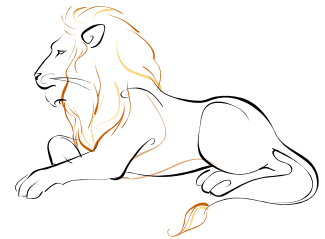




GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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HEADMASTER'S CORNER

Curriculum has arrived, desks are here, and the furniture is on the way! It has truly been exciting to see how God has miraculously orchestrated all the details for GCA to open doors in such a short amount of time. As we begin this school year, I want to share with you a few of the miraculous events that have happened to make Grace Christian Academy a reality:

March 24—First parent meeting with over 100 people attending.

April 22—Williamson County gives GCA approval to move forward.

Christ Presbyterian Academy donated 80 desks and chairs to GCA (the same number that Williamson County approved for us to start the school.)

Traffic Study completed, approval letter from the State Fire Marshall's office, and all other reports approved by Williamson County Commissioners (this usually takes 6 months to a year to receive approval.)

Curriculum was donated from a local vendor. Although we were only able to use a small portion of the donated material, we were able to sell the rest and utilize the funds to purchase other needed items.

This list does not include all that the Lord has provided however, this should give you a glimpse of how the Lord is meeting our every need. We are blessed to serve an awesome God who sustains, provides and gives wisdom as we faithfully move forward with GCA.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. This is going to be a wonderful school year!

"Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

GCA FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK—RSVP Required



Attention GCA Families: If you have not received an e-vite for next Tuesday night's GCA Families Potluck Event, please immediately contact Susan Gates at susan_m_gates@yahoo.com and she will send it to you. RSVP's are required so that we can prepare enough main food items, provide serveware, and drinks—thank you!

Special Information:

- GCA Fellowship Potluck
August 11th 6:00-7:30p
Welcome, Meet/Greet Families & Staff-RSVPs required
- School Calendar, Curriculum, Uniform Policy, After School Care Program, GCA Shirt Order Form & Newsletter now online- Share with your family & friends!
- 6 days until the 1st day of school!

August/September Calendar Items

August Tuition due	Aug 3
Order Polo Shirts	Aug 6 & 7
Fellowship Potluck RSVP Required	Aug 11
1st Day of School!	Aug 13
No School—Labor Day	Sep 7

GRADE LEVEL COMBINATION CLASSES

For this school year, we will be combining 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grades. Because enrollment is slightly less than expected in each of these classrooms, we needed to combine these grades. Here are a few questions that you may have:

Will the teacher use the same curriculum for both grades? In Language Arts and Math, the students will have their own grade appropriate curriculum. In Bible, Science, and History, the students will be taught the same curriculum; however, the teacher will vary assignments, quizzes and tests.

Will testing & homework be the same? The teacher will vary the assignments and assessments to make the educational experience challenging and appropriate for each grade level.

What curriculum will GCA be using? The curriculum we have chosen is biblically based and academically challenging. You can review the curriculum listing online on our website <http://www.gcalions.com/curriculum.php>

How will the teachers handle 2 different grade levels? We intentionally hired teachers for these classes that:

1. Are qualified and experienced educators.
2. Have experience with most of the curriculum we are utilizing.
3. Both are extremely organized and creative.

We will continue to observe and assess the progress of the students and we will make appropriate changes as needed.

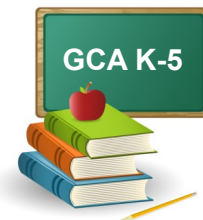
Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

\$150 REFERRAL FEE

In an effort to partner with our families, we are excited to offer you a referral fee of \$150.00 per qualified family that you bring to us (this referral amount will be credited to your October tuition statement). This would be a great way to secure Christian families that are like-minded and that would be willing to partner with our GCA school family as we move forward.

GCA UNIFORM SHIRT ORDER FORM-Available Online

The GCA uniform white shirts have arrived and are ready for you to place your order. We have white shirts available in Youth & Adult sizes, in both short and long sleeve options. If you would like to confirm the correct size, please stop by the school office immediately and have your child try the sizing sample shirt on. Your shirts will have the GCA logo embroidered on the left chest and will be available for pickup at the potluck if you order today. If you have any other items that you want embroidered, please bring them to the school office in a bag labeled with your child's name. The cost for each logo embroidery is \$4.00 and will be added to your next month's invoice, or you can pay GCA at the time you bring your item in.



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GCA Uniform White Shirt order form is downloadable from our website <http://www.gcalions.com/uniformstandards.php> or pick one up from the school office if you didn't receive it by email.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SNACKS: Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade—please bring a healthy snack for your child each day for them to eat at snack time. (ex: whole fruit, applesauce cup, 100% fruit juice, whole grain crackers—please no high sugar content foods.)

LUNCH—Students will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink each day. We encourage parents to send a variety of healthy choices for their children. (Please do not send carbonated drinks or high sugar content foods.)



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SCHOOL HOURS

Student Drop-off Time: 7:30 a.m. (Supervision is not provided before 7:30 a.m.)

School Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

1/2 Day Hours: 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

After School Care Program—2:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (registration is required.)

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

Students will need to be dropped off and picked up in the circle round in front of the church lobby. On inclement weather days, students will be dropped off and picked up from underneath the portico. Please be patient in the car rider line. For safety of everyone, please do not allow your child to get out of the car until we open their door.

PARENT/STUDENT/VOLUNTEER/VISITOR ENTRANCE

All campus visitors must enter from the doors leading in to the school entrance lobby. Please do not use the main church entrance at the front of the building. All visitors and volunteers must sign in and receive a badge to wear in the building at all times. Please sign out when you leave and return the badge. Teachers will be happy to let you know when they need classroom volunteers for special projects.

All students must be signed in tardy at the front desk if arriving after school starts at 8:00 a.m.

Please refer to the attendance policy <http://www.gcalions.com/guidelines.php>

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

After School Care Program hours are from 2:45p.m.—6:00p.m. for each day that school is in session. This program is not open on 1/2 days.

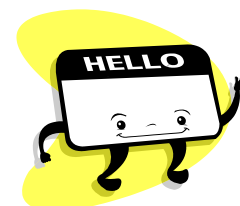
The registration form must be completed before you can use the program. Please review the information on the website at <http://www.gcalions.com/afterschool.php> for more information including guidelines and pricing. If you plan to use the program occasionally, you must complete registration documents and the cost per child will be \$6.00 per day.

Please call or email if you have any questions.

information@gcalions.com Office Phone: 615-591-3017 Fax: 615-591-5576



*“God will keep
in perfect peace
the one whose
mind is stayed on
Him.” Isaiah 26:3*



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