

“Shout Out”

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Sat. – Sun, May 5-6	US Cheer Finals in Virginia Beach
Saturday, May 5	High School Car Wash, 10-2, Hull St Rd & Bailey Bridge
Mon-Fri, May 7-11	National Teacher Appreciation Week
Fri., May 11	Spring Formal (High School), 6:15 pm
Tues., May 15	ACSI Art Festival
Wed., May 16	Donuts with Dad (Before School)
Fri., May 18	Spring Athletic Banquet and Senior Awards, 7 pm
Wed., May 23	Volunteer Appreciation, 8:00 am (<i>Note time change</i>)

Batman Stops in for Elementary Chapel

NEW Batman made a quick stop at Guardian Christian Elementary Chapel last week surprising our students! Pastor Mike gave us a little history on Batman explaining that although “bad guys” killed Batman’s parents, his rule was to not kill anyone - even “bad guys”. This led into Pastor Mike talking with our students about Exodus 20:13, God’s sixth commandment - “Do not murder”.

Many of us have felt we have no issues obeying this commandment because we know we would never kill anyone! But Matthew 5:21-26 explains this commandment further telling us “...but I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ (which means worthless one) shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. ... “ The word “brother” in this verse refers to anyone and when we call someone derogatory names such as empty one, worthless, or fool, we are disobeying God’s commandment.

Hating someone or calling someone worthless is the same as hating them. Pastor Mike reminded us that God created each one of us in His image and when we insult or hate others, we take value off what God has created. This should change our outlook on how we see people once we understand the value of each human’s life. Pastor Mike challenged us to even be aware of the video games we enjoy, as many games involve taking a life, fighting, war games, etc.

Let’s remember that we are all precious to God and are His handiwork! He died for each one of us because He wants a relationship with each of us. Let’s prayerfully consider our attitudes towards others when we are tempted to be angry at them or call them names so we can be obedient to God’s commandments.

Teacher Appreciation Week with a *Change*

Per the flyers coming home today, the Teacher Appreciation Week activities remain the same. However, the Super Hero Dress Up Day has been moved to FRIDAY. What a great way to end the week!

May Service Project

NEW GCA's 10th through 12th grade students will travel to New York City this June. During their time there, they will work with the New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM) serving children, families, and the homeless population in the city. As our last community service project of the school year, we are collecting items to be used during the various ministry opportunities we will be involved in.

Please consider having your student contribute the following items:

Kindergarten	Coloring books
1st Grade	Sidewalk chalk or face paints
2nd Grade	Nail polish
3rd Grade	Rainbow looms
4th and 5th Grades	Colored pencils, markers, or crayons (to be used by children with the coloring books)
6th -12th Grades	Prepackaged, individually wrapped snack foods or cash to be used to purchase food in the city to give to people living on the streets. (In the past, we purchased things like fresh donuts to share with those we were able to spend time talking to and praying with. That brought so many smiles! We would like to do more of that.)

Item should be sent in the week of May 21-25.

We thank you in advance for your support. We also need your prayers for health, safety, and the people God will allow us to minister to through both the homeless ministry and the Basketball City-Fest event in the Bronx.

Soccer and Volleyball Move into Tournaments; Cheer Competes in US Finals

NEW In Thursday's pep rally the spring sports were recognized as well as the comp cheer teams. The girls' soccer team and the boys' volleyball are nearing the end of the season and have worked hard. They are in tournament mode now. The two competitive cheer teams end their season by going to the US Cheer Finals in Virginia Beach Sunday, May 6. Congratulations girls, on attaining this distinction! We know you'll do well!

High School Car Wash: May 5

Unless it rains the high school students of GCA will be holding a **CAR WASH** on Saturday, **May 5th**, from 10 AM to 2 PM. It will be held right behind the Dairy Queen on the corner of Hull Street Road and Bailey Bridge Road. GCA appreciates Dairy Queen's support in providing the hose and water. Come by and we will make the outside of your vehicle spotless! The car wash is on a donation basis, and the students thank you ahead of time for your generosity. *If it is cancelled due to rain, it will be posted on Facebook.*

"Broken is Beautiful"

We have heard from so many mothers how much they enjoyed Muffins With Mom on Tuesday. There were many comments about the time spent in the classrooms with their children, their children's friends, and their mothers.

Many expressed how touched they were by Mrs. Zuskin's message. Several said how timely the message was and how it spoke to their own struggles. Mrs. Zuskin beautifully wove biblical principles and scripture with her personal story. She led her audience through the maze from asking for what / want to asking God for what *He* wants, total surrender even when we do not understand. Mrs. Zuskin's story spoke of a journey that we all take through our own circumstances when we place our trust in God.

Coming Soon

- Curriculum Fees for 2018-2019 should come out in a few days. Curriculum fees are due by August 1; however, if paid within two weeks of publicizing the costs, there is a 5% discount. Be watching for it!
- Much work has been going into the 2017-2018 yearbook. You will want a copy of this hard-cover book of memories. Look for the yearbook order form to come home!

GCA Library News ... Check It Out!

NEW Thank you to everyone who encouraged your child to participate in this year's Book It Reading Program. We participate in programs such as this to incentivize reading with the hope of instilling a love for literature. [We had seventy-seven elementary students meet their Book IT! reading goals for the year.](#) These students will celebrate this achievement during the *Book It Bash* being held outside at GCA Tuesday, May 8.

I also want to recognize those students who participated in the program and met some of their monthly goals. They celebrated with a monthly Book It pizza party during lunch. I'd like to thank the manager, Ben, at the Pizza Hut in Victoria Square on Hull Street for providing each student with a free, personal pan cheese pizza. This location was great to work with and Ben was happy to support our students!

The library will be hosting another end of the year Book Swap June 4th – 8th. This event allows you to donate books your child has read to make room for new summer reading books. You will receive more information about *The Book Swap* in the coming weeks.

Here is a brief explanation of what your child has been doing in library class in recent weeks:

Kindergarten has been using the KWL chart (K = What I KNOW, W = What I WANT know, L = What I LEARNED) before, during, and after reading about various topics.

Grade 1 has been learning about the purpose of How-To books. They are in the process of writing their own set of instructions for a task.

Grade 2 has been learning about text features (i.e. table of contents, index, glossary photographs, captions, headings, bold print, and italicized words) and how they help the reader to use a non-fiction book more effectively.

Grade 3 has been learning about the elements of procedural texts: the goal, materials/ingredients, stepped instructions, and conclusion. We've discussed the importance of being very specific when giving instructions to someone.

Grade 4 has been discussing biography studies and character sketches. We've been making personal connections between famous Americans and ourselves.

Grade 5 has been discussing and practicing research techniques for their fifth grade research papers. They have learned to use targeted keywords when searching online and in the library.

Mark Your Calendar

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