

“Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Mon. May 28
Thurs., May 31

Memorial Day; All GCA Programs Closed
Last day for \$150 Registration Rate (\$175 in June)
Last Day for 5% Lump Sum Tuition Discount
Last Day for 5% Curriculum Fee Discount

Celebration!

NEW Earlier this month our Elementary and JV Competitive Cheer Teams both placed first in their respective divisions at the VA Beach US Finals Event. VA Beach is one of eight competition sites across the United States. Winning their divisions earned both teams a spot in "The Champions Challenge". Division winners from all eight locations are evaluated by a panel of judges and scored again. We are so proud to share that our Elementary team placed second in this national competition and our JV team WON!! Our JV team received the highest score of all Intermediate JV teams across the United States, making them Nationals Champions!!! The JV cheerleaders and coaches will receive Champion Rings and the coveted National Champions banner. With over 2,000 teams competing across the sites this year, it was the most competitive year yet, according to US Finals representatives. And we have two teams who made it to the Champions Challenge and one that brought the national title home to GCA!!! Way to go girls!!! And thank you, Coach Danko and Coach Ford!

Are You a Leader?

NEW Sharon Little of Southside Nazarene posed that question to the secondary students in a recent chapel. Mrs. Little stated that often people don't see themselves as a leader however if they have influence of any kind then they are indeed a leader. She gave 5 characteristics of a great leader.

Great leaders have INTEGRITY. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Great leaders have HUMILITY. (Proverbs 11:2, James 4:10)

Great leaders have a DESIRE TO SERVE. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Great leaders DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE.

Great leaders DO WHAT THEY DO BEST AND THEN SURROUND THEMSELVES WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE STRONG WHERE THEY ARE WEAK.

To help students evaluate these 5 characteristics she led them in a thought exercise. First they were asked to complete the sentence "I admire Jesus because . . ." She then had them replace that statement with "I am influential leader when . . ." finishing with the attribute of Jesus from the first statement. Becoming a great leader isn't hard when you look at and model the many attributes of Jesus.

High School Students “Escape the Night” At GCA’s Third Annual Spring Formal

NEW On Friday, May 11, students in grades 9 through 12 gathered to attend GCA’s third annual Spring Formal. This year, the evening took on a different look than the previous two, beginning with a

gathering at Sunday Park in the Brandermill area of Midlothian. Students arrived in their formal attire and gathered with parents and others to take pictures as they prepared to depart in the formal limo bus. The limo departed 6:45 to transport students to the Melting Pot where they enjoyed a three course “fondue-style” meal. From appetizers to the main course to the final course of chocolate dipped fruit and goodies, students enjoyed the unique dining experience, with some trying a number of food items for the first time. The king and queen were crowned for the evening just prior to the arrival of dessert. From there, students were again transported by limo to the Breakout Games escape rooms where they teamed up to tackle the challenge of making their escape from the various room venues. All teams were able to follow the clues to solve the various mysteries and unlock their assigned rooms, though some, in just the nick of time. Gift cards were awarded to the team with the best time. Thank you to all the students and chaperones for making the night so enjoyable.

An Awesome Car Wash!

NEW Many thanks to the parents and friends of GCA who came out to our first High School Car Wash which was held May 5th at the Dairy Queen on Hull Street Road. Those 9th, 10th, and 11th graders worked diligently to make sure the participants’ cars were shiny and clean, and the Lord blessed us with over \$300.00 in the three hours prior to being rained out. While the students were busy cleaning, the teachers present had opportunities to minister some to the participants waiting for their cars. What a special time for all involved. A special thanks to Mr. Kelly for providing special car soap and to Mr. Ferrell for helping in the washing and detail cleaning of those cars.

Early Bird Yearbook Cost through June 15

NEW You will not want to overlook the ordering of this year’s yearbook. There are so many good times wrapped up in one hardcover book! See everything from the first day of school through high school graduation! Order forms are coming home with students TODAY.

Elevate: Sign up Now for Summer Sports Camps!

Have you planned your summer yet? Have you registered online for camps? Once again The GCA and X-Zone bring you summer camps under the name of “Elevate”. Again, here are the camps and dates.

June 25-28:

Soccer	R1-R6	9:00-12:00
Volleyball	R5-R8	9:00-12:00
Volleyball	R9-R12	1:00-4:00
Baseball	Ages 8-14	9:00-12:00

July 16-19:

Cheer	R1-R5, R6-R12	9:00-12:00
Basketball	R1-R5	9:00-12:00
Basketball	R6-R12	1:00-4:00

Register online at www.GCAkids.com/summer-camps or www.XZoneva.org/summer-camps

Plus Music Enrichment Camp for Students Who have Been in Grades K-5

NEW Yes, it’s not only sports camps this summer, but a Music Enrichment camp as well! *This camp is led by our own Mrs. McClure and will be assisted by Ms. Danko.* At the end of the week, campers will

put on a *Friday night musical performance* for their parents and interested persons. This year's musical is "Unselfie - #Selfless in a Selfie World". This musical emphasizes that in today's culture where so many are self-absorbed, true happiness comes through being selfless and by sharing the love of Christ.

The flyer will be coming home Monday. Get all the details. Do not overlook *vital information about auditioning for solos parts or speaking parts*. Do you have friends who might like to be a part? Tell them about it and let's register!

