



## THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER

February 6, 2017

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**From the Principal ...** Last night I watched the super bowl game. It was one of those times where I did not have a favored team. As I watched the game I observed a team that at the end of the third quarter was behind and things were not going well for them. I thought that the game was over. However, the other team did not give up and in the end they won the game. This game is a lot like life. Things at times just don't seem to go well. We get sick, then our children get sick, the washer breaks, the car is damaged in an accident and we don't have the money to fix these things. It seems like one thing after another goes wrong and no hope in sight. But there is hope in Jesus Christ. Job had calamity after calamity and yet found hope and strength in God. In Job 42:2 Job says, "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." David said, "But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish." (Psalm 9:18) Paul wrote, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5: 3-5). May you find hope in the Lord as you go through various struggles and we are praying for you.

### Calendar Dates ...

**February 2017...**

**20 NO SCHOOL**

**21 Progress Reports go home – due back signed by Wed.**

**21 Gr. K-5 Bible Bee @ 1:00 in the gym- parents are welcome to observe.**

**22 Gr. 6-12 Bible Bee @ 1:00 in the gym – parents are welcome to observe.**

**23 SPIRIT DAY – Theme is BLACK and WHITE**

**23 Gr. 8 NAEP Evaluation**

**24 Field Day- 10:15-2:40**

**25 Homecoming Banquet  
Grades 6-12/ 6:00-9:00 pm**

### Spirit Day – January 26<sup>th</sup> – Senior Citizen's Day ...

We had some "old folk" visiting classes on Thursday, January 26 th. They seemed to enjoy being in school again!





### **2017 CAREER DAY ...**

On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the students enjoyed guest speakers from many different professions. We want to thank all of those who participated. The students were introduced to careers in the following fields: banking, dentistry, construction contractors, mental health, auto mechanics, electrician, optician, karate and bee keeping.

### **2017 HOME COMING BANQUET ...**

*This year's theme is BLACK & WHITE (mascaraed). Ticket sales begin Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$ 15 per person until February 10<sup>th</sup> and after that will be \$ 20. Ticket sales end on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a formal event. Ladies should wear semi-formal or formal dresses. All ladies are to have their dresses checked by Mrs. Williams. Gentlemen should wear dress slacks, dress shirts, ties and jackets or a tux. Students who bring a guest who is not a student at Grace Christian School must have that guest approved. Please pick up a Guest Request form at the school office.*

### **NAEP Evaluation ...**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Grace Christian School has been selected to represent private schools in the NAEP evaluation. This evaluation demonstrates how much students in the public and private schools know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics and is different from state and school assessments providing a common measure of student achievement across the country. The evaluation will take place on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> during the school day.

### **FUND RAISERS ...**

We have been notified by Kelloggs and Coke Rewards that they are discontinuing their fund raising programs. Kelloggs ended on January 31<sup>st</sup> and Coke Rewards will end on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who have participated in these programs over the years. It has helped provide educational materials and equipment we may not have been able to provide for our students.



## **SPORTS**

### **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

**Please pick up a schedule at the school office if you do not already have one.**

Day/Date	Opponent	Team	Time / Home or Away
M/ Feb 6	HOPE	Varsity Boys	5:00 pm HOME
F/Feb. 10	Spring Hill	JV Girls/JV Boys/V Boys	5:00/6:00/7:00 HOME

M/Feb 13	F.I.S.H.	Varsity Boys	7:00 pm	Away
T/ Feb 14	Solid Rock	JV Boys/Var. Boys	4:00/5:00	Away
TH/Fb 16	Oldsmar	JV Girls/JV Boys	4:30/5:30	HOME
F/Feb 17	Faith Outreach	JV Boys/JV Girls	4:30/5:30	Away
T/Feb. 21	Elfers	JV Girls/JV Boys/V Boys	4:00/5:00/6:00	Away
TH/Feb. 23	Solid Rock	JV Girls/JV Boys	4:30/5:30	HOME
M/Feb. 27	W Hernando	JV Boys/JV Girls/V Boys	4:00/5:00/6:00	HOME

**\*\* JV TOURNAMENT – At Grace Christian School March 2-4, 2017. Schedule to be determined.**

\*\* Practices are M,T,TH,F from 3:15-5:00 (unless otherwise noted)

## **SOCCER ...**

Grace Christian School will be starting a Soccer Team this year. Practices will begin soon. We are in need of a girls' soccer coach. If you are interested, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH ...**

- **KIDS CLUB ...** Resumes Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm
- **\*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.

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