



Educating for Life, Impacting for Eternity



**History Fair**

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Pictured: Zachary as Johnny Appleseed

There are four definitions of the word “value,” two nouns and two verbs. The Oxford Languages dictionary defines one noun as, “the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something (i.e. “your support is of great value”); and the other noun as, “a person's principles or standards of behavior; one's judgment of what is important in life. (i.e. “they internalize their parents' rules and values”).” The verbs are defined as, “estimate the monetary worth of (something) (i.e. “his estate was valued at \$45,000”); and as, “consider (someone or something) to be important or beneficial; have a high opinion of (i.e. “she had come to value her privacy and independence).” It is clear that all of these apply to Christian education, but for this article I want to emphasize the first noun.

Christian education is valuable because of the importance it is to each student. There are many ways to educate people, to bring them from ignorance to understanding. Some examples are public school, homeschool, online school, Montessori school, independent school, Christian school, plus many others and other hybrids. There are even some who educate themselves, called autodidacts. Out of all of these options Christian education has the most value.

Its value comes from the fact that it teaches the truth. Everything that is taught is verifiably true. Most of the content has no reference to Christ or the Christian tradition, so it is a matter of identifying what is true and passing it along to students. The Christian worldview demands intellectual honesty. The teaching of history is an example of a field that can be influenced by one's worldview. The 1619 Project is being taught in many schools even though most credible historians insist it is a false history. If education teaches what is false, it condemns the learner to errors that will require re-education to overcome. It would have been better to learn what was true from the beginning.

Public education touts itself as being free from any ideology so that it is more objective. Yet, considering that public employees are prohibited from mentioning their Christian faith or anything that might appear to affirm it, by definition it is not objective. In a Christian school, everything is taught to give students facts, so they can make up their own minds. An example is the teaching of creation and evolution. The Christian school teaches about

more about him by examining the world he had made. Today, the scientific community works to exclude committed creation scientists.

Finally, Christian education offers a comprehensive worldview that explains everything that is important for people to understand. For example, math comes from a perfect creator, English reflects a creator who communicates, science gives signs of a designer, and history teaches the unfolding plan of God. Other worldviews offer piecemeal explanations such as claiming the history is cyclical or that evolution is random chance. Some attempt to be comprehensive, but they lack an overarching unity that explains everything. This is best exemplified by the existence of evil for which secular worldviews have no explanations. The sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden is the best explanation, though the Christian still must reconcile evil with a good God. The point, however, is that there is a reason why evil exists.

Christian education is of ultimate worth because it explains the soul and how every person can be reconciled to God. People are created in the image of God, but inherit a sinful nature from Adam. There is no need to despair of this because God has provided a way of escape through faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible calls this the Gospel, or Good News, which is in fact the best news.

The value of Christian education is seen in each subject taught and gives students a gift that pays dividends throughout their lives, and into eternity,

## Events and Athletics Calendars

For the entire calendar see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

## Elementary IMPACT Student of the Month

Dylan Williams  
Sarah Impola  
Mia Agtarap  
Addison Frankenbery  
Beckett Allemandi  
Avianna Hill  
Mackenzie Brown  
Jett Hill  
Cayden McManamon  
Andrew Gresli

Caitlin Langford  
Cohen Waschell  
Brooklyn Crawford  
Kyle Struiksma

## Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to these students whose diligence earned them a spot on the Honor Roll\*.

\*Students with an incomplete will not be listed on the honor roll.

