



THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal ...

ABIDE

Last week I cut off branches from some of my trees and cut vines that were growing on the ground and trees. A few days later the vines had withered and the leaves on the branches were wilted and brown. They were dead. They had no strength on their own. John 15:4,5 says, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." The King James Version uses the word "Abide" instead of "remain" both mean to stay put or adhere to. Christians that Abide or remain with God will have strength in a new life of love, joy, and peace. We will obey God and be loved by God (verse 9) and we will be friends of God (verse 14). When we abide with Christ we learn that we can do all things through Him.

Calendar Dates ...NOVEMBER

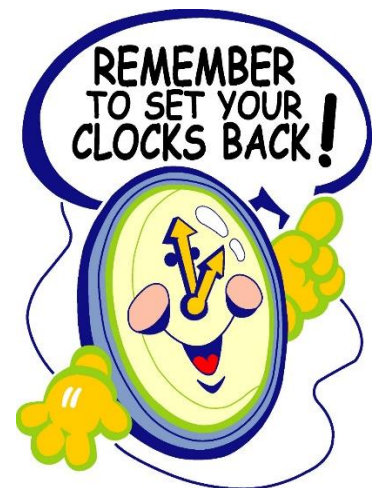
- 1-16 CANNED FOOD
GOODS COLLECTION -
Contest by class –
winner gets a surprise
- 4-5 JV Volleyball
Tournament @ Grace
- 6 Daylight Savings ends
- 7 Progress Reports –
sent home
DAY OF PRAYER
- 9 Coffee & Prayer with
the Principal 8:00-8:30
am
- 11 Veterans' Day Program
- 16 Picture Re-take Day
- 17 SPIRIT DAY – Military
theme
- 20 GBC Harvest
Sunday/incl.
free dinner
- 22 Annual GCS Family
Thanksgiving Lunch
- 23-25 NO SCHOOL



VETERANS' DAY

On Friday, November 11, 2016 from 9:30-10:45 the students and staff of Grace Christian School would like to honor all Veterans. Veterans are invited to attend, speak in a classroom and share light refreshments with the students.

If you are a veteran and are interested in attending, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



**THIS SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 5TH!**

<p><i>MAKE-UP WORK ...</i> If a student is absent from school, on the day they return they should bring a written note explaining the absence. It is then the student's responsibility to see their teachers to get any and all work that must be made up. Students have one day for each day missed to make up work</p>	<p><i>PICTURE RE-TAKES ...</i> <i>WHEN:</i> Wednesday, November 16, 2016 <i>WHERE:</i> GCS Gym <i>WHO:</i> Students who were absent; New students (after Oct. 12th) Imperfect package received <i>TIME:</i> 8:15-9:30 am BE ON TIME!</p>
<p><i>ANNUAL GCS FAMILY THANKSGIVING LUNCH</i> <i>WHEN:</i> Tuesday, November 22, 2016 11:20 am <i>WHERE:</i> GCS Gymnasium <i>See flyer for details and reservations!</i> <i>(Volunteer helpers needed – see request that was emailed to you.)</i></p>	<p><i>NOVEMBER 7, 2016 ...</i> <i>There will be a Day of Prayer for our country and the elections. It is our privilege to make our petitions know to the Lord and our responsibility as Christians to pray for our country and the world in light of the dark days ahead.</i> <i>Grace Bible Church will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for anyone wishing to come in and pray.</i></p>
<p><i>FUND RAISERS ...</i> We've finished our 1st classroom contest. Here are the winners: <i>Box Tops</i> – Grade 2 – 406 box tops <i>Coke Rewards</i> – Grade 1 – 234 points <i>Tyson Labels</i> – Grade 5 – 2 labels <i>Labels for Education</i> – grade 3 – 76 points</p>	<p><i>GRACE BIBLE CHURCH HARVEST SUNDAY – November 20, 2016</i> <i>All are welcome to join us at our 10:50 am Worship Service to praise and thank the Lord for his blessings and goodness unto his people. There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner following the service in the gymnasium.</i></p>

SPORTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Opponent	Team	Time / Home or 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.

"Can Construction"

Dear Parents,

It's time for "Can Construction" again!

Our canned food drive will begin on Tuesday November 1st and will run until Friday, November 18th. Each class is asked to collect canned goods for the next two weeks. Teachers and students will be planning a "structure" to be built out of the cans collected. The class structures will be built and judged on Monday, November 21st, and prizes will be awarded for the most cans collected and the most creative design.

Grace Bible Church will be joining us by providing canned goods for our program as well. Our goal this year is 5,000 cans. We want to share the love of God in the Pasco County Area by providing food for our families in need.

For His glory,

Mr. Pratt



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.

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
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