



Academy Notes

December 2nd, 2011



Because of you...

...and your generous support, we are able to reach our goals. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Annual Fund this year.

Yearbook Sale—Sale ends Dec. 9th

If you missed the first sale, now is your chance to order your 2011-2012 GCA Elementary (\$35) or Middle/High School (\$75) Yearbook at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

For a MS/HS yearbook, choose *Grace Christian Academy, Knoxville, TN*; for ES, choose *Grace Christian Elementary School, Knoxville, TN*. Order forms are also available in both school offices, on the school website, and on ParentsWeb.



Christmas Performances

MS-HS Choral Dinner Concert
Dec. 12 6:00PM in the MS Gym & GBC Worship Center
Band Concert
Dec. 15 7:00PM in Cullum Hall



Give the Gift of Productivity this Holiday Season!

Parents, students, faculty, and staff - you can purchase the full suite of Office 2010 Pro Plus from ACSI partner Paragon Micro/EDU for the incredibly low price of **ONLY \$99!** Office 2011 for Mac is also available for \$99. **In addition, for every suite ordered, Paragon will credit GCA \$5 towards future technology purchases.** To order, click [HERE](#). But hurry! This offer ends December 31st. Questions??? Please contact GCA Technology Coordinator, Polly J. Brake, at PBrake@gracebc.org.



Uniform Sale

Educational Outfitters is having their semi-annual sale throughout the month of December—**10% off everything in the store!** (embroidery and logos excluded). This is a great time for parents to make those last minute purchases for Christmas and prepare for the inevitable growth spurt that occurs over Christmas break!

CALENDAR of SCHOOL EVENTS

Dec. 12 MS-HS Choral Dinner Theatre
Dec. 15 GCA Band Concert
Dec. 16-21 HS Semester Exams (schedule on pg 2)
Dec. 19 8th Grade Semester Math Exams
Dec. 20 8th Grade Semester Science Exams
Dec. 21 End of 2nd Quarter
Early dismissal for all grades

Dec. 22-Jan. 04 Christmas Break
Jan. 05 Students return
Jan. 05-13 Winterim for HS Students
Jan. 06 Report Cards sent home
Jan. 10 Kindergarten Open House 6:30PM
(for prospective students & their parents)
Jan. 12 Re-Entrustment begins



Mini-Me Cheer Nights

Join your favorite cheerleaders on the sidelines during the first half of the Lady Rams home basketball games. 11 spots are available per game; spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$20 for the 1st game per child, then \$10 for each subsequent game per child; cost includes a set of cheer poms and signed megaphone.

Register online through ParentsWeb. Log in to ParentsWeb, then go to Web Forms, click on "Mini-Me Cheer Nights Registration Form" and choose the game(s) at which your little cheerleader would like to perform. Payment must be made prior to the performance; please make checks payable to GCA.

Poinsettias for Sale! Just in time for the holidays, GCA HS Choir offers locally grown poinsettias! Great for decorating and gift giving. All proceeds will benefit GCA High School Choir! Click [HERE](#) for an order form. **Hurry—sale ends Dec. 7th!**



A new club is in town. The **HS DRAMA CLUB** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 3:15PM in the GCA library. At this first meeting, we will discuss the goals of the drama club and the activities for the rest of the year. If you like competing, attending plays and musicals, and ministering to others through the medium of drama, this is the club for you. Check it out!

8th Grade Semester Exam Schedule Dec. 19 - Math; Dec. 20 - Science

Students will take their semester exam during their regular class period

HS Semester Exam Schedule

Dec. 16	period 7 exam 1:50 - 3:05
Dec. 19	period 1 exam 8:15 - 9:30
	period 2 exam 9:45 - 11:00
Dec. 20	period 3 exam 8:15 - 9:30
	period 4 exam 9:45 - 11:00
Dec. 21	period 5 exam 8:15 - 9:30
	period 6 exam 9:45 - 11:00

December 19th-21st,

HS students will be dismissed at 11:00 AM; the HS building will close at 11:30 AM

HS students do not need to report to school unless they are taking an exam; HS students who have an exam during the first time period, but not the second, may leave at 9:30 AM; HS students who do not have an exam during a time period, but are on-campus due to transportation issues, must be in the gym or a designated study hall room

HS students MUST be in GCA dress code during exam days

Be a part of History—HonorAir-Knoxville

HonorAir-Knoxville is taking applications for **student escorts** to accompany area veterans to Washington, DC. Interested students can find an online application at <http://honorairknoxville.com/>. For more information, call 938.7701 ext. 226 or email applications@honorairknoxville.com.

The next HonorAir flight is scheduled for Apr. 18th, 2012.





Special Meeting*

All coaches, parents, and athletes are invited to the HS Dining Hall on Wed., Dec. 7th, at 4:00PM for an informational meeting on the topic of *Concussions and Youth Sports*. Special guest speaker is Dr. Irfan Asif, Assistant Professor at UT. This meeting is open to the public; no registration is necessary. Click [HERE](#) to view a flyer about the meeting.

