



**GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
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**THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER**

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**THUMP ... THUD , THUMP ... THUD!**

When a potter bakes a pot, he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the oven and thumping it. If it “sings,” it’s ready. If it “thuds,” it’s placed back in the oven. The character of a person is also checked by thumping. Have you been thumped lately? Late night phone calls. Grouchy teacher, Grumpy moms. Burnt meals. Flat tires. You’ve –got-to-be-kidding deadlines. Those are thumps ~ irritating inconveniences that trigger the worst in us. How do we respond? Do we sing? Or do we thud? If you have a tendency to thud more than you sing, take heart. There is hope for us “thudders”. Begin by thanking God for thumps (James 1:2). Every thump is a reminder that God is molding you (Hebrews 12:5-8). Learn from each thump. Look upon each inconvenience as an opportunity to develop patience and persistence.

Remember, no thump is disastrous. All thumps work for good if we are loving and obeying God.

*Excerpts from “Shaped by God” by Max Lucado*

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**Points of Interest ...**

- Sept. 1 PTO 6:00 pm
- Sept. 5 **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 9 Grandparents Day  
Gr. K5-3 9:00-10:30
- Oct. 5 **SCHOOL PICTURES**

**SPECIAL THANKS ...**

*We want to thank all the students, parents and teachers that came out on Saturday to complete some projects at Grace.*

*We put new sand in the Kindergarten sand box; new mulch was put around the playground equipment and dirt was spread around the back field to level it for the football games. Thank you one and all for the great team work.*

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 School: M-F 7:30-4:00  
 Business: M-W, F  
 8:00-4:00  
 (CLOSED ON THURSDAY)  
 Church: T-TH 9:30-4:00

**GRACE CHRISTIAN ACQUIRES NEW TEACHERS ...**

*We are pleased to announce the addition of our newest staff members: Miss Amanda Smith, gr. 1, Mrs. Christina Luginbuehl, gr. 2 and Ms. Barbara DePue, gr. 4/5.*

*They are already enjoying their students and getting to know each one. Be sure to say “hello” to them when you get a chance.*

**ELEMENTARY COMPUTER CLASSES ...**

Once again we are pleased to have Mr. Dan Acker and Mrs. Lis Allen volunteering to teach our elementary computer classes this year. Classes will begin on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students are asked to bring traditional headphones for class. Please be sure they are labeled with you students name.



## PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization)

Grace Christian School welcomes parent involvement in school activities. In many cases teachers depend on the help that parents offer. **Our 1<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>ST</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Library.** Please join us and bring your ideas!

### VOLUNTEERS ...

If you are interested in becoming a VOLUNTEER at Grace, please stop by the school office and pick up a volunteer application. This process also requires background check and fingerprinting. Stay-at home Mom's can also volunteer, check with your child's teacher to find out how. Volunteers receive a \$100 tuition reimbursement at the end of the year for 10 hours of service



### FALL SPORTS ...

Grace Christian School is offering competitive sports in Volleyball, Flag Football and Cheerleading. This provides our students with the opportunity for physical exercise and learning skills as a team member.

The school is a member of the Suncoast Christian Conference and competes with other area Christian and private schools. Students in grade 6-12 whose academics meet the participation standards may try out for any sport. Each student on the team is required to have an Athletic Physical Exam, an Athletic Participation Form and a copy of health insurance on file before they are permitted to play in a game.

Come out to the games and cheer our teams on to victory! First home game is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Copies of games schedules are available at the school office.

