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## HS Snow Retreat

Making wonderful memories at the annual HS Snow Retreat!

Pictured (L-R): Heidi, Lindsay, Laura, Emma, Brooklyn, Noel

## The Principal Observes

### Prayer

Christians pray. From the first moments of their new birth, Christians are praying. They pray to express their dependence on their Heavenly Father and their absolute need for Him, first for their salvation, and then for their daily needs. Sometimes people are not sure

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The best and simplest way to guide people into prayer is the acronym ACTS. The A stands for adoration and refers to our words that express our adoration of God (1 Timothy 1:17). He is far above our understanding and provides so much for us that He deserves our constant worship. Though our words are feeble in comparison to God's greatness, we must praise Him.

The C refers to confession. Christians know that sin is part of their lives and hate it. The proper response to sin is not to hide it or try to make ourselves better, it is to confess it to God by agreeing with Him in regards to its evil. Of course Christians try to avoid sin, but the first step is to confess it and to ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9). In order for our prayers to be effective with God, we need to agree with Him regarding our sin and then pray in confession from a pure heart.

The T calls Christians to thank God for all the benefits He gives us (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thanks is distinctive from the A, adoration, though people often confuse the two. We adore God just because He exists, for His incomparable attributes and His being. We adore Him for the things that were true even before He created humans and the world. In contrast, the T, or thanksgiving, urges us to thank Him for everything He does that relates to humanity. It is focused not so much on His attributes, but rather on His deeds, especially those that benefit man in general and our lives specifically.

Finally, the S stands for supplication (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Philippians 4:6-7). It is the first thing people think about when they think of prayer because it is petitioning God, the only One capable of fixing the problems we face, for His intervention in our affairs. Supplication is last because before we make requests of God, we need to ensure that our heart is pure (Psalm 15:1-2). We are supplicants, asking God regarding our personal concerns and needs, making requests for others in our family or wider community.

Regarding prayer, I ask that you pray for our school and for Christian education on February 15. When you do, you will be joining with thousands of other ACSI schools on this day set aside as a day to pray for Christian schools. Your prayers may begin with Grace Academy, and then expand to all Christian schools worldwide. We should ask God to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian education, to provide opportunities to transform the hearts and minds of children, and to use teachers to provide education grounded in biblical truth. There are thousands of schools just like ours, and all of them need God's blessing. For more information you can follow [#schoolsthatpray](#).

## Events and Athletics Calendars

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

## Elementary IMPACT Students of the Month

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Linnea Maldonado  
Atticus Van Valkenburg  
Gabriella Lippod  
Elijah Banks  
Brooke Frankhouser  
Avery Hylton  
Penny Ham  
Sam Song

### **Secondary IMPACT Students of the Month**

Jayce Anderson  
Sofia King  
Emily Niethamer  
Luke Struiksma

### **Bless Your Valentine**

The high school Student Leadership Council is once again selling Valentine surprises. Please use the order form (sent to you via email) to bless your child. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, February 9. Deliveries will be made Monday, February 14. Please bring orders to the office with cash or check. Thank you for supporting our high school Spring Banquet.

### **Valentine Cookie Surprise**

Want to say "I love you" with a special Valentine Cookie surprise? Valentine cookies may be ordered online or written in as an option on a cookie ticket February 1-14 for \$1.85. Students will receive their cookie at lunch. Cookie ticket packets of 20 are available at the office.

### **Golf Season Coming Up**

A brief golf informational meeting for high school students and parents is scheduled after school on Thursday, February 24, in E-21. Golf begins after school on Monday, February 28. Please prepare for the season by making sure you complete the online athlete registration through [Family ID](#) on the [athletics page](#) of the school website before practice starts. This is where you will electronically sign necessary forms and verify the date of your child's last sports physical or upload a current one.

### **Be Prepared for Snow**

The temperatures are falling and this time of year there is always a possibility of snow on the horizon. The school will contact parents with a phone text alert in the event of a school delay or closure. Additionally, you may sign up with [Flash Alert](#), to receive an email notification.

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In compliance with Washington state laws, all medications, prescription or over-the-counter, must be checked in at the office along with the appropriate form signed by a parent/guardian and the doctor.

Because of Washington state laws, Grace Academy's policy states "Medication must be administered by trained school personnel only." The only exception to this is for students with asthma who must carry inhalers with them. Parents must indicate this on the medication authorization form.

Prescription medications as well as over-the-counter medications, such as Tylenol and cough drops, require the following:

- appropriate form (available in the office) completed and signed by parent and doctor.
- medicine in its original container with student's name clearly marked.

Thank you for helping us comply with state law.

## SCRIP

Make a date with your children to celebrate a job well done in school using SCRIP. Buy SCRIP for Amazon, Papa Murphy's, or Subway and make the date count double! You can buy SCRIP from Terri in the school office. To purchase SCRIP online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), call Terri Lucero for the enrollment code.

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3. Now click, add to Home Screen. You have just created a shortcut to the Amazon Smile page to easily navigate here from the homepage.
4. Finally, delete your existing Amazon App so you will always shop with a smile and support Grace Academy.

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Non-Grace Academy guests must be enrolled in high school. There is a non-Grace Academy permission form in the office that is due with final payment. (Parents may come if room is available.)

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