



# Academy Notes

February 17th, 2012

## Re-entrustment discount ends February 29th

Re-entrust your current GCA student for only \$200 per student (a \$50 discount); this offer is good through the end of February. Open enrollment began February 1st, so take advantage of this reduced fee and re-entrust your Rams TODAY to ensure their place for next school year.

## Are your kids too young for Kindergarten?

Enroll now for Grace Baptist Church's Pre-Kindergarten and Mother's Day Out programs for the 2012-2013 school year.

Contact Darlene Shannon at 342-3836 or [sshannon@gracebc.org](mailto:sshannon@gracebc.org) for more information.



## Did you know???



When you refer a family to GCA\* and they enroll a student, your family will receive a \$100 discount on tuition for the year! This is just a small way to thank our GCA families for sharing their positive experiences with their relatives and friends. We know that our best advertisement is YOU!

\*In order to receive the discount, the new family must mention your name during the interview so that this can be documented by the principal.

LANDS' END  
SCHOOL



**save the date!**

Lands' End Family  
& Friends Event

25% Off + Free Shipping

February 23 thru February 28  
Watch for details.

## CALENDAR of SCHOOL EVENTS

**Feb. 20 No School — Presidents' Day**

Feb. 28 High School Play

Mar. 02 Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures

Mar. 06 Prospective Kindergarten  
Open House 6:30PM

Mar. 07 PLAN Test for Sophomores

Mar. 14 End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 15 Nat'l Jr Honor Society Induction

**Mar. 19-23 No School — Spring Break**

Mar. 30 Report Cards sent home

**Apr. 06 & 09 No School — Easter Break**

Apr. 17-20 Achievement Testing Week (K-8th)

Apr. 18-23 HS Choir Tour to Chicago

Apr. 25 Nat'l Honor Society Inductions

Apr. 26 Night of the Arts

MS-HS Home Choral Concert

## **Phantom of the Old Opera House**

presented by the HS Drama Class

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00PM Chi Sigma House of GBC

The old Opera House in Denville has been vacant for a quarter of a century. It was 25 years ago when a group of actors was staging *The Phantom of the Opera*. At the climax of the play, the "hero" supposedly shoots the Phantom, but the prop gun was loaded with real bullets—and the actor playing the Phantom was actually murdered. The opera house was closed, and as the years passed, strange lights and sounds in the theatre led to the theory that the old building was haunted...by the ghost of the murdered Phantom.

Now—25 years later, the local high school drama class decides to revive *The Phantom of the Opera*—on the abandoned stage. The results are funny, mysterious, and scary!



"From the bottom of our "hearts", we want to thank everyone who contributed to Hearts 4 Haiti. Through lots of prayer and with your help, we will be donating over **\$2500.00** to the Macedonia Mission Orphanage. These funds will be used to meet the needs of 22 orphans left to Connie Anderson in Haiti. Thank you! Thank you!

~~the Grace Pre-K Staff

## **Amazing Opportunities for Winning!!!**

Educational Outfitters is pleased and excited to announce their **Annual Scholarship Contest**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves creatively regarding their thoughts on the theme of: "Faith, Hope, and Love". This contest is open to K-12th grade students and will be judged according to the student's grade level. **First place winners will receive a \$2000 scholarship dispersed to the student's school as credit toward their 2012 tuition.** Click [HERE](#) to view, download, or print an informational flyer and entry form.

**Kohl's Cares Scholarship** program is accepting nominations for students ages 6-18 whose volunteer service has made a positive impact on their community. Nominations must be made by Mar. 15th, and the online application can be found at [act.org/kohls](http://act.org/kohls). Questions about the program can be answered by emailing [kohls@act.org](mailto:kohls@act.org) or by calling 319.341.2932.

**Old Gray Cemetery Poetry Contest** is open to Knox County students age 16 and older. Poems must be typewritten, 30 lines or less and in any verse form. Poems must be submitted by Mar. 23rd. Details can be found at [oldgraycemetery.com/Site/Poetry](http://oldgraycemetery.com/Site/Poetry)

**UT Knoxville** will host a series of "**Introduction to Engineering**" courses for rising 7th-12th graders during the summer of 2012. Participants will learn about careers in engineering, explore the UTK campus, tour engineering labs and spend a weekend living on a college campus! Register online at [enr.utk.edu/edp/pre\\_college.html](http://enr.utk.edu/edp/pre_college.html) before Mar. 2nd.



