

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GAZETTE



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Our Mission

Grace Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school that exists to disciple students towards leaving a legacy of walking with Christ, producing wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. Luke 2:52



Mrs. Jensen put together a beautiful bulletin board for our school hallway. Each student and teacher were asked to create one square of the board to show a way they could bring praise and glory to God, based on this year's theme verse of Romans 15:5-6. "May God who gives this patience & encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

BOOYAH SALE ENDS SOON!

Our annual Booyah Sale is going on now. This is simply the best booyah you can get, so don't miss your chance to get some!

Get your order in by **THIS Friday, Feb. 2.** \$20/half gallon.

Email Beth at beth@gracechristiangreenbay.org for more information or to place your order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Jan. 15-Feb. 2 - **Booyah Sale** Let us know if you'd like some! YUM!
- * February 13, 2:30pm - **Winter Concert** in GCA's Basement Hall
- * March 25-29 - **Spring Break**
- * Friday, May 3, 5:00-9:00pm - **Community Cake Auction & Silent Auction** at The Barn at Sunset Acres in Pulaski **UPDATED LOCATION!**
- * May 17, 6:00-8:00pm - **Art & Music Showcase** in GCA's Basement Hall



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Where God Guides He Provides

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” -Ephesians 3:20

For those who do not yet know me, please allow me to officially introduce myself. I am Ashley Bisterfeldt and my official title here at Grace Christian Academy is Assistant Administrator: Budget Coordinator and Elementary Daily Operations Director. Elementary Principal for short. This is my 5th year being a part of this school. I was a stay at home mom when my son, Greyson, started 4k in 2018. Then when my daughter, Harper, started 3k in 2019, I started volunteering my time where needed and became a GCA school board member. Last school year, I helped out in the office and officially took over the bookkeeping role. God used this experience to transition me to become the Treasurer of the school board this year.



“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” (Ephesians 3:20) This is the verse I am standing on this year in my new role as Elementary Principal. God is so good and He will continue to equip me for this calling. Actually, when I look back, He has been equipping me for this role for most of my adult life. I taught in the public school system for 16 years as a Reading Specialist. I hold an undergraduate and Master’s degree from UWEC in Elementary/Middle Education with a Reading Specialist Certification. I also have my Administration Certification and my Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from George Washington University. I was never quite sure why I had the drive to obtain these educational goals, but amazingly, God was working in all things, for my good, before I had the sight to understand the purposes He had for me.

All of my educational experience gave me the knowledge needed to become the GCA Elementary Principal, but it was the Lord’s grace and mercy that brought me the calling into this ministry. Now I get to do what I love, in an environment that is Spirit-filled and Spirit-led, at a time in this world where teaching the Biblical worldview is imperative. I feel so blessed to be a part of the work God is doing in the lives of our children, our families and our community.

God was also at work in Grace Christian Academy’s move to Green Bay this year. One year ago the GCA School Board signed a lease for our current rental space, as a step of faith and obedience. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who had a hand in helping make this move a success. What an amazing Lord we have who works all things together for our good. As is stated in Romans 8:28, *“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”* Hallelujah! GCA has accomplished many great things in the 10 years since first opening its doors.

This school has equipped, educated and walked alongside so many wonderful students and families. We are forever grateful for the foundation that was laid in Pulaski and look forward to what the Lord will do in the future here in Green Bay.

Ashley Bisterfeldt
GCA Elementary Administrator

Cookie Walk 2023



All of our upper level students helped by baking cookies for the event. Pictured, our 6th level students bake, under Mrs. Jensen's direction, in our new school kitchen. (Above)



Mrs. Jensen provides live music during the Cookie Walk. (Left)



God is always so good! Our Cookie Walk was, once again, a great success with our new school location this year. Students were able to invest in and serve their school like never before, we had many new bakers join our team and our new neighbors joined in the amazing cookie cacophony as well, so we saw some new faces this year, along with many familiar ones. Mr. Johnson and students were able to connect with many of our new neighbors prior to the Cookie Walk, by inviting them to the event and praying for them. This event is always a wonderful way to outreach to those around us in the name of Jesus!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, made goodies for us and who joined in our sale!



There's a lot going on at GCA! If you would like to be informed of events before they happen, to join us or to get more involved, please let us know at info@gracechristiangreenbay.org and we'll get you on our email list. We'd love to have you join us!

So Much to be Thankful for!



So Very Thankful

We held our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 21. Students and staff dressed up in their Sunday best and gave thanks for our delicious feast as well as all that God has done and continues to do. Praise Him!



