

## **“Shout Out”**

**GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

*We have completed our first week of semi-normal routine. Aren't we thankful the hurricanes and tornados are behind us and we can focus on what is before us!*

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### **“Who is God”**

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**NEW** Elementary Chapel began this past Friday with Mrs. Brinkley speaking to us about “Who is God?”. Many students gave thought provoking and insightful answers to that question. Mrs. Brinkley confirmed to our students that God is: our Father, Savior and Lord; perfect, the one who created the world, lives in heaven, and the one who loves and cares for us. She also told us that God cannot do anything different than what He is. He can't be hateful because He is love. He can't make mistakes because He is perfect. We also discussed what God is NOT: He is not dead, fake, sinful, or dark. Since God lives in heaven, we discussed what heaven will be like and that God can't live somewhere that isn't perfect like Him. God calls us “aliens” because our spirits don't really belong here on earth. Ultimately, heaven is our eternal home and because Jesus lives in our heart, we can look forward to being with Him someday in Heaven!

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### **“Building Blocks”: Parents' Meeting, October 1**

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Thank you for the response to this coming Monday's parents' meeting. Many of the school board members will be present as well; we look forward to introducing them. Please note that this is a meeting for parents and will hold the interest of adults. We anticipate that on a school night children will be at home either with a second parent, a sitter, or that alternate arrangements will be made. We know many of you understood this but don't want to assume that that is true of everyone.

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### **Chili Cook Off**

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Have you returned your Chili Cook Off form yet? Are you ready to show off your world famous chili recipe? The annual Chili Cook Off is a great place to get to know other families – or to take up where you left off with those you already know. Check the flyer for details ... send in the form letting us know you're coming. Join the fun and enter YOUR chili in the contest!

Rain date if needed .... October 12.

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## **Coop Days and Great American**

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The Great American Fundraiser is coming to a close; October 3 is when orders are due. There is one more Coop Day at hand – Monday, October 1. Bring your “coop-ons” Monday and exchange a coop-on for a coop! This weekend could be a time to reach your goal! We’ve heard of students who have sold 20-35 items each! Perhaps they are discovering a gift or calling! All those who sell 10 or more items will be able to participate in Great American’s version of Bingo where everyone comes away with something to show for it. Any way you look at it, we are all winners when we work together towards the classroom cubbies, additional science resources, the secondary bell system, and possibly even increase the number of mimios we have!

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## **GCA Celebrates First National Honor Society Induction**

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During the course of the 2017 – 2018 school year, GCA was accepted as an official member of the National Honor Society, and Mrs. Burton completed work on drafting the official bylaws for the Knights Chapter of the NHS. The first official induction ceremony occurred on Friday, September 21. This special event was held to induct students from the junior and senior classes who had previously met all of the rigorous requirements for membership in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The students honored were Haley Ferrell, Noor Shah, and Savannah Smith. As this organization grows, the student group will join together in maintaining a personal commitment to excellence, in promoting that same commitment to the student body through their leadership, and in serving their school and community.

Over the coming months, we will complete the process for acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society which will recognize students in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades who meet similar requirements in those same areas. In May, GCA will hold what will become our annually scheduled induction ceremony for middle and high school students into both the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. Further information regarding our bylaws and qualification criteria will soon be found on the GCA website under the Student Life tab. Mrs. Burton, our Guidance Director, serves as the faculty sponsor for this organization on the campus of GCA.

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## **K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Grandparents’ Day 2018: “What’s in a Name?”**

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Grandparents’ Day 2018 is coming quickly; it is Friday, November 3, 9:30 -12:15. *Students still arrive at 8:00 and begin class at 8:15 even though the grandparents do not arrive till much later.* However, Grandparents’ Day activities do not begin until 9:30.

The theme this year is “What’s in a Name?” Grandparents’ Day is a time of celebration and being grateful to and for our grandparents as we honor and spend time with them. Like previous years, only grandparents attend this particular event. We invite *all* family and friends to attend the Christmas musical, “Jingle Bell Beach” on December 7.

Once again, this is a scheduled half day for the students; with parental authorization, grandparents may sign out the students at dismissal time. In order to prepare for this special day we need you to complete the following form and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Thursday, October 18.

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

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What started as a student initiative by one youth group over twenty five years ago has become a national movement with millions of people joining together to pray for their schools, communities, and our nation. On Wednesday morning, September 26, staff, students, parents, and visitors joined together for a time of prayer around the flagpole.

Pastor Mike Hancock led the group in a time of reflection on Ephesians 3:14; people who have turned their all over to the Lord kneel at His feet and realize who they are in Christ. Next, those gathered broke into smaller prayer circles and joined hands. Pastor Mike instructed the groups to pray fervently on each topic he provided. It was a powerful experience to know that all of our voices were joining together with so many others across our Nation to offer prayers of hope and thanksgiving to our Lord.

If you missed the opportunity to pray with us this year, please come and join us next year as we once again join with millions of others around the Nation to pray around the flag pole.

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### **“Jingle Bell Beach” Auditions Will Be Held Tuesday, 3:15-5:00 pm**

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It’s now time for solo and speaking part auditions! All K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are in the Musical and received their Christmas Musical CD with a parent letter early this week. **Second through fifth graders** may choose to audition for a solo part, while **fourth and fifth graders** are eligible to audition for a speaking part. Closed auditions will be held in the Music Rm. on Tuesday, October 2, from 3:15-5:00 p.m. Please wait in the foyer for your child, and when the group finishes at 5:00 we will come to the foyer as a group so you can sign out your student. **The signed permission slip with parent contact information is needed prior to the audition for your child to attend.** Thank you so much!

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## **Athletics**

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### **GCA Girls Middle School Volleyball Team**

The Girls Middle School Team has an overall record of 2-5 and a CCAC Conference record of 1-2. Their next game is Monday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> against Grove Christian School at 5:45pm at Carver Academy on Brander's Bridge Road in Chester

### **GCA Girls Varsity Volleyball Team**

The Girls Varsity Volleyball Team has an overall record of 12-2 and a CCAC Conference record of 7-0. Our next game is Monday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> against Grove Christian School at 6:45pm at Carver Academy on Brander's Bridge Road in Chester. They play right after that game at 7:45pm versus Central Virginia Home School.

### **GCA Boys Varsity Soccer Team**

The Boys Varsity Soccer Team has an overall record of 0-4 and a CCAC Conference record of 0-4. The soccer team plays today, Friday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> against Lynnhaven Academy at 3:30pm at Point of Rocks Park on Enon Church Road in Enon.

### **GCA Coed Cross-Country Team**

The Coed Cross-Country Team had their first meet of the season on Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fork Union Military Academy. The team will compete in the CCAC Invitational Meet on Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm at Pocahontas State Park.

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## **Reminder**

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K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades: As you are looking at costume options for the Fall Party October 26, 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.

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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.