

## “Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Monday, Jan. 29	Audition Forms Due if Auditioning for the Variety Show
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Auditions for the Variety Show, 3:15
Wed., Jan. 31-Fri., Feb. 2	Secondary Exams; 12:15 Dismissal for Grades 6-12
Friday, February 2	Early Release Day: 12:15 for All Grades
Tuesday, February 6	Open House, 6:30-8:00 pm

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### School Spirit Week/ Basketball

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*NEW* Despite the snow and missing days of school, GCA showed their school spirit in a BIG way. With days of fun-filled dress and the pep rally on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Knights showed “You can always find your way back home!” Basketball teams and cheerleaders were announced, competitive cheer performed their routines in front of the student body *for the first time ever*, and the Royal Knight mascot was present with screaming students. GCA Spirit sticks were awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Mrs. Phelps’ class, 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Mrs. Holloway’s class, and to the SENIOR class. Congratulations!!! Also, the most spirited student went to Haley Ferrell in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and the most spirited teacher went to 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Holloway. GCA students love their school and it really showed during school spirit week.

- Boys Middle School Basketball has an overall record of (1-2). On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the boys won their first game of the season against Spirit Blue.
- Girls Varsity Basketball has an overall record of (1-2) and a CCAC record of (0-2). On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the girls beat Spirit 23-13.
- Boys JV Basketball has an overall record of (6-2) and a CCAC record of (0-1). The boys played New Life Home School from Farmville on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and won with a score of 26-10. The team has a 5-game winning streak.
- Boys Varsity Basketball has an overall record of (3-4) and a CCAC record of (2-3). The varsity lost to New Life with a score of 36-47.

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### Auditions for the Variety Show: This Wednesday, January 31

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*NEW* It’s that time of year again! A reminder for those who have turned in their audition forms for UKNIGHTED “One School. One Family. Many Wells”. Auditions are after school on Wednesday, must be performance ready, and a max of 2 minutes long. Provide music if the act requires it. Again, we regret that not all numbers can be included in the show. Those auditioning will meet Ms. Danko in the atrium at 3:20. Participants will come back to the atrium together for checkout when all are finished. A definitive time cannot be given.

Again, all elementary students will be participating in class numbers which counts towards music grades. Many middle school and high school students will as well in varying roles.

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### **“Look What I See!”**

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That’s what you will be saying in a few days when a large thermometer is hanging in the atrium. It will show us all where GCA is at this point in raising funds for the gym that will be housed in XZone’s Sportsplex. You’ll be delighted to see where we stand! Keep in mind when you see it, *this total will be a combination of cash/checks, matching funds, and promises for work in kind*. We are trying to raise the full amount by the end of February which is fast approaching. Those of us who have not gotten around to it yet, it’s not too late. **The greater the pleasure when we all join together.**

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### **Semester Exams for Middle School and High School Next Week**

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Exams for students in grades 6 through 12 will be administered on Wednesday, January 31 through Friday, February 2. These days are half days for secondary students with dismissal at 12:15 each day. Secondary parents and students have received a detailed exam schedule. (Please note that make up exams are only administered to students with documented absences for illness or serious family emergencies.) Teachers will begin formal exam reviews by Friday, January 26 in each core class for 6th through 12th graders. A copy of the exam schedule is attached to this newsletter email.

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### **Haiti Service Project**

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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. Items for the Haiti Service Project should be brought February 7 or February 9, whichever is your chapel date.

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### **Watch DOGS Make an Impact on GCA**

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**NEW Watch D.O.G.S. Continue to Make an Impact on the Students of GCA** – GCA wishes to thank all of our dads who have participated in the Watch D.O.G.S. program here at GCA. Your presence in our hallways and classrooms mean so much not only to your own children but the entire student body. You fulfill many purposes – You serve as a role model, lend a helping hand to students and teachers, and add an extra measure of security to our campus. Your own student senses the importance of your relationship with them as well as of their school experience. Your presence here at school communicates so much and our students benefit!

We are looking forward to the second semester that begins in February as many more Watch D.O.G.S. are already scheduled to spend the day here at GCA. If you are not yet on the calendar and would like to schedule a day or even to just learn more, please contact Emily Dorer, Administrative Assistant, by email at [edorer@gcakids.com](mailto:edorer@gcakids.com) or by phone at 804-715-3210.

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### **Musical Notes**

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**NEW** An important goal in Music class is for our students to learn to read music independently which includes understanding both the rhythm and the melody. We at GCA are blessed to have so many instruments with which to learn these elements of music. All of our students can learn basic rhythm and melody patterns with our rhythm instruments, boom whackers and Orff instruments (xylophones,

metallophones and glockenspiels). Our Third and Fourth graders are beginning to learn recorder and focusing on B, A and G right now with quarter, half and whole notes. The Fifth graders are beginning to work on reading rhythms while playing the djembe and tubano drums and later this year will learn guitar. All classes are working on reading and singing solfege (do, re, mi, etc.) which is an effective method for learning to sing and hear tonal relationships and develop more accurate pitch and interval singing. It is exciting seeing our students learn ways to continue worshipping God with the musical gifts He has given them. And like the composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, who wrote “Soli Deo Gloria” on his manuscript – we will strive to do it all “for the glory of God alone”!


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### **Physical Education**

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Much of what happens in physical education classes correlates with health, how God created the body, and healthy lifestyle. Throughout the school years students are given the tools and confidence to lead a healthy life which positively impacts all areas.