### HOMEWORK HOTLINE

\* Available after 4:30 pm

Mrs. Royster	#372	Mrs. Williams	#366
Miss Smith	#361	Mrs. Casler	#373
Mrs. Luginbuehl	#364	Mr. Gauthier	#367
Mrs. Vasseur	#360	Mrs. Neinhuis	#369
Ms. DePue	#362	Mrs. Garcia	#370
		Miss Seidelmann	#371

## YEARBOOKS ...

The last day to order your 2011-12 yearbook at the \$35.00 price is Friday, October 7, 2011. The price will go up to \$40 starting October 8, 2011 through November 18, 2011. You may order online and pay with debit or credit card at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Please enter "Grace Christian School Hudson Florida" in the search to locate our school. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Casler at [mrscasler@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscasler@yahoo.com) or 727-863-1825. Below is the fee and deadline schedule for the remainder of the year.

### Price for Yearbook

\$35.00  
 \$40.00  
 \$45.00  
 \$50.00

### Deadline for ordering

October 7, 2011  
 November 18, 2011  
 March 30, 2012  
 After March 30, 2012

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### FUND RAISERS ...

Grace Christian School subscribes to the following fund raising programs:

General Mills Box Tops for Education  
 Campbell's Labels for Education  
 THINK Re-cycle

Some of these programs offer CASH directly back to the school for projects we would like to complete. Through the Campbell's program, we choose items from a catalog that will enhance our programs here at Grace.

Please help by saving Box Tops, Campbell's labels and turning in used ink cartridges, cell phone and digital cameras. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to save too!

There are other Re-cycling projects going on in the classrooms. See Mrs. Casler for details.

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 GIFT CARDS – if you use gift cards for grocery shopping, gasoline, birthday gifts and such consider purchasing them through Grace Christian School. *Scripts* provides a cash back discount to the school for each card purchased. SWEETBAY SUPERMARKET ... From Sept. 7 – Dec. 6, 2011 Sweetbay Supermarkets are supporting schools. To find out how the program works visit their website at [www.sweetbaysupportschools.com](http://www.sweetbaysupportschools.com).



### NEW ... Coupons for the Military!

If you are a shopping "coupon" lover but have unused or expired coupons, please send them into Grace. We will be collecting coupons for a new program that sends the coupons to state-side and overseas military personnel. Help us support the men and women who serve and protect our country.

## CLUBS at Grace ...



### YEARBOOK ...

Do you like to write, organize, promote or draw? Perhaps your talents can be used on the Yearbook team. The Yearbook staff needs committed, dedicated enthusiastic high school students to become part of the team that produces the Grace Christian School yearbook. For details, see Mrs. Casler, the yearbook advisor.

### STUDENT COUNCIL ...

Students in grades 7-12 participate in Student Council. This group of students provides services, sets up fund raisers and assists with other programs in the school. Consider what you have to offer and how you can be a part of the Student Council. For more information see Mrs. Casler, Student Council advisor.

### RECYCLERS ...

Apart from the school-wide fund raisers, the **Tree Huggers** group sponsors classroom recycling that help raise money for Grace Christian School. You can recycle just about anything and Mrs. Casler has a list of items that students at Grace are recycling. Join the **Tree Huggers** if you are a "green" thinker.

### HONORS ...

High school students who maintain good grades and good behavior become part of the Honors Club. Each year they earn the privilege of going on a 4-5 day trip as a reward.

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## GRACE BIBLE CHURCH ...

*We're very excited to welcome Pastor Sean Maniscalco to the staff of Grace Bible Church. He will be overseeing the youth ministries. He and his wife have already become active with the teens and are looking forward to sharing many ideas for the future of our youth ministries. They have two children who are students at Grace Christian School. Pastor Sean will be available Tuesday – Friday from 9:00-3:00.*

- **KIDS CLUB ...** Students in grades K5 – 6 are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 for a time of fun and fellowship. For further details contact Pastor Sean, the Youth Pastor at Grace.

**NOTE:** Kids Club does not meet on days there is no school at Grace Christian School.

- **JH/SH Youth Group** meet every Wednesday evening for students in grades 7-12 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come out and learn how you can make a difference for Jesus Christ in the world we live in.

**\*\*Junior/Senior High Students - SAVE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.** We're going to the beach! Come join the fun from 9:00-3:00. See Pastor Sean for details.