**Ferrum College**, located in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, offers a variety of summer enrichment programs for students in 4th-7th grade. Program dates are July 15-21 or July 22-28 and the cost is \$655. Visit [ferrum.edu/fcsec](http://ferrum.edu/fcsec) or call 1.800.508.7822 for more information.



## Grace Youth Football

Grace Youth Sports (a ministry of Grace Baptist Church) will be offering Youth Football sign-ups in early March for 7- to 11-year-olds for the 2012 Fall season. Pricing and other information will be provided in the near future.

**NEW for Fall—Grace Youth Sports will be offering flag football for 5 & 6 yr olds.** These football players will be playing on a county league team. Make plans now to sign up your son for Fall football!

## Middle School Athletics

\*all MS Baseball games are played at Knox Co. Sports Park

Feb. 25 Baseball vs. Catholic (field #4) 11:00AM  
Feb. 28 Baseball vs. Hardin Valley (field #1) 5:45PM

Mar. 01 Baseball vs. Carter (field #3) 7:30PM  
Mar. 05 Baseball vs. Clinton (field #1) 7:30PM  
Mar. 06 Baseball vs. Concord Christian (field #1) 7:30PM

## STATE BOUND!!!

At the Region 2 Wrestling Tournament last Saturday, **5** (count them, **5!**) GCA wrestlers qualified to participate in the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament.

This is an **AMAZING** accomplishment in Grace Wrestling history, as only 2 other GCA wrestlers have ever advanced to the State level. GCA also finished 5th place overall (out of 16 teams) in the Region 2 Tournament, just 3 points behind 4th place Halls HS (Gibbs HS, Pigeon Forge HS, & Powell HS were the top 3 place finishers). Congrats to all the wrestling team and coaches on a great tournament!



Freshman Patrick Smith, sophomore Todd Hargis, senior Christian Steward, sophomore Austin Saporito and sophomore Michael Johnson will compete in the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 16th-18th in Franklin, TN.



## Great Showing at State!!!

Congratulations to **Jack O'Connor**, who placed **7th in the STATE** in the 50 m freestyle and **14th in the STATE** in the 100 m freestyle at the 2012 TN State High School Swimming & Diving Championship last Friday and Saturday in Nashville. Swimmers and divers representing 114 teams from across the state of Tennessee competed in 24 different events. Although Jack qualified for 7 individual events, competition rules dictate that a swimmer can only compete in 2 individual events. Due to Jack's awesome swimming, GCA placed 26th in the men's division. Great job, Jack—and kudos to all the swimmers and coaches on a fine season!

## High School Athletics

Feb. 16-18 Wrestling Individual State Tournament @ Franklin, TN TBA  
Feb. 25 Softball @ Heritage Play Day TBA  
Mar. 01 Tennis @ William Blount HS 4:00PM  
Mar. 02 Tennis vs. Bearden HS (West Hills Courts) 4:00PM  
Mar. 03 Softball @ Powell Play Day

Mar. 05 Tennis @ Campbell County HS 4:00PM  
Track & Field @ Hardin Valley Practice Meet 5:00PM  
Mar. 08 Soccer vs. Alcoa HS 6:00PM  
Mar. 09 Tennis @ Oak Ridge HS 4:00PM

# Award Winners!

## Congratulations to the 2012 KYS 9-11 Girls Basketball Tournament Champions!



This team, coached by Brett Ellison and James Lewis, was comprised of GCA 5th grade girls: Tara Conway, Abby Dickens, Olivia Ellison, Lauren Lewis, Gentry McReynolds, Kara Nipper, Virginia Pirkle, Reagan Shaw, and Abby White. These young Lady Rams competed in the Knoxville Youth Sports basketball league to better prepare themselves for middle school basketball next year. Great job, girls! We look forward to seeing you on the court in 2012/2013!



