



Spring Concert Season

The Secondary Spring Concert is the first of the season! Excellent job!

Pictured L-R, Front Row: Luke, Braden, Jack, Koen; L-R Back Row: Zia, Austin

I have never taken the opportunity to write about school choice in the Eagle Flyer and the reason is that it has always been a non-starter issue in Washington. There has never been even a small chance that genuine school choice would be an option in this state. In one sense, every family who has their child in Grace Academy has exercised their right to choose which school their children attend, but “school choice” as a movement refers to the money that parents already pay for education that goes only to public schools. Most people would appreciate it if some of those funds could be directed to the school that they choose.

For a variety of reasons, there has been a massive shift nationally and a small impact in Washington. Most people do not know that there are several types of school choice programs, each with a separate way of allowing people to access funds to send their children to the school they desire. The basic idea is that funds should follow the child and parents should be able to direct them to a school that they desire. The legal barriers to this idea are slowly falling and states are enacting new programs every year. Currently, 32 states have programs and 663,000 students are enrolled in them. One fear that opponents always bring up is that these programs would undermine the public school system, but this has not happened in states that have enacted these programs.

I am making our school aware of this movement so that if things begin to move forward in our state you will not be caught by surprise. If a measure should make it to a ballot be sure to support it because it could end up helping our school families.

Events and Athletics Calendars

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

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.

Summer Book Swap

We are gathering books for our summer book swap!

Students are encouraged to bring in at least one book to donate to the swap. From chapter books, picture books, fact books, cookbooks, etc.

Books will be collected throughout the month of May and will be organized into elementary and secondary reading level groups.

will be able to check books and bring them home to keep. This is a great way for them to get new reading material for summer without spending any money!

Finals Schedules

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

Grades 7-11 Finals

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

June 1 Awards Chapel Times:

Secondary: 8:00 - 9:30

2nd – 3rd Grades: 10:00 – 10:45

K & 1st Grades: 12:45 – 1:30

4th – 6th Grades: 1:45 – 2:30

June 8 No Chapel, 11:40 release

