

“Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Tonight’s the Night for “All About that Baby”

The K-5 musical is tonight! What an exciting time for all of us as we celebrate God’s love for us! Details were sent home a few days ago. For your ease they are posted here as well.

· Students need to be in their designated class by 7:15 pm.

K: S117	3rd: S111
1st: S115	4th: S112
2nd: S114	5th: N106

Students *wearing borrowed costumes* need to be in N106 by 7:00 pm. Borrowed costumes are to be returned to N106 immediately after the musical.

· Parents need to take the students’ coats with them into the Life Center; the students will not be going back into the classrooms.

· Attire: Students wear a red or green solid-colored or Christmas themed shirt, blue jeans or blue school pants and close-toed shoes. Attire for this event does not include dresses.

· As you enter the Life Center, facing the stage, grades K-1 will be in the center and some of grades 2-5 will be on each side. For your viewing pleasure, ask your child on which side he/she will be.

· Remember, attendance and participation count toward each K-5 student’s music grade.

· Your patience and courtesy are appreciated as we transition from the 6:30 preschool program to the 7:30 elementary musical.

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

NEW In the elementary Chapels prior to Thanksgiving, Pastor Mike Hancock focused on the words of the Lord’s Prayer, “Give us this day our daily bread”. He came in costume, dressed as a couch potato! However, his emphasis was that God doesn’t mean for these words to indicate that we do nothing and expect God to take care of everything. We are not couch potatoes; instead, when we do what God wants us to do, he will take care of our needs. We can trust Him to do that. Pastor Mike gave several examples of people who faced difficult circumstances and when they obeyed God, He supplied their needs. He closed by reiterating that if you have a need, God will take care of that need when you trust Him and are willing to do your part.

“Gifts for Giving” Book Fair is Wrapping Up Soon

There's still time! The remaining hours for viewing and purchasing the books are:

Tonight, Friday, Dec. 1:

Before the Christmas Program

Saturday Evening:

5:30-8:00 pm

Sunday Morning:

Before and after Southside's 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 services

Impressive! WOW!

NEW GCA Competition Cheer had an amazing first competition at Greenbriar Christian Academy on November 18th! The ladies competed as whole teams, small groups, or individually in a total of 10 divisions. At the awards ceremony, their hard work was recognized as they took home First Place in *EVERY* division in which they had competed. The next day, when scores were released it was awesome to see that the JV Team had received the second highest score out of the entire competition. Way to go Lady Knights!!!

Their next competition will be on Sunday, December 17th at the Richmond Convention Center.

Chick-fil-A School Spirit Day December 12

Tuesday, December 12, is School Spirit Day! Students who wear a school shirt may wear non-dress code bottoms to school that day and in the evening - 5:00-8:00 - it's Chick-fil-A School Spirit Night at the Hull Street Road and Rt. 288 location! Let the associate know you are with GCA – Dine In or Carry Out!

Great company

Good food

No preparation or clean up

Change for “Change 4 Change”

Has your child been collecting change every place that he can find it? Have you checked your sofa cushions, under your car seats and the bottom of your purse? Maybe your family decides to give the money you would have used to eat out for a meal and put it in the collection tub. Our Change Challenge will continue through next week. The final day for the collection will be Friday, December 8. We will be blessing TWO families with our collection. We look forward to collecting **OVERFLOWING tubs of change next Friday**. Together we can change the world and let others know about Jesus this Christmas Season.

From the Volunteer Corner ... Cookie Swap and Gift Wrapping

NEW Just a friendly reminder that we are showing our teachers and staff appreciation during the Christmas season by offering them the gift of TIME and some sweets, too!

On Wednesday, Dec. 13th, we will be offering a teacher favorite - Christmas Cookie Swap! Bake up a batch or two of homemade cookies and send them in on the morning of Wednesday, December 13.

(We'll be collecting them in the atrium before school). Teachers and staff will be given the opportunity to come by the buffet and choose a variety of cookies to take home and enjoy. Please send your cookies in a disposable container or a Ziploc bag.

On Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th, from 9:00am - 3:00pm, we will be offering our very popular gift wrapping service to all of our preschool and graded school staff. We are looking for volunteers who can help us wrap gifts. We can use any length of time you have to offer on either - or both- days. Can't join us? You can also help by donating supplies such as wrapping paper, gift boxes of all sizes, clear tape, and spools of tulle in any color.

If you are able to send in cookies or man the buffet, please email
Sarah Mitchell (sknmitchell@gmail.com).

If you are able to help with wrapping, please email
Sharyn Rogers (rogersskm@gmail.com) or
Kelly Harris (dkeharris@verizon.net)
or leave a message at 804-768-8043

Physical Education

NEW We have been having a blast in physical education. K-5th graders start class off with 10 minutes of cardiovascular workout. They enjoy playing different tag games and learning how to jump rope during this time. Our heart is a muscle and needs to be exercised at least 5 times a week for 60 minutes a day.

We have learned that food fuels our bodies and it's important to make healthy food choices. Students were able to build a healthy plate before thanksgiving helping them to learn the 5 main food groups.

In addition, to learning about our health students have been working on overhand throwing, teamwork and ways to encourage and uplift each other. We are currently working on gymnastics and students are learning rolling, weight transfer and balancing. We are also learning about our muscles and the different muscles we are using. Physical education is not just about learning motor movements and skills it's about teaching your child about their health and how they can make healthy life choices.

In middle school and high school physical education, we have completed our soccer unit and are in the last week of football. The next unit starting next week is basketball. Students will continue their mastery of dribbling, chest pass, bounce pass, shooting, and lay-ups.

Athletics

GCA BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Win their season opener against West End Christian

On Thursday, November 30th, the boys junior varsity team opened their season with an away game against West End Christian School in Hopewell. The JV boys won 47-22. The JV Boys are overall (1-0) and a conference record of (0-0). The JV boys play today, Dec. 1st, against Richmond Christian at their gym at 4:00pm.

GCA GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Lose season home opener against Grove

On Tuesday, November 28th, the girls' varsity basketball team lost their home opener against Grove Christian from Richmond with a score of 37-13. The Girls are overall (0-1) and a conference record of (0-

1). The girls play on Monday, Dec. 4th against Spirit Athletics in Short Pump at Pocahontas Middle School at 7:00pm.

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Mark Your Calendar

See the calendar on the website's homepage for school events through November. Winter sports schedules will soon be found on the website under the Athletics tab.