### **4th Grade**

Eleena Basta  
Matthew Blakely  
Wokowiak Cortez  
Gabriel Goncalves  
Avery Hylton  
Esther Impola  
Ayden Kimori  
Henry Lee  
Asher Lippold  
Cayden McManamon  
Kaden Meyer  
Madelyn Sims  
Grace Warren  
Rosemery Wamwere

### **5th Grade**

Kenechukwu Aja  
Scout Bagley  
Zella Fackenthall  
Blaise Goodwin  
Andrew Gresli  
Penny Ham  
Max Harden  
Emily Impola  
Tao Novak  
Elizabeth Nysether  
Michael Rogers  
Darius Williams

### **6th Grade**

Jackson Danielson  
Rowan Hylton  
Benjamin Impola  
Ethan Kimori  
Iliah Kirpach  
Ilyria Torres Lucero  
Ava Roca  
Sam Song  
Isaac Zyskowski  
Emily Zarr

### **7th Grade**

### **9th Grade**

Shaandeep Bajwa  
Makenzie Baylor  
Conner Birkhofer  
Rush Bradley  
Naviy Burnley  
Claire Coulson  
Brooklyn Crawford  
Kaylee Hamilton  
Luke Impola  
Noel Jurca  
Kimberly Leach  
Audrey McFarland  
Nathan Mellema  
Noah Rainwater

### **10th Grade**

Alli Baylor  
Zia Fackenthall  
Gavin George  
Pearce Hess  
Jenasis Huckaby  
Laura Impola  
Juby Kao  
Katarina Kraft  
William Maas  
Candice Mugo-Wainaina  
Cade Peterson  
Kyle Struiksma  
Benjamin Wentling

### **11th Grade**

Andrew Barrett  
Austin Birkhofer  
Hannah Chapin  
Koen Collins  
Luke Davis  
Elijah Engelson  
Jaya Gill  
Nolan Hegnes  
Karis Jones  
Seth King  
Colton Leigh

Abigail Fuhrman  
 Adrian Jorgenson  
 Caitlin Langford  
 Alice Mellema  
 Mya Novak  
 Emma Reems  
 Caleb Struiksma  
 Phoebe Wentling  
 Zoryana Zelenska

### **8th Grade**

Lorien Ashby  
 Jakson Collins  
 Gabriel Engelson  
 Luke Roehl  
 Cohen Waschell  
 Caitlin Zyskowski

### **12th Grade**

Jason Abrenilla  
 Logan Anderson  
 Faith Benjamin  
 Chris Cai  
 Braden Carr  
 Allison Dalton  
 Kathryn Fehme  
 Jordan Hill  
 Heidi Impola  
 Lindsay Impola  
 Caleb Kraft  
 Emma Levchenko  
 Emma Mathews  
 Ian Patrenets  
 Sirirung Song  
 Luke Struiksma  
 Parker Thompson  
 Hannah Wentling  
 Dominic Wolfe

## **Spring Concerts!**

Please note the dates and times for our upcoming Spring Concerts:

### **Secondary Concert**

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

### **Grades K - 2**

Monday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.

### **Grades 3 - 6**

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

## **Library Books**

So we can get all the books turned in before school is out, below is the library schedule for the end of the year.

5/16-5/20: Students 2nd grade and above will be allowed to check out one book if they have no overdue books. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will visit the library to look at books and be read to.

5/20: Kindergarten and senior books are due.

5/27: All books are due to be turned in. The first class with all books turned in will receive a special prize.

Overdue notices will be sent home. If you have a dispute about a book or have lost a book, please call or come by the library Tuesday-Thursday and we will work it out with you. If you have any questions, our librarian, Shelby Huckaby, will be available the last week of school. If books are unaccounted for, report cards will be held.

Our Senior Finals are scheduled over three days, May 31, June 1, & 2, until 1:15 p.m.

Our Secondary Finals (grades 7-11) are scheduled over three half days, June 7, 8, & 9. This gives the students opportunity to get ready each afternoon for the next day's finals as well as afford them some rest in preparation for their exams.

### Senior Finals

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### Grades 7-11 Finals

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### Special Awards Chapel Times

Please note there are special times for Awards Chapel. Live stream is also available.

**June 1 Awards Chapel Times:**

Secondary: 8:00 - 9:30

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: 10:00 – 10:45

K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades: 12:45 – 1:30

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: 1:45 – 2:30

**June 8 No Chapel, 11:40 release**

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