## Congratulations to Senior Taylor Ault!

Of the 2,000+ junior handlers competing in the United States who earned win & placement points, GCA Senior Taylor Ault is the 8th highest ranked junior in the nation and the highest ranked German Shorthaired Pointer junior handler in the nation! Taylor placed 2nd in the Junior Division of the ACK/Eukanuba National Championship held in December; this past week, Taylor has been competing in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Fantastic job, Taylor!

## Congratulations College-Bound Senior Student-Athletes!

In recent weeks, these seniors have signed to play sports for their respective college destinations.

Chesney Williams—Softball & Soccer  
University of the Cumberland



Christian Steward—Football  
Carson-Newman College



Parker Shelton—Football  
Lindsey Wilson College



# Guidance Information

## Standardized Tests:

The next **ACT** will be **Apr. 14th**; early registration ends Mar. 9th. Register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

The next **SAT** will be **Mar. 10th**; late registration ends Feb 24th. Register at [sat.collegeboard.com](http://sat.collegeboard.com)

An **ACT Prep Workshop** will be conducted by Mr. Firebaugh on Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00AM-12:30PM. Cost of the course is \$20 (includes snacks and the book *ACT for Dummies*); please sign up in the HS office. Due to space restraints and supplies, all attendees must be pre-registered and pre-paid for this workshop!

## College Visits, Programs and Information:

**UT's Medical Exploration** program provides students an opportunity 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](http://gsm.utmck.edu) or call 865.305.9294.

**Visit Carson-Newman College!** Showcase Saturdays are Feb. 18th and Apr. 14th. Visit [cn.edu](http://cn.edu) or call 965.471.3223 for more information. Public and private tours are also available.

**MTSU's Honors College** will host its annual President's Day Open House on Monday, Feb. 20th. Register by calling 615.898.5464 or visiting [mtsu.edu/honors/openhouse](http://mtsu.edu/honors/openhouse)

**Auburn University's Engineering Day** will be Friday, Feb. 24th from 8:00AM–12noon CST. E-Day is an excellent opportunity for middle and high school students to explore Auburn's wide variety of engineering disciplines and to meet current students and faculty members. Register online at [eng.auburn.edu/eday](http://eng.auburn.edu/eday) or contact [karchcr@auburn.edu](mailto:karchcr@auburn.edu) for more information.

**UT's College of Engineering** will host Sneak Peek 2012 on Apr. 20th for HS juniors. This is an opportunity for underrepresented juniors who are interested in pursuing engineering at UTK and who have a minimum Math ACT of 25 to interact with current engineering students and faculty. Interested students must complete an application packet by Feb. 24th. Call 974.1931 or email [zespinoz@utk.edu](mailto:zespinoz@utk.edu) for more information.

**King College's First Look** will be Feb. 25th from 8:30AM – 1:30PM. Prospective students will meet King College faculty members and current students. Register online at [firstlook.king.edu](http://firstlook.king.edu).

**Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School** offers five weeks (Jul. 1st- Aug. 4th) of academic study, athletics, and exploration that can enrich the lives of high school students. For more information about academic and extra-curricular offerings, visit [exeter.edu/summer](http://exeter.edu/summer) or call 603.777.3488. Financial assistance is available to eligible students, but must be requested by Mar. 1st.

**UT College of Veterinary Medicine** is accepting applications for the 2012 Veterinary Summer Experience Program to be held Jun. 4th - Jul. 27th. Junior and senior students interested in veterinary medicine and who have a minimum GPA of 3.00 are encouraged to apply. Participants will work in a veterinary practice for seven weeks and then spend one week at the UT Veterinary School. Online application deadline is Mar. 5th. For details, visit [vet.utk.edu/summerexperience](http://vet.utk.edu/summerexperience).

## Scholarship Information:

**The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** awards **multiple scholarships** to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education. Application details and deadlines can be found at [dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm).

In honor of Black History Month, the **Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest** will award 25 \$5,000 scholarships to high school seniors! Essay must be about an African American, past or present, who has inspired you. More details can be found at [regions.com/ridingforward](http://regions.com/ridingforward). Contest deadline is Feb. 29th.

The **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program** wants to reward students who have succeeded both inside and outside the classroom, and who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. Seniors must plan on majoring in engineering, technology or select design and business related programs. Scholarship amounts range from \$2,000 to \$25,000! Apply online at [buickachievers.com](http://buickachievers.com) by Feb. 29th.