

“Shout Out”

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School Spirit Days

NEW As beautiful and exciting as the snow is, it has had an impact on a number of school-related events and activities, one of which is School Spirit Week. After being rescheduled after the previous snow days, School Spirit Week has now become a two day event:

- Today as students and staff dress as Disney characters and attend the pep rally
- Monday when students participate in Pajama Day

With so many students looking forward to these two days in particular, school spirit moves ahead!

Rising 6th Grade Parents Meeting: Tuesday, January 23

Though tailored for rising 6th grade parents, anyone interested in knowing more about GCA’s middle school and high school is encouraged to attend Tuesday’s 7 pm meeting in the Science Lab in Building 3.

5th grade parents, this is especially important for you as your child is about to enter middle school. When answering parental questions we frequently learn that parents are aware of what they see – *but don’t have an understanding of what is happening to bring that about.* We hear, “Oh, I wish I would have known ...”, “That helps me understand it so much better. If only everyone realized ...”, or “That’s something we *all* should know.” You will want to make it a point to come Tuesday evening; please send the response portion of the letter that went home about a week ago.

Second Marking Period Dates Adjusted

NEW Due to the number of snow days that have interrupted formal instruction this month, Guardian Christian Academy is extending the second marking period by one week. Instead of the grading period ending on Friday, February 2, the marking period will end Friday, February 9. February 2 will remain a half day for the students. The school year will not be extended in order to make this adjustment; the modification will take place internally during the third marking period. Secondary, see the article below about exams.

Secondary Division Exams

NEW Exams for students in grades 6 through 12 will be administered as planned on Wednesday, January 31 through Friday, February 2. These days are half days for secondary students with dismissal at 12:15 each day. The content of the exams is being modified to cover only that which has been formally assessed during the first semester of study, thus some of the instructional content that has been covered during the month of January will not be included on the first semester exam. We feel this is

necessary due to the number of snow days that have interrupted formal instruction this month. In addition, the formal grading period for the second quarter will be extended through the week of February 5 to allow for completion of assignments and assessments for the quarter, thus resulting in more appropriate grading for the marking period. Secondary parents will receive a detailed exam schedule no later than the end of day on Monday, January 22. Teachers will begin formal exam reviews by Friday, January 26 in each core class for 6th through 12th graders.

The Variety Show is Coming!

NEW This year's Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tryouts for individual or small group numbers will be held the week of January 29. If your student is planning to try out, he/she should start preparing for auditions right away. Details regarding tryouts will be coming home the first part of next week. Students in grades K through 5 should be reminded that participation in the Variety Show class number is mandatory and will be a part of the third quarter music class grade. Students in grades 6 through 12 will also prepare a group number through designated elective and exploratory courses. Participation in the high school grades will also include the Praise Team, Masters of Ceremony, stage hands, and director assistants. The theme for this year's Variety Show is *United - One School, One Family, Many Wells* and will be directed by Miss Danko.

Haiti Service Project

In the middle of all this snow, have you remembered our January service project for the children of Haiti? In a country where the average income is \$350, there is a 55% literacy rate, and *58% of the schools have no toilets*; these are *critical* needs! Spiritual needs are equally high and just as critical. How essential it is that we help our designated Christian schools there who strive to make changes for children and their families in both arenas!

Once again, we ask that for this community service project each student bring the following on their respective Chapel date the 1st week of February:

Kindergarten	3 boxes of 24 crayons *
First	3 pair children's scissors *
Second	4 rulers (inches and cm)
Third	3 black and white composition books
Fourth	2 Box of chalk and 2 chalkboard erasers *
Fifth	2 Box of chalk and 2chalkboard erasers *
6 th	Flashcards: 2 Sets of Addition and a box of 24 Crayons *
7 th	Flashcards: 2 Sets of Subtraction and a box of 24 Crayons *
8 th	Flashcards: 3 sets of Subtraction
9 th	Flashcards: 3 sets of multiplication
10-12 th	3 Packages of loose leaf ruled notebook paper and 1 set of division flashcards

* For things like crayons and scissors we ask that items NOT be purchased at stores like the Dollar Tree; let's insure that the items we purchase are durable.

Thank you for working with your child to promote an awareness of the world and its needs, foster empathy, and help him/her understand how he/she fits into a society where each is a part of a solution. Community service also gives you the parent added opportunities to help your child understand the blessings we enjoy and how to share them with others

Open House February 6

NEW Our first open house of the season is right around the corner! This is not only an excellent time for your friends, co-workers, and neighbors, to see GCA for themselves, it is an excellent opportunity for you as well. As you speak with your friends and colleagues about GCA, keep in mind that if a family enrolls because of your direct influence, you can receive a Referral Incentive. (See the Discount Sheet in the Reenrollment packet that came home Tuesday.

Mark Your Calendar

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