

## **“Shout Out”**

**GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

*School has been in session a full week now. Though this is an exception, the “Shout Out” will generally be sent home each Friday for your information and enjoyment.*

*We have heard so many positive comments about the classroom experience this week! We are off to a good start! Remaining are the adjustments to transitions and routine that come with time, smoothing things out.*

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### **Inclement Weather ... and Possibly Hurricane Florence**

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As we look at what impact Hurricane Florence may have in our area, it is a good time to remind you that:

- If Chesterfield County Public Schools close or have an early release/late arrival, GCA will follow suit. Please stay alert to their notifications not only the later part of this week but when winter weather arrives.
- If something were to occur that is specific to only GCA, i.e. our buildings lose power - something apart from CCPS - it will be put on Facebook immediately and teachers would send a Remind 101 text.

In the meantime let's pray for those who are impacted by the hurricane and those who come to their aide.

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### **Notes about Arrival and Dismissal**

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Arrival in the car lines is going smoothly.

- We thank our parent volunteers who set up cones each day in preparation for arrival and then greet each students with a hand and a smile in both loops: Mrs. Garzon, Mr. Talley, Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Curtice. If you are able to help in this capacity on a daily basis (7:55-8:20), please let Ms. Dee know.
- Monday began our second week of school. Elementary parents no longer escort their children to their classrooms, but instead wave to them as they go down the hallway, adjusting to the independence that comes with routine and maturity.
- Elementary dismissal has been changed and hopefully is resulting in a smoother dismissal, allowing parents to enter and exit much more expediently and with greater ease. Thank you for your patience as we work towards this end.
- A reminder for parents of secondary students with elementary siblings: Parents who have both secondary and elementary students may drop *both* of them off at car loop at the front of the main building. The secondary student will walk to Building 3.

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### **“Hand in Hand”: Volunteering**

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To a child, parental involvement validates the child and what he does at school and may result in a more positive attitude toward school and schoolwork. Parental involvement improves the quality of the school, and volunteering raises teacher morale. If you have not returned your volunteer form, please do so right away. Help is needed and always welcomed.

Immediate needs include:

- Help with arrival in front of the main building on a daily basis from 7:55-8:20. Notify Mrs. Adams if you are able to help in this area.
- Helping students select earned coops on “Coop Days” the second or third week of September. This is related to our upcoming Great American fundraiser. Part of 2 or 3 mornings are involved. Notify Mrs. Adams if you are able to help in this area.
- Library needs help with elementary students’ book selection, checkout, and shelving. Notify Mrs. Ebert if you are able to assist.
- Box Tops: Is there someone who will sort and prepare Box Tops for submission? We have a deadline coming up. This is a great project to work on at home. Notify Ms. Dee.

Thank you so much for your involvement and investment in your children’s lives.

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### **Great American**

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The kickoff for our fall fundraiser is Monday, September 17 and runs through October 3. Students will come home with packets for you to go through on the 17<sup>th</sup> so you are fully informed and can assist your children with this endeavor. Catalog items for purchase are geared towards a dual purpose, fitting into your lifestyle of holiday shopping (and baking) while supporting the school. Per handbook this is an all-school participation. More information will be coming very soon.

High school students will participate in “59 Minutes” on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>; please help them prepare to make this a successful experience for them. Again the packet will explain this fully.

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### **Small Group Opportunities**

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Elementary parents for sure have noted the tables spread out in the atrium. Southside Church offers many small group opportunities not only to congregants of the church but to all interested people. You are encouraged to take a look. If there is a small group in which you would like to be involved, sign your name on the paper provided. Small groups range from the typical Bible study or topical study to Southside Riders (motorcycles), a group for single moms, and sign language.

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### **Opening for Part-Time Job**

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GCA is short a person in the lunchroom. If you are interested in a part-time job during school hours, this may be what you are looking for. Hours are roughly 9:00 - 1:30. Responsibilities include setting up, cleaning up, and some kitchen duties as needed. If interested pick up a non-instructional application from Ms. Dee.

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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Staying on top of things includes calendaring. Be sure to have these dates on your calendar or in your phone:

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| September 17 | Great American Kickoff                                    |
| September 19 | “59 Minutes” for high school students                     |
| September 25 | School Pictures (order forms coming)                      |
| September 26 | “SYATP”, 7:30 am  |
| October 1    | “Building Blocks”, an All-School parents meeting, 7:00 pm |
| October 3    | Great American orders due                                 |
| October 5    | Chili Cook Off, 6:30 pm (5:45 for chili entries)          |