



Academy Notes

August 19th, 2011

Welcome Back!

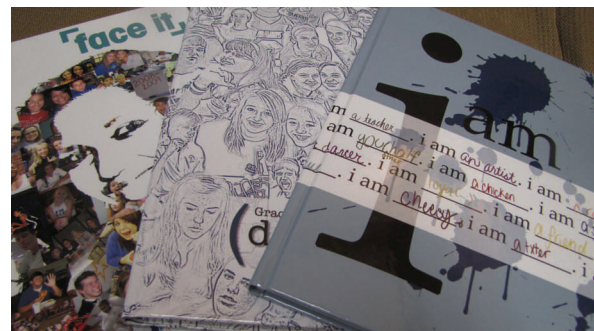
Welcome to all 920 new and returning GCA students!!!

Parents, we are glad and honored that you have chosen GCA to partner with you in the education of your children. We look forward to an exciting 2011-2012 school year full of new challenges and new achievements.

YEARBOOKS PRE-SALE

GCA Middle/High School Yearbooks are \$65 if pre-ordered. We will offer them at this price until August 31st. Online ordering is available at www.jostensyearbooks.com; be sure to choose *Grace Christian Academy, Knoxville, TN*. Order forms are also available at the MS Front Desk and HS Front Desk.

GCA Elementary Yearbooks are \$25 if pre-ordered. We will offer them at this price until September 30th. Online ordering is available at www.jostensyearbooks.com; be sure to choose *Grace Christian Elementary School, Knoxville, TN*. Order forms are also available at the ES/MS Front Desk. If you have questions about the Elementary Yearbook, contact Julie West, Teresa McNelly or Julie Bass.



INCIDENTAL BILLINGS

Have you received an email from FACTS notifying you about an incidental bill (sports fees or class retreats)? Please remember, incidental billings **ARE NOT** automatically drafted. You must log into your FACTS account to review and initiate payment for any incidental bills. Questions? Contact Jill Akers or Susan Whitaker in the Financial Office at 691.3427.

SPIRITWEAR is available for purchase from the **GraceGear Store**, which is open Wednesdays 2:45-4:00PM and Thursdays 7:00-9:00AM. Come check out the variety of styles, colors, and sizes—you're sure to find something you'll love!



CALENDAR of SCHOOL EVENTS

Sep. 05	No School — Labor Day
Sep. 07-09	7th & 8th Grade Retreat
Sep. 13	Senior Parent Meeting 7:00PM
Sep. 14-16	6th Grade to Tremont Senior Class Retreat
Sep. 15	Fall Pictures
Sep. 20	Junior Parent Meeting 7:00PM
Sep. 23	Homecoming

Oct. 12	End of 1st Quarter PSAT Testing Day (9th-11th Grades) College Visit Day for Seniors Early Dismissal for HS only
Oct. 13-14	No School — Fall Break
Oct. 21	Uniform Consignment Sale Report Cards Sent Home

A complete GCA At-a-Glance Calendar is available for download on ParentsWeb and the school website (www.gracechristianrams.org) A continuous school calendar is also available at both sites—please check it often for upcoming events, school holidays, directions to ball games and more.



SCHOOL HANDBOOKS

It is very important that you read the **Parent & Student Handbook** and refer to it throughout the year. Many of your questions can be answered by referencing these handbooks.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the school clinic. You do not need a medical background and will be provided training. Volunteers mostly give TLC, take temperatures, put on band aids and ice packs for boo-boos. If you could spare a few hours per week, and help keep our clinic open all the time, please contact Susan Lewis, school nurse, at 691.3427 or slewis@gracebc.org for more information



OTC Medication Parents, please consider completing a medication form and sending it in along with the OTC medication so that when your child has a headache, cough, etc., we can treat them without having to contact you to bring in medication. You can put all OTC medications (such as Motrin, ibuprofen, Tylenol, cough drops) and the dosage for each on one form. Forms are available online or at either school office.

GCA FACULTY and STAFF EMAILS

We encourage parents to keep in touch with GCA teachers and staff via email. Email addresses are available on the GCA website:

www.gracechristianrams.org



STUDENT INFORMATION

Have you recently moved? Changed your cell phone number? Gotten a new email address? Would you like to add another emergency contact or pick-up person for your student? **Then you need to get on ParentsWeb!** You have the power to change your family demographics. Just log on to your ParentsWeb account, click on the Family Information tab, and then click *Family Demographic Forms*. Choose the form you need to update, enter the information, and click the save button. It's that simple! **Please keep us updated, so we can keep you informed!**

DUAL ENROLLMENT for JUNIORS/SENIORS

The last day to register for dual enrollment classes at Pellissippi is August 24th; the deadline for applying to receive a dual enrollment grant is **September 15th**. For questions regarding the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant program requirements, please contact the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation at (615) 741-1346 or toll free at 1-800-342-1663. You may visit the website at www.collegepaystn.com for more details.



HS DROP/ADD DEADLINE

The deadline for dropping/adding a class on your high school schedule is **Tuesday, August 30th**. Please make an **appointment** with Ms. Poole to drop/add a class.

Sports News

Congratulations to the GCA HS Golf Teams: Last Saturday, both golf teams placed 6th (out of 12 or more teams) in the 2011 Rotary Club of West Knoxville High School Shoot Out at the Wee Course. **GCA Senior Bryce Kendrick placed 1st in the boys division.** Last Monday, both golf teams finished 2nd in competition at Knoxville Golf Course. Bryce Kendrick led the boys team with a 32, while Mackenzie Hodge and Blythe Scrivner led the way for the girls by each shooting a 43. Go RAMS!!!

Middle School Fall Athletics

Aug. 22	Volleyball B vs. North Middle Volleyball A vs. North Middle	4:30PM 5:30PM
Aug. 23	Volleyball B @ Episcopal School of Knoxville Volleyball A @ Episcopal School of Knoxville	4:30PM 5:30PM
Aug. 25	Football vs. Episcopal School of Knoxville	7:00PM

Aug. 29	Volleyball B vs. Sacred Heart Volleyball A vs. Sacred Heart	4:30PM 5:30PM
Aug. 30	Volleyball B @ St. John Neumann Volleyball A @ St. John Neumann	4:30PM 5:30PM



High School Fall Athletics

Aug. 19	Football @ Carter	7:30PM
Aug. 22	Golf vs. Karns & Clinton (Knox Municipal) Volleyball vs. West @ KIL Tournament Volleyball vs. South-Doyle @ KIL Tournament Volleyball vs. Farragut @ KIL Tournament	4:00PM 5:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM
Aug. 23	Golf @ Union Co. & Alcoa (Three Ridges) Cross Country @ 2 Mile Time Trial (Hardin Valley) Soccer vs. Fulton Volleyball vs. Bearden @ KIL Tournament	4:30PM 5:00PM 6:30PM 6:00PM
Aug. 25	Golf @ Grainger Co. (Clinchview) Volleyball vs. West	4:00PM 4:30PM
Aug. 26	Football @ Anderson County	7:30PM

Aug. 26	Soccer vs. David Crockett (Field 2) @ Sevier County Tournament	7:00PM
Aug. 27	Soccer vs. East Robertson (Field 2) @ Sevier County Tournament Soccer vs. William Blount (Field 1) @ Sevier County Tournament	11:00AM 6:30PM
Aug. 28	Soccer vs. Sullivan South (Field 1) @ Sevier County Tournament	10:30AM
Aug. 29	Golf vs. Anderson Co. & Union Co. (Knox Municipal) Volleyball vs. Lenoir City	4:00PM 5:00PM