

# THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER October 2, 2017

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#### From the Principal ...

On Sunday it was shared that a man was in a hurry and needed some supplies quickly. In the midst of hurrying a person asked the man about the writing on his T shirt about a Christian camp. The man was in a hurry and needed to leave, but this person continued to ask questions which were delaying him from his other tasks. The man stopped and realized that this person needed the gospel. The man humbly shared the gospel to this person.

There was another lady who did not have transportation or money. She had several children and no husband. She didn't know what to do and cried out for help. A man was informed of the situation, but he was very busy. He didn't have time to help. But he stopped what he was doing and contacted the lady. He shared God's word with the lady and prayed with her. He then helped with some of her other needs.

We have seen calamity with the recent hurricanes. There have been deaths in Las Vegas and suicides in other areas. There have been many that have been injured or ill. I have seen great stress among families and friends. In Romans chapter 20 Paul tells us that even in times of stress he served the Lord with great humility and with tears, he did not hesitate to preach God's word. In verse 35 Paul writes," In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " As God's people we need to be humble, to preach God's word and to reach out to the lost, weak and needy.

#### Calendar Dates ...

- 10/2 Progress Reports sent home/due back signed within 48 hours.
- 10/4 INTERNATIONAL
   DAY Latin/Spanish
- o 10/11 PSAT Testing, gr. 11
- 10/13 ½ Day;
   11:10 Gr.K-5 dismiss
   11:20 Gr. 6-12 dismiss

#### Dismissal/Parent Mtgs.

- 10/16 NO SCHOOL / Parent Meetings
- 10/18 K5/1 Field Trip
- 10/23 Q1 Report Cards sent home
- o 10/26 SPIRIT DAY Theme is
- 10/27,28 Varsity
   Volleyball Tournament @



# Wednesday – September 27, 2017

#### **MEET YOU AT THE POLE!**

This is a special time for the entire student body, faculty and staff to meet around the flag pole to pray for our nation and its leaders. We count it a privilege to have the freedom to pray for our country freely.



# **September Spirit Day**





Our WACKINESS is showing!!

NEXT SPIRIT DAY ... THURSDAY, October 26th - THEME: Dress like 100 years ago - Centurian

# **CALENDAR ITEMS ...**



### International Food Day October 4, 2017

We will be celebrating Latin/Spanish cuisine this month by providing "tastings" of foods from different Latin/Spanish countries. Student will enjoy these treats at lunch times. This does NOT take the place of their lunch, but sure to send in their normal lunch or have them order. It is only a sample. Students must have the parent-signed permission forms to participate.

#### PSAT TESTING - October 11, 2017

Students in grade 11 and some 10<sup>th</sup> graders ill be taking the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:10-11:20 am. PLEASE do not schedule early morning appointments outside of school on this day – there is no make-up date for this test. Be sure your student gets plenty of rest the night before and is prepared with two #2 pencils and a calculator.

#### FRIDAY - October 13, 2017 - EARLY DISMISSAL

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be an early dismissal (half day of school). Grades K5-5 dismiss @ 11:10 and gr. 6-12 dismiss at 11:20. There will be NO LUNCH PROGRAM this day. Students staying for After Care must provide their own completely disposable lunch. After Care will go to its regular time, 6:00 p.m.

There will be Parent/Teacher Conferences from 12:00-4:00. Teachers or the school secretary will contact you to schedule your appointment.

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 – Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 8:00-4:00.

# WEDNESDAY - October 18th, 2017 - FIELD TRIP

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be going to Pasco Safety Town in Spring Hill to discover different ways to be safe in all environments of today's world.

#### MONDAY - October 23, 2017

First quarter report cards will be sent home with your student. Please review it, sign it and return it. These become part of your student's permanent record.

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ...**

**UNIFORM ORDERS** ...Orders for school uniforms is done for the fall. The next time you will be able to place an order is January.

**FRIDAY T-SHIRTS:** We are deciding on a new vendor – orders will be placed this Friday. Last year's Friday shirt may be worn until the new ones come in. Students without a Friday T-shirt are required to wear their regular school uniform on Fridays.

# HOMEWORK HELP ... Available every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:00 pm.

#### **ABSENCES AND TARDIES ...**

If a student is absent from or tardy to school <u>a written note of explanation is required</u> so the student's attendance can be marked appropriately and he/she can get make-up work for the time they have missed. Please send in written notes for absences on the day they return to class. A physician's note is only required after an extended absence of 3 or more days.



#### **SPORTS**

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME SCHEDULE**

Practices: M,T,TH.F 3:15-5:15

Day/Date	Opponent	Team	Time / Home or Away
M 10/2/17	Faith Outreach	Varsity only	4:30P HOME
TH 10/5/17	Oldsmar	JV/V	4:30 P HOME
M 10/9/17	HOPE	Varsity only	6:00 P HOME
T 10/10/17	FISH	Varsity only	6:30 P Away
TH 10/12/17	Elfers	JV/V	4:00 P HOME
T 10/17/17	Spring Hill	JV/V	5:00 P Away
TH 10/19/17	FISH	Varsity only	5:00 P HOME
F 10/20/17	HOPE	Varsity only	5:00 P Away
M 10/23/17	Faith Outreach	Varsity only	4:30 P Away
T 10/24/17	Elfers	JV/V	4:00 P Away
TH 10 26/17	Solid Rock	Varsity only	4:30 P Away

**NOTE:** JV Tournament @ Grace Christian School – November 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> – Times to be announced.

If you are looking for volunteer hours – we need Ticket Takers at the **HOME** games. Please call the school office to sign up – 727-863-1825! On page 32 of the Parent Handbook you will note the recommended Dress Code for Volunteers and Visitors for school events both on and off school grounds. We appreciate our volunteers, visitors and spectators representing Christ by dressing modestly at all times.



#### GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

- ➤ **KIDS CLUB** ... Students in grades K5 5 are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm for a time of fun and fellowship. For further details, contact Pastor Sean, the Youth Pastor at Grace.
  - SPECIAL EVENT ... The Kids Club Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-7:30 pm. See Pastor Sean for details.

**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 6-12 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.
  - Special Event Celebration Station All-nighter, Oct. 13-14. See Pastor Sean for permission slips.

HOURS: School Office: M-F 7:30-4:00 / Business Office: M-W,F 8:00-4:00 CLOSED THURSDAY / Church Office: T-TH 9:30-4:00 GRACE BIBLE CHURCH AND SCHOOL IS A SMOKE FREE CAMPUS