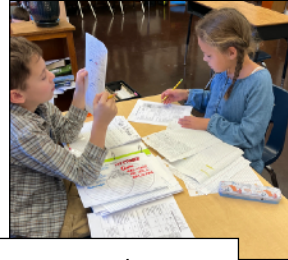
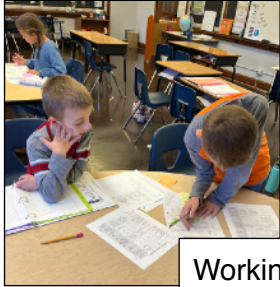
Veteran's Day at GCA

This year we celebrated Veteran's Day by having one of our own veterans speak during Chapel. Brad Jarosinski, GCA Board member and father of four GCA students, spoke about his experience being deployed overseas with the National Guard and how important our soldiers and veterans are for our country and our freedom. We are so thankful for all of our veterans. Thank you for your service and God bless you!

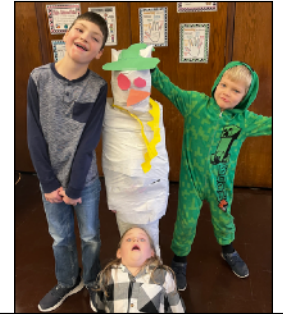




Student Spotlights



Working with a partner to revise compare/contrast essays in Miss



Christmas party fun- Building a "snowman" in Miss Jacques's class.



Upper level girls making bread for the homeless who stay at a local safe lot (Left).



Culinary Science Classes



Worship time in Mrs. Kane's Room!



Science— Making animal food chains in Mrs. Kane's Room (Left and Far Left).



Classroom enrichment—free choice time in Mrs. Kane's Rm.



Grayson eating lunch with Mrs. Kane during his Happy Camper week (Left). Each student gets this chance once during the year, where they can tell about themselves in class, create a newspaper about themselves that hangs in the school hallway, and other special things just for them throughout their week. It's so nice to celebrate each child individually!



Student Testimony - Linnea Johnson

I have been at GCA for 9 years now and it has been very enjoyable and uplifting. Throughout the years I have grown in many ways, spiritually and emotionally. Everyone at GCA has played a part in this from teachers to students. Everybody is so loving and caring and I know I can count on them to help me get through anything in life. One of my favorite things about coming to school is that I always have a smile on my face when I'm around the elementary kids. They give the sweetest hugs and the most genuine compliments. I have also grown in many ways through my classes and academic studies. There are many things I have learned that I will remember throughout my life. Not only have I grown academically, but I also have grown spiritually. One way I have grown spiritually is truly knowing my identity in Christ and who He says I am. God has definitely blessed me through this school and He has revealed many things to me that I will hold on to forever.



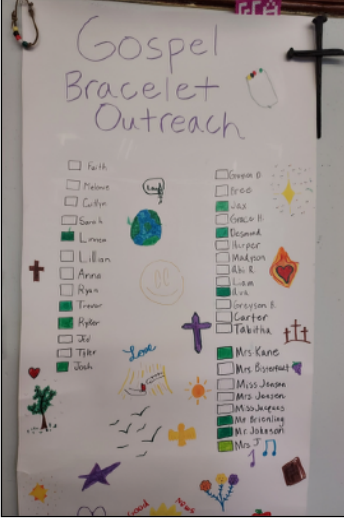
Linnea Johnson
High School Sophomore



Learning how to share the gospel through making the gospel bracelet (Right). Everyone at school will get one so that everyone gets to practice sharing the gospel throughout this school year.



Mr. Johnson's birthday in October. Time to celebrate... with cake!



This chart hangs in our Chapel Room and shows who has received a gospel bracelet (and been presented with the gospel message) so far...



Pancake Day! Thank you Mrs. Jensen for making them for us!

Never a Dull Moment at GCA...



Carl Kerby, Founder of Reasons for Hope Ministries, spoke at GCA on Friday, October 13 to share his rich insights into apologetics and families (Left). **Download the Reasons for Hope (rforh) app for amazing resources!**

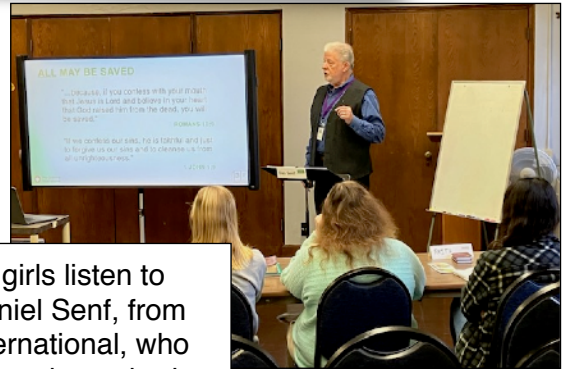
Mr. Breinling's junior high students got to participate in a fun day of laser tag, using their class incentive points he calls "Breinling Bucks." He also invited along his students' families and our high schoolers as well. That's some awesome fellowship time!



Legacy Making Academy - Faith/Life Application Class



High school girls interview Ron Jung, former Headmaster at Providence Academy, about Christian culture (Left).



High school girls listen to speaker, Daniel Senf, from Gideons International, who spoke to them about sharing the gospel (Right & Below).



Praises & Prayer Needs...



- * Prayers for our 4K program for next year to come together well.
- * Prayers for direction for high school curriculum for next year's freshman class.