



THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER

October 3, 2016

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - A Ministry of Grace Bible Church
9403 Scot Street, Hudson, FL 34669
www.gracechristianschoolfl.com

From the Principal ...

A parent shared with me that their children have learned so much the first seven weeks of school. They said the learning is challenging, but the children are enjoying it. I was pleased that they liked learning new things.

Learning is something that takes place all of the time. Sometimes learning is fun and sometimes sad or difficult, but it is important to learn and respond as God would have us. Listed below are some passages to encourage you and maybe **learn** something new too!

Isaiah 1:17. **Learn** to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Titus 3:14 Our people must **learn** to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

Philippians 4:12-13. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have **learned** the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Calendar Dates ... OCTOBER

- 3rd Progress Reports go home. Due back by Wed.
- 12th School Pictures
- 14th ½ day – dismissal @ 11:10, gr. K-5 and 11:20, gr. 6-12 /Parent Meetings
- 17th No School – Parent Mtgs.
- 19th PSAT's grade 11
- 24th Report Cards go home.
- 27th SPIRIT DAY – Country/Western Theme

See the Athletic Calendar for game dates and times.

UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR
ATTACHED – reference if often to

SCHOOL PICTURES ON OCTOBER 12TH, 2016 ... READ the information being sent home with your student today.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS ...

On Friday, Oct. 14th there will be a half day of school for students. Dismissal will be as follows: 11:10 am for grades K-5 and 11:20 am for grades 6-12. After Care will be available until 6:00 pm. There will be NO LUNCH PROGRAM. If your child is staying after 11:20, please provide a completely disposable lunch for them.

During the afternoon, there will be brief Parent/Teacher meetings to update you on your child's progress in school thus far. These are required meetings held twice a year for all parents.

On Monday, Oct. 17th – there is NO SCHOOL for students. Parent/Teacher meetings will be held from 8:15-4:00 this day as well.

Due to our large student population this year, conferences may be scheduled before and after these 2 days. We will try to make every effort to accommodate your schedule.

SOMETHING NEW

On the second Wednesday of each month during this school year, you can join the Principal, Mr. Pratt, for coffee, fellowship and prayer from 8:00-8:30 am. The next fellowship will be held Wednesday, October 12th from 8:00-8:30 am - just stop by the office to sign in.

FRIDAY T-Shirts ...

The design has been chosen, the order is placed and delivery is set for October 10th. Once your student receives their 2016-17 Friday T-shirt, any and all old designs may not be worn. If your student did not order a Friday T-shirt they are required to wear their regular school uniform on Fridays.

SPIRIT DAY ... THURSDAY, October 27th - Country/Western

This month's theme is to dress in a country or western fashion. Remember to stay within the GCS Dress Code Guidelines. Students in grade 7-12 are not permitted to wear shorts. There is a contest each month and the class with the most students dressed out will win a prize. Show your school spirit by participating!

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS ...

Handbooks are now available for pick up at the school office. Parents are required to sign the Agreement form attached along with a Permission to Photograph your student for school use. Please stop by the school office as soon as possible to pick up your copy.

MEDICATIONS ...

If your child is not feeling well and you have signed the Medication Authorization form for them to have Over the Counter Medicines at school, please note – medicine that you prefer your child to take must be provided by the parent. It must be clearly labeled with their name and dosage preferred. Generic Ibuprophen, Tylenol and cough drops are the only things carried at the office.

SPORTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Opponent	Team	Time / Home or Away
M Oct. 3	F.I.S.H	Varsity	6:30 Away
TH Oct. 6	Solid Rock	Varsity	4:30 Away
T Oct. 11	Oldsmar	JV/Varsity	4:30/5:30 Away
TH Oct. 13	HOPE	Varsity	4:30 HOME
T Oct. 18	Spring Hill	JV/Varsity	5:00/6:00 Away
TH Oct. 20	W. Hernando	JV/Varsity	4:00/5:00 HOME
M Oct. 24	Elfers	JV/Varsity	4:00/5:00 HOME
F Oct. 28	Faith Outreach	Varsity	5:30 Away
F/S Nov. 4 & 5	JV TOURNAMENT	@ Grace	TBD

BASKETBALL SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. If you are available to help, we need Ticket Takers and Concession Stand workers. Please contact the athletic director, Mr. Borgia.



FUND RAISERS ... Turn in your labels weekly. They are collected and counted every Friday. We have a contest going on until September 25th. The class with the most fund raising product labels turned in wins a prize!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION ... www.boxtops4education.com

Check out their website for a list of products you can purchase.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS ... www.labelsforeducation.com

Look on the website for label products that we can use!

COKE REWARDS ... www.mypoints.com/REWARDS

Tyson Project A+ ... www.projectaplus.tyson.com

Kellogg's Family Rewards ... www.kfr.com

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 – MEET YOU AT THE POLE PRAYER TIME



Over 180 students, parents, faculty and staff joined together in prayer. We shared scripture, sang and prayed for our nation, military, Christians, students, and the sick and needy. Praise and thanksgiving were given to our God and King.



COMING SOON ...

The annual Grace Christian School family luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 11:30 am. Family members are invited to this lunch. This is a FULL DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:00 am-2:45/3:00.

Further details on the luncheon will be in the next newsletter.

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: Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 22nd 5:00-7:30 pm. Invite a friend! Further details coming soon.**
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.
SUMMER 2017 – The young people will be working towards raising funds to attend a Christian camp this year. Be looking for events they will sponsor to help raise funds towards this program.

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