

## “Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Our Christmas Break has been unexpectedly extended by “Old Man Winter”! Snow days always bring a sense of excitement, and some of the best memories are made at times like this. We hope you have been able to enjoy this time with your children and stay safe and warm. Aren’t we ever so thankful to the Lord for warmth, food, and shelter!

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### Snow Day Reminders

We have faced snow already this winter! Because our students come from the same areas as those of Chesterfield County, we *generally* follow suit with their decisions; for example, when Chesterfield County has a 2-hour delay, GCA graded school has a 2-hour delay. Should there be any *exceptions* to this, it is posted on Facebook and teachers will use Remind 101/Shutterfly to contact you; this was the case Wednesday evening when CCPS made a call before snow had begun to fall.

If snow falls during the school day and if the road conditions in your immediate area present a problem, it is your decision whether or not to pick up your child early. If you decide to do so, please call us before leaving so the teacher will have time to get your child and his/her assignments and belongings together in an orderly way. Parents of student drivers may call the office to request that their child be released early or to inform staff of alternative arrangements.

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### Next Week ... School Spirit Week ... “ You Can Always Find Your Way Back Home!”

School Spirit Week is NEXT WEEK! We are very excited about our theme for the year which is “ You Can Always Find Your Way Back Home!” To make it even more exciting, we will see our first graduates return back “home” to GCA for homecoming! The week will be filled with fun and excitement starting with our themed days. Descriptions of the days were in the attachment to last week’s “Shout Out”: They are as follows:

<b>Monday (Jan.8)</b>	BLUE AND GOLD DAY
<b>Tuesday (Jan.9)</b>	CHIP AND DALE DAY
<b>Wednesday (Jan.10)</b>	SLEEPING BEAUTIES DAY
<b>Thursday (Jan. 11)</b>	MONSTERS UNIVERSITY
<b>Friday (Jan.12)</b>	DISNEY DAY (CLASS WITH THE BEST THEME WILL EARN A SURPRISE!)

The spirit sticks have been filled and are ready to be handed out. The following things will be counted towards the awarding of the spirit stick...

- Class participation on each spirit day
- Number of Family Skate Night tickets pre-purchased by Wednesday afternoon, January 11, for the family skating party on January 15. (See below.)
- Pep Rally Participation



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Did the 5th grade parent meeting “What I Must Know to Be Informed” make it to your 2018 calendar? If not, you’ll want to do that now.

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.” The 23<sup>rd</sup> focuses particularly on what parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders and above need to know about GCA middle school and high school.

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### **Dress Code Reminders**

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We are seeing lapses in adherence to the dress code. Please reread pages 51-53 of the Parent-Student Handbook to refresh your minds.

A few are listed here:

- Elementary girls wear pants or shorts on PE days. Neither skirts nor skorts are suitable for PE classes.
- Elementary girls always wear blue or black short under skirts and jumpers.
- In cooler weather sweaters in designated colors/styles can be worn in the classroom . Jackets worn outside are not color specific since they are not to be worn in the classroom.

In addition as students experience sudden growth spurts, wardrobes need to be checked to determine appropriate length of skirts and shirts as well as the tightness of the shirts.

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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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.