest forms may be picked up in the office. All guests must be currently enrolled in high school. All dresses must be pre-approved by Miss Callaghan. Please email her a photo for approval. [ecallaghan@graceacademy.net](mailto:ecallaghan@graceacademy.net)

**\$175 Re-Enrollment Fee Until May 1**

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Beginning February 1, the enrollment fee is \$175 with a \$525 family maximum until May 1, when it will increase to \$225 with no family maximum. The Student Fees and Tuition for 2020-21 can be found on ParentsWeb by selecting the Resource Documents Tab.

If your child's class fills up before enrolling, your name will be put in a wait pool, and names will be taken from there to fill any spots that open. Enrollment for grades 1-12 opened to the community on February 1. Classes are already filling so we strongly encourage you to enroll now.

### Grace Academy Speech Meet

Congratulations to each of the students who represented Grace Academy at the School Speech Meet Tuesday, February 18. The students listed below will be presenting their speeches at the upcoming ACSI District Speech Meet on March 13.

#### FIRST GRADE

Jett Hill  
Brooke Frankhouser

#### SECOND GRADE

Eleena Basta  
Henry Lee

Kyla Muñoz

#### THIRD GRADE

Max Harden  
Abby Sarr

Paoa Stone

Nevaeh Winegar

#### FOURTH GRADE

Emery Loffer  
Ava Roca  
Ilyria Torres Lucero

#### FIFTH GRADE

Hannah Holland  
Aurora Hollis

Alice Mellema  
Lincoln Wall

#### SIXTH GRADE

Lorien Ashby

Sofia King

Mia Leguizamon-McLean

Emily Sutton

#### SEVENTH GRADE

Elijah Brent

Noah Rainwater

#### EIGHTH GRADE

Katarina Kraft

William Maas

Kyle Struiksma

### Upcoming Book Fair

We're getting ready for another exciting book fair! The theme this year is "Becoming a New Creature" and the students have caterpillars turning into butterflies as they add up reading minutes! The book fair theme is 'wild for books' with lots of elephants, tigers and books, oh my! In our book fair jungle we will earn 50-60% of the profits back in books and replace worn and outdated books. Join us as we celebrate reading! The book fair dates are March 27 - April 3. We will also have an online site available for ordering. Flyers and book fair advertisements will be sent out as the book fair approaches. They will have information on how to create an e-wallet for your student with whatever money you have placed in it. The cash registers work very well at keeping track of how much money is left and what has been used.

If you are interested in helping by manning the Book Fair after school, please contact June Eldred at extension 421.

Sunday, March 29, 12-12:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Lego giveaway & Poster drawing,

Monday, March 30 @ 3:10 p.m.\*

\*Must be present to win.

### Grace Cafe is Now Hiring

Interested in a part-time job working with students and food that coordinates with your child's school schedule? Please apply at the office.

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