

## **“Shout Out”**

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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*Are you planning to order GCA school spirit wear but haven't gotten to it yet? This order period is open through September 30, next week Saturday. Order through [www.fancloth.com/23832/405268](http://www.fancloth.com/23832/405268).*

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### **Add Overview of Crisis Management in the Parent Meeting on October 1**

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**NEW** It has come to our attention that a number of parents are not aware that GCA has written Crisis Management plans for a number of emergency situations and that we actually practice scenarios regularly. It is important that you be aware of this and feel confident knowing that your children are in good hands. Therefore, a few minutes of the parent meeting, “Building Blocks”, October 1 at 7 pm, will be added to give you an overview of Crisis Management at GCA.

Again, “Building Blocks” will share an overview of school board role and structure, the budget, religious exemption, and accreditation. Now we add to that an overview of Crisis Management. There will be some give aways and a good time will be had by all. To request the right size room/space, we need to know who is coming; please RSVP on the form sent home Monday.

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### **“The Weather Outside Is ... “**

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**NEW** The weather outside has had quite an effect on school life, first the potential impact of Florence and now a day with multiple tornadoes. Both remind us how easy it is to take life for granted. May we always treasure the time and blessings God has given us.

If you have not had an opportunity to read the email sent yesterday about the safety protocols for tornados that were put into place on Monday, please do so. We take our students safety very seriously, and we desire that you be assured that they are kept as safe as possible.

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### **“Picture This”**

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Prepaid 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. *Appropriate* non-dress code clothing may be worn for the picture that specific day.

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### **See You at the Pole: Global Student Prayer**

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Pastor Mike Hancock, Children's Ministry Pastor of Southside Nazarene Church, will lead a short devotional on Wednesday morning, September 26, as parents, students and staff members gather at our flagpole to pray. GCA will join the millions of other students, parents, and staff who meet on the 4th Wednesday of each September to specifically pray for their schools, the students within the school and the community, and those whose decisions impact students. The 2018 See You at the Pole theme is **“Broken”** based on Ephesians 3:14. We hope to see you there!

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## Great American

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Has your child become a master salesman? Monday was the Great American Kick-off! Wednesday the high school students participated in “59 minutes” and in that length of time earned \$1,000 for the school! If your child is shy and hesitant to ask personally for support through Great American, the online service is the perfect way to do it! The little while it takes to set it up is well worth the results when family and friends, whether they live locally or states away, support your child and his school. (Instructions are on a white sheet in your packet.)

Again, the proceeds from Great American go for:

- Cubbies with totes in 6 preschool classrooms
- Additional science materials and STREaM materials for the elementary grades
- A bell system for middle school and high school which rings as classes begin and end
- Additional funds goes toward more mimeos, portable equipment which convert a whiteboard into an interactive smartboard

Monday is the first “Coop Day”. If your child has sold 2, 6, or 10 items, he/she needs to bring in the “coop-on”, signed by you the parent to receive his next coop(s). The next “Coop Day” is near the end of the fundraiser, Monday, October 1. We look forward to seeing how 100% participation will add to our students’ school experience.

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## Anticipating GCA’s Family Cook Off

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**NEW** Have you returned your Chili Cook Off form? Are you ready to show off your world famous Chili? What’s it all about?

- The chili contest
- A leisure family evening
- Meeting new families
- Uniting returning families

If you misplaced your form, extras are available at the front desk.

Incoming families, did you see the category called “New to GCA” ; this category is for the Best Overall Chili among the families who entered GCA for the 1st time this fall. This is your opportunity!

***6:00 Chilies are judged; 6:30 we eat***

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## Introducing Community Service 2018-2019

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**NEW** Community service is a strong component in grades K-12 at Guardian Christian Academy. Community service promotes an awareness of the world and its needs, fosters empathy, engages students as active citizens from an early age, and helps them understand how they fit into a society where each is a part of a solution. Students learn to see others through the eyes of Jesus and to view people with compassion and insight, caring about both their external and internal needs, understanding the tie between civic responsibility and Christian citizenship.

Community service also gives you the parent added opportunities to help your child understand the blessings we enjoy and how to share them with others. As is the norm for GCA, opportunities for

involvement are given throughout the year both in the classroom and through school-wide endeavors. One way is by collecting a specific item (or items) each month which goes to help those with a specific need. Each month you can look forward to hearing more about these areas of personal investment. Here are the projects for the first semester.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Collected Item</i>
October	Soles 4 Souls	New and Gently Used Shoes *
Nov. - Dec.	Change 4 Change	Change: Christmas celebration for struggling families *
January	Connor's Heroes	Items for Children Fighting Cancer *

\* Full details will be in the "Shout Out" the beginning of each month.

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### **Fall Festival Costumes**

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Stores are filled with Halloween and Christmas items. 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.

GCA does not celebrate the holiday of Halloween. However, we do recognize at this harvest time how much God has blessed us with food, shelter, and so much more. Our celebration is Friday, October 27, 2:00.

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### **Reminder**

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Grandparents' Day, for K-5 Students, is celebrated at GCA on Friday, November 2. Be on the lookout for the Grandparents' Day invitation. In the meantime let your child's grandparents know so they can "Save the Date".

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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