

## “Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Tuesday, December 12	Chic-fil-A School Spirit Night (Rt. 288 and Hull Street Rd Location)
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Staff Cookie Swap
Thursday, Dec. 14	Staff Gift Wrapping
Friday, Dec. 15	K-5 Class Parties, 2:00-3:00, Christmas Attire Permitted (Below) 6-12 Sky Zone, 10:00-1:30
Dec. 18-Jan. 1	PS-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade has Christmas Break; see calendar for Childcare

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### The Christmas Story Falls Short of a Hallmark Rendition

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**NEW** The secondary students are in the midst of a chapel series in preparation for Christmas. Jonathan Vandermark from Southside Nazarene’s student ministry helped students see the Christmas story for more than the perfect Hallmark card image we often have in our minds by looking closely at Luke 2:8-20. God appeared to shepherds, these individuals were messy and by nature of their work unable to keep the cleanliness customs of their times. God choose to come to these individuals, the lowly in society, rather than the high priests and scholars. If you think about it, these shepherds were the first evangelists – they heard the message, went and then shared the message. Just like that time, God comes to us in our messiness and loneliness. He meets us in our frustrations and anger. He wants to be part of our lives every single day and for us to share with others. After you accept Jesus it isn’t going to be an easy life where all your problems will disappear but it will be a life filled with joy. Mr. Vandermark left students with the thought that even in the ordinary, God can do the extraordinary.

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### Chick-fil-A School Spirit Day December 12

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It's time to get together at Chick-fil-A, a time for parents to visit, and students to connect outside of the school setting. Let the associate know you are with Guardian Christian Academy.

Which Location: Rt. 288 and Hull St Rd.

What Time: 5:00-8:00 as a group or any time of day

Students, if you wear your school shirt, you may wear jeans or another non-dress code bottom that day.

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### Library Books Returned Next Week

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**NEW** All Library books need to be returned next week on the day your child has library. No books will be checked out over the Christmas Break. However, when school resumes in January, students will once again check out books as they have been doing. Thank you!

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### **K-5 Christmas Attire on Party Day**

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**NEW** Friday the 15th is the last day before Christmas Break and is the day of Christmas parties. K-5 students who wear Christmas themed/colored blouses, shirts, or sweaters may wear non-dress code bottoms.

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### **Winter Weather**

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**NEW** The weather forecast has brought to mind that winter is well on its way. For information regarding school closings during inclement weather see pages 21-22 in the 2017-2018 Student Handbook.

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### **Build.U-Knight.Build**

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**NEW** On behalf of the school, Mr. Steve Knudson, President of the School Board and Chairperson of the Believe.U-Knight.Build campaign, thanks those who have already turned in their commitment cards for the upcoming gym, part of the Sportsplex, and those who are in the process of getting matching funds through your employer. It is so exciting to be a part of a growing positive endeavor!

At the November 14 “U-Knight-ed” event, December 15 was given as the recommended date by which the commitment cards be submitted. Once school is out and the Christmas activities pick up in speed, it is easy to misplace the card; let’s take care of it now versus later for our own sakes. There is a slotted wrapped box in the main office where cards can be dropped off. If yours has been misplaced, extras are with the box. We look forward to working together to make this dream a reality.

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### **Encore!**

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**NEW** After weeks of reading and studying various short stories, 9th and 10th grade traveled to Altria Theater in downtown Richmond to watch Chamber Theater Production perform Encore! The production contained performances of six short stories, including selections from Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, and Guy de Maupassant. We were transported in time and space to different settings, while experiencing a gamut of emotions from seriousness to fright to hilarity. The small company of five actors did a marvelous job of portraying each narrative. It is truly a blessing to watch the works we have read come to life on the stage.

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### **Gifts of Giving Book Fair**

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**NEW** Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers, shoppers, teachers and families who visited the book fair over the week that the Scholastic book fair was operating. Each K-5 student had an opportunity during the first couple days of the fair to come by and make his/her very own wish list. Parents could come by during school hours, after school, and on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday evenings as well as on Sunday morning. Southside too had the opportunity to make purchases. 50% of the total sales come to GCA to support the library!

**Thank you** to Mrs. Ebert who organized and conducted the book fair with the tremendous invaluable help of so many others. And the best part? Everyone benefits through the purchase of these books

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## Christmas Services

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If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us this Christmas. Christmas service times are:

Courthouse Rd. Location

Sunday Morning Services

8:30, 10:00, 11:30, Usual Services

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Enon Location

500 Baptist Drive, Chester

11:00 a.m., Usual Service

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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## ¡Feliz Navidad!

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**NEW** ¡Feliz Navidad! Praise God we are entering the Christmas season! Christmas is a time to celebrate the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior *Jesús Cristo*, Jesus Christ! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been learning about the Christmas story in Spanish class. We have talked about *José y María* the parents of *el bebé Jesús* as well as the heavenly hosts *los angeles* who announced the birth of our Savior to the shepherds in the fields. I encourage you to ask your students about the Christmas story and please encourage them to teach you how to tell the story in Spanish. ¡Feliz Navidad y Dios se bendiga!

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## Athletics

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### GCA BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL



On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the boys' junior varsity team played Richmond Christian and lost with a score of 63-19. On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the GCA Knights lost to the Spirit Warhawks 57-23. The JV Boys are overall (1-2) and a conference CCAC record of (0-1). The JV boys play Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> against New Life Home School at 5:00pm at home.



### GCA GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL



On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the girls' varsity basketball team lost against Spirit Home School from Richmond with a score of 43-14. The Girls are overall (0-2) and a conference CCAC record of (0-2). The girls don't play again until Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> against James River Home School at 6:00pm at home.



### GCA BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL



#### Lose Close Season Opener against Spirit

On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the boys' varsity basketball team played a close season-opener game against Spirit Home School with a score of 54-46. The Boys Varsity are overall (0-1) and a conference CCAC record of (0-1). The boys play today, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at Millwood School at 5:00pm.

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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