Art Class: What We've Been Up To and Where We're Going

NEW To learn what is happening in the elementary Art classroom and how we'll finish the rest of the year, read the attached. Our students have learned so much this year about mediums combined with nuggets of art theory and art history.

K-5's Annual Book Swap

NEW Have you been sorting through the books at home in anticipation of the Book Swap? As the flyer coming home today says, the Book Swap is designed to promote reading, to further develop a love of books, and to share *good books at no expense!* And it is just in time for summer reading!

We are collecting gently used books children's books for the swap Tuesday, May 29-31. Books must be in great condition: cover on, NO tears, bent edges, stains, coloring, or writing in/on them. Coloring books, sticker books, Golden books, board books and books from kids' meals (i.e. Chick-fil-a, McDonald's, etc.) should not be brought for the swap. Books must be in line with GCA's core values and beliefs

The books must be in a clearly-marked bag with the student's name and brought to the classroom on the designated day:

Grades K – 1: Students will bring books to their classroom teachers Tuesday, May 29

Grades 2 – 3: Students will bring books to their classroom teachers Wednesday, May 30

Grades 4 – 5: Students will bring books to their classroom teachers Thursday, May 31

Points will be given for the type of book (see the flyer), and during the students' Library period the week of June 4, those who brought books for the swap will choose their "new" books. Mrs. Ebert and any volunteers will help the children choose book. Yes, volunteers are needed. Please contact Mrs. Ebert at MEbert@GCAKids.com if you can help. We appreciate your support!

Curriculum Fees – and a Discount

The curriculum fees for 2018-2019 were sent home last week . The curriculum fee must be paid by August 1; if not, it will be billed to FACTS and a \$30 late fee assessed. By the same token, *if you pay by May 31, you will receive a 5% discount!*

Royal Knights Spring Athletic Banquet

NEW The Royal Knights Spring Athletic Banquet was held on Friday evening, May 18th. Following Athletic Director Doug Dillon's welcome, opening prayer, and dinner, our featured speaker of the evening, Trevor Reed, the lone senior at Guardian Christian Academy, spoke on "Why GCA". He spoke on his time here at GCA since fifth grade till present day twelfth grade. He mentioned memories that

will always be a part of his life and encouraged the athletes to appreciate their time and accomplishments at GCA in the area of athletics.

Coach Dillon, Mr. Peters, Miss Danko, and Mrs. Hamner-Ford introduced the 2018 spring sports teams and presented trophies. Each was recognized for his/her contribution to the team and for their hard work that each athlete had given. Senior, Trevor Reed, was also recognized for his participation in athletics the years he attended GCA. Trevor Reed was awarded the “Royal Knight Award”, an award given to the senior student-athlete who has shown excellence in academics, athletics, sportsmanship, and strives to use their talents to the fullest in order to bring glory to the Lord. Mrs. Paul closed the banquet with prayer. Everyone present were proud of the accomplishments of the athletes and what they have gained in terms of physical skills and life skills, character development, and teamwork.

Library Books are “Coming Home”

The last date to check out library books is Friday, May 25, ALL GCA LIBRARY books need to be returned to the library by Friday, June 1. If you have recently misplaced one, now is the time to look in all those unlikely places. It is sure to show up when you least expect it!

Last Week of School for Elementary

In looking ahead the Special Days of the last week of school for elementary grades, they are:

- Monday the 11th: Crazy Hat Day
- Tuesday the 12th: Mismatch Day; Fifth Grade Bridging Ceremony, 7 pm
- Wednesday the 13th: Field Day
- Thursday the 14th: Hawaiian Day, 11:00-12:00; 12:15 Dismissal
- Friday the 15th: The last day of school; 12:15 Dismissal

Mark Your Calendar

See the calendar on the website’s homepage for school events through June.

ART CLASS ROOM NEWSLETTER

K-5

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Art class so far this year has been full of many adventures and a lot of creativity. From pointillism to pop art, the students have experienced many different ways to create art, all while including history, geography and many different artists.

Kindergarten: The Kindergarteners just finish creating fish paintings based off of the artist, Paul Klee. They learned how to draw a fish and how to create a border around a piece of work. They also had the opportunity to use oil pastels for this project.

First Grade: First grade took a look at Paul Cezanne, a still life painter. They used observation to create their own apple still life drawings that demonstrated perspective, composition and color.

Second Grade: In the second grade class they had the opportunity to observe Chinese art, landscapes and that art of writing Chinese characters. They took all of this knowledge to create a landscape painting/ scroll and even got to put into practice their Chinese writing.

Third Grade: The third graders just finished making architecture prints. They each got to design their own building and then create three different prints using a roller and ink. It was messy, but a lot of fun to see the finished product.

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have worked to create 3D, cardboard self-portrait. It took a lot of perseverance to cut out each shape from the cardboard, but they did it and the projects looks pretty cool.

Fifth Grade: For the fifth-graders final project they will be creating watercolor/ pastel paintings based off of the style of the artist, Henri Rousseau. They will create jungle scenes, demonstrating overlapping, composition and color choice.

WHAT'S NEXT?

After finishing our final, end of the year projects the students will be off for summer. I am so proud of how hard they all worked this year and I hope they enjoyed the many different projects they got to create. Hopefully they keep drawing over the break and look forward to coming back to whole new year of art.