- K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on basic movement concepts and basketball skills. We have just finished up our evaluation on the food groups. Parents, please reinforce the different food groups during meal times and the importance of eating a nutritious meal.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are learning that our body is made up of bones and muscles that help us to move. They are also working on identifying what makes their heart rate increase and different intensity levels.
- Students 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade have been learning different muscles including; heart, quadriceps, biceps, triceps, abdominals, hamstrings, and deltoids. They are working on finding their resting heart rates and calculating their minimum and maximum training heart rate.
- Physical education goes beyond physical activity. It's about equipping students with the knowledge and skills to maintain a healthy active lifestyle. I enjoy hearing about all the outside sports and activities our students are involved in. Parents, thank you for keeping our students active outside of school!
- Middle School & High School students finished their football unit with skills of passing, receiving, and centering. We are preparing for our skills tests in basketball with skills of chest pass, bounce  pass, shooting, dribbling, and lay-ups. Students really enjoyed the football and basketball games that we played in class after their skill work in both units

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### **Open House February 6**

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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.

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### **School Spirit Night at CiCi's February 13**

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It will soon be time to get together at CiCi's , 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: Commonwealth Parkway

What Time: 5:00-8:00 pm

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

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### **Mark Your Calendar in Green for Saturday, March 17!**

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GCA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TrailBlazer 5k is now open and accepting registrations!

"This annual fun-filled event is put on by the Athletic Department to raise money for equipment for the PE classes and the sports teams, including Volleyball, Soccer, Cross-Country, and Basketball" according to Ken Kelly, Race Director. "We start off the morning with a Free Fun Run for the younger runners, followed by the 5k Run/Walk, and, yes, walkers are encouraged to participate. This event has grown from 65 runners and walkers in our 1<sup>st</sup> year to 151 participants last year and we're expecting close to 200 this year," said Ken. So come on out, get your green on (St. Patrick's Day!) and help support our Athletic Department by participating this year. For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.GCATrailBlazer5k.com](http://www.GCATrailBlazer5k.com) and be sure to visit and like our Fb page! We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available. **The early bird registration fee is in effect until February 14.**

*Questions? Please contact Ken Kelly at (804) 301-6686 or at [nancyandkenk@comcast.net](mailto:nancyandkenk@comcast.net).  
Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact Ken for details.*

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### **Dress Code Correction 18-19 Handbook**

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A mistake has been noted in the 2018-2019 Parent/Student Handbook on Page 55. Under elementary girls dress for special occasions, it reads that "Each girl in grades K through 8 needs to have at least one school plaid\* skirt/jumper; a white blouse is worn with the skirt/jumper." This should read that each girl in grades K-5 must wear the school plaid skirt/jumper, not K-8. Girls in grades 6-8 wear navy skirts and white blouses on special dress attire days. We apologize for the mistake; please make this change in your handbook.

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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

## JANUARY 2018 SECONDARY DIVISION EXAM SCHEDULE

Students in grades 6 through 12 will take first semester cumulative exams Wednesday, January 31 through Friday, February 2. It is imperative that students be in attendance and on time each of the exam days unless they are ill or a serious family emergency arises. Make up exams will only be given in such circumstances – any other absences will result in a zero being issued for the exam. (Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for information regarding the weighting of exams.) It is also important to note that Friday, January 26 through Tuesday, January 30 are regular school days but are designated for classroom exam reviews. Students will have the opportunity to engage in review activities and to get clarification on areas in which they have questions.

The 3 days assigned for exams (January 31, February 1, and February 2) are half days with a 12:15 dismissal for students in the middle and high school. Students in grades 6 through 12 will not be having lunch at school those days but should bring a snack to have during the break time between exams. (No snacks or drinks are allowed during the actual test time.) The schedule for exam days is as follows:

8:00- 8:15	Arrival Time
8:15 – 8:25	Homeroom
8:30 – 10:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:35 – 12:05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exam
12:05 – 12:15	Pack-Up and Dismissal

	6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	HIGH SCHOOL
<b>WEDNESDAY 1/31</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Exam	History 6 (Garrett & Gibson) M305 & 304	English 7 (Robinson) M306	Science 8 (Smith) M307	Geometry – (Washington) – M301 English 10 – (Price) – M302
2 <sup>nd</sup> Exam	Math 6 (Burton & Gibson) M303 & 304	English 7 (Robinson) M306	English 8 (Price) M302	Physical Science – (Smith) – M307 U. S. History – (Garrett) – M305
<b>THURSDAY 2/1</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Exam	Science 6 (Price & Washington) M302 & 301	Pre-Algebra (Burton) M303	History 8 (Garrett) M305	Bible 9 & 10-12 –(Gibson & Burroughs) - M304 & 306
2 <sup>nd</sup> Exam	Bible 6 (Gibson & Robinson) M304 & 306	History 7 (Garrett) M305	Algebra 1 (Washington) M301	English 9 –(Price) – M302 Spanish 3 – (Burroughs) – M303 Chemistry – (Smith) – M307 Physics – (Smith) – M307
<b>FRIDAY 2/2</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Exam	English 6 (Robinson & Burton) M306 & 304	Science 7 (Smith) M307	Spanish 1 (Burroughs) M303	Geography – (Garrett) – M305 Algebra 2 – (Washington) – M301 <i>(with one Geometry student)</i> English 11 – (Price) – M302
2 <sup>nd</sup> Exam	English 6 (Robinson & Burton) M306 & 304	Bible 7/8 (Gibson) M305	Bible 7/8 (Gibson) M305	Spanish 2 – (Burroughs) – M303 <i>(with one Spanish 3 student)</i> Biology – (Smith) – M307 Pre – Calculus – (Washington) – M301

Students who have free exam periods and are in attendance will report for study hall times to the Guidance Office.