

“Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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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>)

Elementary Chapel + Community Service = Excitement

NEW We were excited to welcome Mrs. Cathy Danko, GCA’s Middle and High School Principal and Assistant Elementary Principal, to our Elementary Chapel this week. Mrs. Danko presented our service project for the month of May and began by asking our students what is Mission Trip? Students suggested that it involves helping other people and telling people about Jesus, both here and abroad. In June, a number of our GCA 10th-12th grade students will go to New York City to work with NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry) to do just that. There are about 9.7 million people in New York City and NYSUM began as an outreach to the people of NYC by training people to minister and help people with needs.

Our students will have the opportunity to help with City Fest, a street-wide event for people in the community. People will be able to receive free food, hear a live church band, talk and pray with someone, play in a Basketball tournament, have their face painted, draw with sidewalk chalk and be entertained by clowns. Our students will also be able to work with homeless people in shelters by giving them blankets and food. In fact, everywhere our students go they will be on mission. In past years, they were able to share the love and hope of Jesus with an ice cream truck owner, a woman shopping, etc. The woman shopping told Mrs. Danko she noticed there was something different about our young people because they were so happy, polite and considerate. This opened the door for her to begin to share how we love people because Christ loves us.

I John 3:17-18 says, “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” God wants us to give as we’ve been blessed. Mrs. Danko challenged our students that they can even be a missionary on their sports fields. We should act differently because we are the “hands” and “feet” of Jesus.

Because NYSUM is not a wealthy ministry, we would like to contribute to them by providing items for our team to bring. If you are able, Kindergarten students can bring coloring books, First graders can bring sidewalk chalk or face paints, Second can bring nail polish (provides great opportunities to talk with people while painting their nails), Third can bring Rainbow Looms (look like rubber bands but are used to make bracelets), Fourth and Fifth can bring crayons, markers or colored pencils. Please bring in items before June 1st so they can be used for this Mission opportunity. Thank you for your participation in our Mission Trip to NYC!

Donuts with Dad

NEW Moms have time with their children at Muffins with Mom around Mother's Day. However, Father's Day occurs after school is out for the summer. Fathers, Wednesday, May 16, is your day! Bring your child to school and have Donuts before school begins.

Donuts with Dad is open 6:30-9:45 AM so whether your child comes for childcare, preschool, or K-12, you can spend time eating together.

ACSI Art Festival

As we have in past years, Guardian Christian Academy is hosting the area ACSI Art Festival on Tuesday, May 15. There will be work displayed from 6-7 different schools, including GCA. Mediums ranged from oil painting and charcoal to sculpture and wood plus much more.

ACSI Regional Art Festival

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Student work will be on public display from 2:00 until 4:00pm.

Please come and be a part of your ACSI Regional Art Festival 2018!

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THANK YOU for Teacher Appreciation Week

As this is being written, it is mid-week—and what a week it has been for the teachers of GCA!! So much of your time and effort has gone into making the teachers feel like loved and cherished. They have been showered with expressions of appreciation from students and parents throughout the week!

Monday morning teachers were greeted with gifts and notes from the students; the personal notes are so meaningful. Tuesday was all about the resource teachers who were blown away with the thoughtfulness of the students and parents. As their items gathered in the atrium and then were wheeled to their recipients, it was evident we have very loved teachers. Wednesday's Subway lunch was such a treat and absolutely delicious. So much thought had gone into the food and the presentation of the lunch; it was not a mere lunch, it was a masterpiece. Thursday, staff and faculty were not only treated to the most amazing popcorn bar EVER, they also had a delicious dinner at The Flying Pig restaurant. It was such a wonderful time of fellowship. Super Hero Day and lovely flowers ended the week with many smiles.

Thank you to all parents who have made this week such a blessing to our teachers.

GCA Cheer Rises to the Top in the US Cheer Finals in Virginia Beach

NEW We are so proud of the competitive cheer teams who received first place in their divisions at the US Cheer Finals in Virginia Beach this past Sunday. Under the leadership of Head Coach Kelsey Danko and Assistant Coach Mandy Hamner-Ford, the team has gained strength in terms of physical skills, teamwork, and character building. We introduce the 2018 Junior Varsity and Novice Elementary US Finals champions! We are so proud of how these girls represent GCA on and off the mat!

3rd Annual Bicycle Rodeo

NEW The Lord blessed us with a wonderful day for our third bike rodeo on Friday, May 4th. We had 55 students who participated from grades kindergarten through fifth grade. The rodeo started with instructions and bicycle safety tips given by Chesterfield County Police Officer Morton. The participants tested their skills at stations such as straight line balancing, speed bumps, and zig-zag. The fourth and fifth graders got to ride with Mr. Branson on the trails behind the school. After the stations, the students rode their bikes around the entire parking lot course.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with morning bike drop-off and the bike stations. A special thank you goes to Mrs. O'Neal for organizing this event, which was a huge success. We look forward to next year's bike rodeo.

What's Happening in Elementary Spanish?

Wow! There is so much going on in Elementary Spanish. Here is a glimpse of what our students are learning:

1st grade: First grade is learning all about the colors found in God's Creation. God made so many colors that appear in fruits, vegetables, animals, and flowers. We also sang a fun song to remember all of our Spanish color words.

2nd grade: Second grade has been having lots of fun learning, "*Cabeza, Hombros, Rodillas y Pies.*" (Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes). We also have been learning the parts of the face as well as our arms and hands. All vessels that we can use to give God glory.

3rd grade: In the third grade, we are learning to say how much we like all of our favorite activities! We learned an awesome new tune to help us memorize our phrases. We also are learning our new Bible verse, 1 Tesalonicens 5:18 "Dad gracias en todo." This verse speaks about the importance of giving thanks to God no matter what the situation.

4th & 5th grade: The fourth and fifth grade has been creating an illustrated book of the Lord's Prayer. Each week we learn a part of the Lord's Prayer in Spanish and illustrate the meaning in the book. It's awesome that our students are able to interact with God and His Word in another language!
¡Tenga un buen dia! (Have a good day!)

Athletics

GCA Boys Volleyball – Your CCAC Champions

On May 4th, the GCA Boys Volleyball team played against Grace Christian Team #2 in the CCAC Tournament Semi-Finals and won 19-25, 25-12, and 15-6. On May 8th, the Boys played Grace Christian Team #1 in the Championship game and your Royal Knights won 25-17 and 25-15. Congratulations to the entire team for a great season and to Coach Dillon.

CCAC Boys Volleyball Final Standings

Guardian Christian	7-2
Grace Christian #1	6-3
Grace Christian #2	3-5
James River Home School	1-7

GCA Girls Soccer Has Close game in Semi-Finals

The GCA [Girls' Soccer Team](#) played in the semi-finals of the CCAC tournament against Spirit Athletics on May 7th at Bryan Park and lost a close game 0-1. The girls' team finished with an overall record of (2-7-2) and a CCAC conference record of (1-4-1). Great season to all of our young Lady Knights, Coach Peters, and Coach Holloway.

CCAC Girls Soccer Final Standings

James River Home School	7-0
Spirit Athletics	4-3
Guardian Christian	1-4-1
Grove Christian	0-5-1

Mark Your Calendar

See the calendar on the website's homepage for school events through May.