



THE SWORDSMAN NEWSLETTER

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GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - A Ministry of Grace Bible Church

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From the Principal ...

Welcome to Grace Christian School and another school year. We are excited to see what God is going to do in the hearts and minds of everyone at Grace. Students and staff have selected John 15:12 as the verse of the year. This verse says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

Jesus loved us so much he left heaven and was born in a manger.

Jesus loved us so much that he endured ridicule and beatings.

Jesus loved us so much that He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross.

Jesus loved us so much that he died for our sins.

Jesus loves us so much that he offers salvation to everyone.

May you have a great school year and love others as He has loved us.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS ... In light of the possible storm hitting our area later this week we want to let you know the policy of Grace Christian School.

IF PASCO COUNTY CLOSES THEIR SCHOOLS – GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.

Please stay tuned to your local TV and radio stations for updated information.

Calendar Dates ...

- ❖ 9/4 NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
 - ❖ 9/5 Progress Reports sent home – due back signed by 9/7.
 - ❖ 9/8 Grandparents Day – see announcement below
 - ❖ 9/14 SPIRIT NIGHT 4-9 pm (see announcement)
 - ❖ 9/18-22 – Spiritual Emphasis Week – see announcement below
 - ❖ 9/18 Progress Reports sent home – due back signed by 9/20.
 - ❖ 9/27 See you at the Pole – Meet at the flag pole for prayer
 - ❖ 9/28 SPIRIT DAY
- See the Athletic Calendar for game dates and times.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday, September 8, 2017

We love to have our students' grandparents come to see Grace Christian School and invite them to be a part of their grandchildren's education. On Friday, September 8th from 9:00-10:30 am, the grandparents of students in grades K5 through grade 3 are invited to join the classes where they will demonstrate "a day in the classroom", do a hands on craft with your grandchild, and share refreshments with them. You are welcome to remain after the program and have lunch with your grandchild and follow their school schedule if you like.

Grandparents of students in grades 4-12 are invited to come for lunch (gr. 6-12 @ 11:20; gr. 3-5 @ 10:50) and stay for the afternoon and travel with your grandchild to their classes. Be prepared to exercise your brain (and maybe your body)! If you will be attending, please notify the school office at 727-863-1825.



SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2017

STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 WILL HAVE CHAPEL EACH AFTERNOON AT 2:30 PM WITH GUEST SPEAKERS WHO WILL STRENGTHEN AND CHALLENGE THEM TO KNOW JESUS AS PERSONAL SAVIOR AND TO LIVE A LIFE HONORING HIM. THEY WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO SHARE THEIR FAITH WITH OTHERS. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS TO HAVE OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGES BEING SHARED. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

August Spirit Day



We have some truly devoted sports fans!

NEXT SPIRIT DAY ... THURSDAY, September 28th - THEME: WACKY/MISMATCH Day

SPIRIT NIGHT – THURSDAY, September 14, 2017 4:00-9:00 PM @ Beef O’Brady’s at Little & Ridge roads.

This is a fun family night that helps support Grace Christian School. Just show up, order some good food and a portion of the proceeds goes to Grace Christian School. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy the fellowship.

GENERAL INFORMATION ...



VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate all of you who have asked about volunteering this year. Volunteers are a great asset to our teachers/staff. The cost is only \$10.00. You must complete the application form and provide your driver’s license. For those of you who did a background check last year – you will be allowed to help until your background check expires. Please contact

the school office to schedule a 10-minute appointment with Mr. Pratt to complete your background check. Background checks are good for one year.

From the Kitchen ...Parents: in order to make the most of the time allotted for lunch for your student *“ready to eat lunches” are best for students*. Be sure your student has everything they need; i.e. plates, utensils, cups, etc. The Lunch program does not provide these articles for students who bring their own lunch. Microwaveable lunches are acceptable on a limited basis.

UNIFORM ORDERS ...The final day to order school uniforms for the 1st semester is Monday, September 25th. **NOTE:** The GREY pullover sweatshirts can only be ordered ONCE in the school year (by Sept. 25th). The Navy zipped sweatshirts can be ordered at the beginning of the year and then again in January. If you have not ordered a sweatshirt for your student, please place that order as soon as possible. The sweatshirt is the **ONLY** covering allowed in the classroom. Please allow 10-14 days for delivery.

FRIDAY T-SHIRT ORDERS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 8TH. These can only be ordered ONCE.

DRESS CODE ...
Parents, please be sure your student is in proper dress code to attend school to include shirt, pants, belts, shoes and proper haircut. Students out of dress code may receive a warning. After that they will receive an infraction. Students in grades 6-12 who receive 3 or more infractions for any Student Conduct or Standard violation will receive a detention.

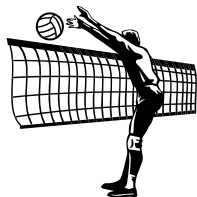
HOMEWORK HELP ... Available every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:00 pm.

MEDICATIONS ...
If your child is not feeling well and requires medication, parents/guardians must have signed the Medication Authorization form for them to have Over the Counter Medicines at school. **ANY MEDICINES THAT YOU SEND TO SCHOOL MUST BE LABELED WITH STUDENT NAME AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION.** Prescriptions require a physician’s note. It must be clearly labeled with their name and dosage preferred.

MySchoolWorx ...
In order to access the integrated program to view your student’s grades, homework assignments, etc., parents must provide an email address to the school. After the office has set you up in the program you will receive an email with instructions to sign-on. The password you should use to begin with is: parents@2017. Then you will be prompted to re-set a new password for your family.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES ...

If a student is absent from or tardy to school a written note of explanation is required 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
F 9/8/17	Faith outreach	Varsity only	4:00 Away
T 9/12/17	Elfers	JV/V	4:00 Away
TH 9/14/17	F.I.S.H.	Varsity only	4:00 HOME
T 9/19/17	W. Hernando	JV/V	5:00 Away
TH 9/21/17	W. Hernando	JF/F	5:00 HOME
T 9/26/17	Oldsmar	JV/V	4:30 Away
TH 9/28/17	Spring Hill	JV/V	4:00 HOME
M 10/2/17	Faith Outreach	Varsity only	4:30 HOME

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 ... BEGINNING SEPT. 5, 2017** 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.

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
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