



2022 Senior Graduation

The two most momentous days of our school year include our Senior Graduation, Eighth Grade Celebration, and Kindergarten Graduation. Congratulations to all who celebrated last week!

Pictured: Speaker, Heidi Impola, Valedictorian

This is my last opportunity to write an article in the Eagle Flyer as the school Administrator.

educators. God has always provided excellent teachers to instruct our students and I am confident that he will continue to send us exactly who we need. Mrs. Austin and Mr. Pearce know exactly how to lead their respective programs and have temporarily taken on many of my duties over the last few months. I will still be very involved with the leadership until my successor is named and is fully installed as the new Head of School. While I am stepping aside, I will continue to be invested in the continued success of Grace Academy.

Below is an article that we published previously to send our families off to a great summer.

The end of the school year calls up thoughts of lazy summer days. This is not necessarily true for parents, but it is definitely true for students. They will do something with their time, though not necessarily profitably. Their days will be low-key compared with getting to school by 8 a.m. and being there until 3 p.m. During the school year many students also have a myriad of extracurricular commitments that engage them before they get home. Of course, they have homework to complete too, so their days end late. Summer offers relief from these pressures.

Overall, it is good and healthy to have a reduced summer schedule. In fact, God built into the creation narrative a day of rest. God created for six days and then rested for one. Did God get tired and need rest? Of course not. There is no indication of this in the text and since He is greater and different than any other being, it is illogical for Him to need rest. A better explanation is that God made a day of rest to teach humanity the principle of taking a needed time-out. Later, when He gave the Ten Commandments, He also decreed a day of rest. The weekly pause was only partially to restore the mind and body. The greater reason was to give people the opportunity to worship God.

While rest is good, so is activity. Unfortunately, the summer break invites children to think that an extended two-month break is normal even though it is not. The only time in their entire lives they will have this kind of vacation every year is during their youth. Even kids sense how long it is. It is fairly common for parents to hear the dreaded "I'm bored" after only a few days of summer.

My challenge is for families to keep their children and teens busy during the summer with a balance of activities. I am not advocating for hectic schedules, but fruitful ones. A top priority is to keep them learning by building on knowledge they acquired this year. Without actively working at this, students lose it like the fizz escapes from soda pop. Keep them reading and doing math. Another area in which families need to work is physical activity. In former generations, children were often busy around the farm or would roam their neighborhoods. Most do not have these opportunities anymore so parents need to help their children be active.

I know with parents working it is difficult to accomplish these goals. What about creating a team of families that help each other and share these opportunities? Families need to do some creative thinking to do what is best for the next generation.

Events and Athletics Calendars

2022 Impact Students of the Year

KA	Eli Nyaga
KB	Hannah Harney
KC	Mia Parcell
1A	Linnea Maldonado
1B	Beckett Allemandi
2 nd	Sienna Church
3A	Cora Bradford
3B	Audra Schwartz
4 th	Eleena Basta
5 th	Elizabeth Nysether
6 th	Benjamin Impola
JH	Luke Roehl
	Caitlin Zyskowski
HS	Heidi Impola
	Luke Struiksmma

High School Golf

It's been a great year for HS Golf! It was the coldest, rainiest and sometimes even snowiest season anyone can remember. With 16 golfers there was always some excitement on the course. Nolan Hegnes, Colton Leigh, and Luke Impola qualified for the Bi-district tournament. Nolan finished in the top 15 and qualified to compete at State in Spokane where he represented Grace Academy well. Congrats to the whole team on an excellent season!

High School Track

The Track and Field High School State Track Meet for 1A, 1B, and 2B schools took place May 26th – 28th at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA. This was the last event that wrapped up a historical season. 20 athletes from Grace qualified to participate.

The girls 4 x 100 relay team consisting of Serena Ibrahim, Lindsay Impola, Kathryn Fehme, and Zia Fackenthal placed 4th overall. Our 4 x 400 girls relay team consisting of Jadalyn Huckaby, Laura Impola, Jenasis Huckaby, and Allison Baylor finished in 10th place. Candice Mugo-Wainaina had a fantastic meet placing 9th in Javelin, 8th in shot put, and 6th in discus. Lindsay Impola placed 13th in the 100-meter dash. Zia Fackenthal was one of the top female performers in all of 1B, placing 3rd in the 400m, 2nd in long jump, and 1st place in the triple jump, breaking her own school record .

Our boys team was equally well represented in Cheney. Seth King placed 16th in the discus. Parker Thompson jumped into 4th place on his final high school throw in the shot put. The boys 4 x 100 relay team with Austin Birkhofer, Jakody Huckaby, Braden Carr, and Pearce Hess placed 2nd in state. The 4 x 400 relay team of Austin Birkhofer, Braxton Pearce, Jakody Huckaby, and Pearce Hess finished 3rd. Conner

Huckaby also ran and placed 9th in the 200-meter dash. Austin Birkhofer medaled in all 4 events and finished 8th place in the 200m and 400m dash. Pearce Hess also joined Austin and Zia to come home with 4 medals after finishing 5th in the 100m dash and placing 1st overall in the 400m.

Both the girls and boy's teams placed well overall as a team. The girls finished tied for 8th place in 1B out of 48 teams while the boys placed 6th place out of 53 1B Track and Field teams. Our combined ranking of both boys and girls had us rated as the 4th best program in the 1B ranks. It was a fun and memorable season for the team. Earlier in May the boys and girls team celebrated their first league championship since 2013!

Grace Academy Soccer Camp

This year's camp is scheduled for August 15-18 from 9-11 a.m. for ages 6-12. The cost of the camp is \$75 for the first camper, with discounts for each additional camper from the same family. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due with the registration form by August 5. The balance is due the first day of camp. Walk-up campers will be accepted on a space-available basis. Registration forms are available in the office.

Medications in the Office

If you have medications in the office for your children to take at school, you will need to take them home on or before the last day of school. We cannot hold the medications for the summer, and will be forced to dispose of them if they are left when school is out. Please pick up your Tylenol, cough drops, and prescriptions, including epi-pens, by June 8.

Tuition Payments

As the 2021-2022 school year comes to a close, please be sure to make your final tuition payments as soon as possible so there will be no delay in receiving your report cards. Also, if you are pre-paying for the 2022-2023 school year, remember those payments must be received by July 1st in order to receive the 3% discount. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact our accountant, Mark Ruhlman, at (360) 659-8517, extension 208. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open during the summer months, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except when we close the office on the last Friday in June and every Friday in July. The office will also be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. There may be occasional brief office closures at various times during the day so please call before planning a visit.

You can still pick up SCRIP during the summer! Stop by Terri's office in the church on Mondays between 10-11:30 a.m. SCRIP is also available online all summer. Call Terri if you have any questions, 360.659.8517, extension 207.