**This meeting is mandatory for all GCA coaches.*

Middle School Athletics

Dec. 05	Basketball @ ESK Basketball @ Webb	Girls B-5:30; Boys B-6:30 Girls A-5:30; Boys A-6:30	Dec. 20	Basketball @ Webb	Girls B-4:30; Boys B-5:30
Dec. 08	Basketball @ Kings Academy	Girls B-5:00; Boys B-6:00	Dec. 26-30	Basketball @ Karns Tournament	TBA
Dec. 15	Basketball vs. CAK Basketball @ Freedom Chr.	Girls A-4:30; Boys A-5:30 Girls B-7:00	Jan. 06	Basketball vs. Webb	Girls B-4:00; Boys B-5:00
Dec. 19	Basketball vs. Berean	Girls B-4:30; Boys B-5:30	Jan. 09	Basketball @ Berean Basketball vs. Maynardville	Girls B-5:00; Boys B-6:00 Girls A-5:00; Boys A-6:00

Gear Up Now for Spring Soccer

The GCA men's soccer team has begun Winter conditioning practices. **All future players are expected to attend every session.** Players should report to the HS weight room at 3:15PM each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. See you there!

Soccer meeting for players & parents on **Thursday, Dec. 8th at 5:00 PM** in HS 186 (Coach Giles room).



Track & Field—Coming to GCA this Spring!!!

Spring 2012 will be the inaugural season for the GCA Rams Track & Field team. Shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, triple jump, and running events will be available. Interested? Sign up in the HS office! Questions? Please contact Coach Al Rodd at 269-4644 or arodd@gracebc.org. Pre-season workouts will be starting soon, so plan NOW to be a part of this new program!

Anyone interested in participating in track this 2012 spring season needs to attend a short meeting (both athletes and parents) on **Friday, Dec. 2nd, @ 5:00 PM** in HS 106

High School Athletics

Dec. 02	Basketball vs. Oliver Springs (Hawaiian Night) JV Boys-5:00PM; Girls-6:30PM; Boys-8:00PM	Dec. 15	Wrestling @ South Doyle (Sevier Co & Union Co) 6:30PM
Dec. 03	Wrestling Duals @ McMinn 9:00AM JV Basketball vs. Karns Boys-10:00AM; Girls-11:00AM	Dec. 16	Basketball vs. Tellico Plains JV Boys-4:00PM; Girls-5:30PM; Boys-7:00PM
Dec. 06	Basketball @ Greenback Girls-6:30PM Wrestling @ Karns (West & Sevier Co) 6:30PM	Dec. 17	Swimming @ Clinton Community Center 9:00AM (Karns & Anderson Co.) Wrestling Christmas Clash Tourney @ Central 9:00AM JV Basketball vs. Hardin Valley Boys-10:00AM; Girls-11:00AM
Dec. 08-10	Grace CrossTown ThrowDown Tournament	Dec. 23	Wrestling Duals @ Bearden 9:00AM
Dec. 10	Swimming—Ray Bussard Invitational TBD @ Allan Jones Aquatic Center	Dec. 28-30	Midway Basketball Tournament
Dec. 13	Basketball @ Rockwood Girls-6:30PM Wrestling vs. Hardin Valley & Maryville 6:30PM Basketball @ Cosby V Boys-8:00PM	Dec. 30	Wrestling Duals @ Alcoa 10:00AM

This Sunday, the undefeated Grace Christian Academy Rams HS Football team will be recognized in both morning services at Grace Baptist Church.

Guidance Information

Class of 2012 Parents: The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available Jan. 1st, 2012. Be sure you have your PIN number for filing the FAFSA; both student and parents will need a PIN number. To create a PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

Dual Enrollment: Juniors or seniors planning on taking dual enrollment courses next semester will need to complete a dual enrollment application even if enrolled in a dual enrollment course this semester. Log on to www.tn.gov/collegepays to complete the application.

Standardized Tests:

The next **ACT** will be Dec. 10th; registration is closed, but standby testing is available. To learn about standby testing, go to actstudent.org

The next **SAT** will be Dec. 3rd; registration is closed, but standby testing is available. To learn about standby testing, go to sat.collegeboard.com

The **ACT Poster Contest** for juniors and seniors runs Dec. 5th-Jan. 28th. Create an original poster that answers the question, "Why take the ACT?" and you might win a \$5,000 scholarship! Official contest rules are posted at www.actstudent.org/postercontest.

College Visits, Programs and Information:

UT's Medical Exploration program allows students to learn about careers such as nursing, physical therapy, physicians and dieticians. To prepare for the 2012 summer program, interested students are encouraged, but not required, to attend the fall lecture series that meets at 4:00PM one Thursday a month (September-April). For more information visit gsm.utmck.edu or call 865.305.9294.

Scholarship Information:

The **Elks National Foundation** provides several scholarship opportunities for seniors. Eligibility, deadlines and applications for the Most Valuable Student Award, Legacy Award and Educational Grants can be found at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/>.

Burger King Scholars is accepting applications from seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.50. Applicants must plan on enrolling in an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution next year. Application deadline is Jan. 10th. Visit http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html to apply.

The **American Legion Tennessee High School Oratorical Scholarship** Program is open for 9-12 grade students who have the desire to speak clearly about the Constitution of the United States. Interested students should see Ms. Poole by Jan. 13th. For more information, visit www.tennesseelegion.org or call 423.754.4817.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship is accepting nominations for seniors with exemplary leadership skills, minimum GPA of 3.00 and a demonstrated financial need. Teachers, coaches, community or religious leaders can nominate students before Feb. 12th. If interested, look for an application at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx>

Seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.75 who are interested in attending UCLA and majoring in theatre are eligible for the **Jim Varney Scholarship**, which covers the full amount of tuition and room/board. Application deadline is Mar. 31st. For more information, contact Ms. Poole at dpool@gracebc.org.