

“Shout Out”

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The “Shout Out” is being sent out today since we do not have school tomorrow. This is a busy and exciting time in the life of the school as you can see below!

Safety Concerns

Student safety is a priority of yours and ours. As people become more comfortable in a routine, there is a tendency to become less aware or alert of the familiar. *We ask for the sake of the children that the course of the drop off loop be followed and that students be dropped off in the designated places. Please do not pass another car in the loop.* These conditions set the scene for “an accident ready to happen”. We would all hate to see either a child or a vehicle suffer. If you would like to volunteer in this area, your help is more than welcomed. Leave your name with Ms. Dee.

Elementary dismissal is going well; students are being checked out expediently and parents with multiple children only have one stop to make. However, we’ve noticed that some parents take the opportunity to socialize outside – a good thing - but their children do not stay with them. Again the concern is for the children who are out of sight on a large expanse of property networked with parking lots. Please keep your children with you.

“Picture This”

NEW School pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 25. All students’ pictures will be taken for the yearbook whether they order a package or not. Safety Patrol will have individual and group photos taken as well.

All orders are PREPAID. School order forms and envelopes were sent home today. *If ordering a package, appropriate non-dress code clothing may be worn for the picture that specific day.*

Great American

The Great American Kick-Off Is Monday, September 17!

Full information will be in your packet, everything from products and prizes to the benefits.

Four volunteers are needed on September 24 and October 1. Let Beth Adams know you’re willing.

School Spirit Wear

The window for ordering school spirit wear ends September 30th. Although there will be 2 or 3 other opportunities throughout the year, ordering online for the fall ends this month. Go to www.fancloth.com/23832/405268 to order yours today.

See You at the Pole: Global Student Prayer

NEW On the 4th Wednesday of each September millions of students gather around their flagpoles to pray for fellow students, their school, students in their community, their country, and our leaders.

GCA too joins in the focus as GCA staff, parents, and students gather around the flagpole at 7:30 a.m. to pray. Pastor Mike Hancock will lead us as we come together and then as we pray in small groups. The 2018 See You at the Pole theme is **"Broken"**, based on Ephesians 3:14.

What an amazing thought that on September 26, 2018, millions of people all over the world will be praying - each in their own language! God wants to hear your heart for your school, the students and schools in the community and across the world as well as for leaders who impact our students' lives. So, will you join Him? Will you join us at the flagpole for a Global Day of Student Prayer?

"Building Blocks" ... October 1, 7 pm

One thing that has been requested by a number of parents is to have regularly scheduled parents' meetings. This year we have scheduled 4 all-school parents' meetings, one each quarter. Based on topics parents have indicated they would like to know more about, our first meeting is Monday, October 1 at 7 pm called "Building Blocks. Our vision, the role of the school board, its members, the budget and how it is allocated, and a little about our CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan) which is tied with our vision and accreditation are all things that are foundational to what and how GCA functions. With a little light-heartedness thrown in, it should be a good evening for all.

GCA Family Cook Off

NEW It's a night of family fun! Enter your chili in the contest; bring a side dish, lawn chairs, and lawn games to share. But most of all get to know someone you don't currently know and enjoy those around you.

Put on the apron, stir up that chili and enter it into the contest. Categories are...

Best Overall	Best Vegetarian Chili	Most Creative Name
Most Original	Best Not-Red Chili	New to GCA *

* Entered by a family who enrolled GCA this September for the first time

Flyers with sign-ups will be sent home Monday. Please return them as soon as possible in order to prepare for this family event. Let's see who goes home with the awards this year!

Chilies to be judged must be in place by 6:00

Grandparents Day 2018 (K5-5th grade)

NEW Grandparents' Day was officially Sunday, September 3. However, in order to do justice to our grandparents, GCA holds Grandparents' Day in November. This year's event is Friday, November 2. GCA students will honor their grandparents in special ways.

Be on the lookout for the Grandparents' Day form. In the meantime let your child's grandparents know so they can "Save the Date".

Do You See What I See?

NEW I see stores filled with Halloween and Christmas items. Because some of you may be purchasing or making costumes soon, please keep the following information in mind.

GCA does not celebrate the holiday of Halloween. However, we do recognize harvest time, how much God has blessed us with food, shelter, and so much more. In keeping with the fall fun, on Friday, October 26th, kindergarten-5th grade teachers and students will dress in costume. So as you are looking at options, keep in mind that costumes need to be gender-appropriate and kid **FRIENDLY**. With so many to choose from, it is easy to find a costume that is not associated with something scary, evil, or on the dark side. Stay away from those which are questionable or could become controversial.

On Wednesday evening, October 31st, from 6:30 - 8:30pm, Southside Nazarene Church will host "Trunk or Treat", a fun celebration open to the community. Your children and your teens will want to be there!

Athletics

The Girls Middle School/JV Team has an overall record of 1-2 and a CCAC Conference record of 1-0. On Monday, September 18th, the girls will play against Colonial Heights Middle School at 6:00pm at CHMS.

The Girls Varsity Volleyball Team has an overall record of 7-1 and a CCAC Conference record of 3-0. Over the past weekend our girls won the I-95 Carmel School Invitational Tournament and came home with the first place trophy. On Monday, September 17th, the girls will play West End Christian School at 5:30pm at Carver Academy.

The Boys Varsity Soccer Team has an overall record of 0-2 and a CCAC Conference record of 0-2. On Monday, September 17th, the boys will play Spirit Athletics at 4:30pm at Taylor Park in Ashland.

Mark Your Calendar

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

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 to get set up by 6:00)