
GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GAZETTE



SEPTEMBER 2021

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



Upper level GCA students, led by Mr. Johnson, sing outside of our school front doors as an outreach to our community and to spread the joy of Christ—they sure know how to spread the joy!

LITTLE CAESAR'S FUNDRAISER

We are NOW selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to raise funds for GCA!

Please consider following this link to get some for yourself! Support GCA AND get pizza—that's a WIN-WIN!

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/abce88a8-5fd7-434d-9289-c077533229fb>

As always, thank you for your support!
(Sale ends Oct. 13)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Nov. 28, 7am-3pm Holiday Craft & Gift Market** GCA will host a portion of this event this year—come shopping!
- * **Dec. 11 - COOKIE WALK & Java Jive Coffee Sale** The annual GCA Cookie Walk is back! We did not get to hold this great event last year, but we are excited to see it again! Such a wonderful opportunity to invite our community in and bless them!
- * **Jan./Feb. GCA Booyah Sale**



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

To the Finish!

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” —Philippians 1:6 -- NLT

I was a runner back in high school and college. I also ran a marathon or two along with a 50 miler and a Tough Mudder thrown in the mix. Races can be grueling, especially if you are fighting through injury or sickness. But the number one enemy in a race is your mind. Your mind is constantly telling your body to stop because, let's face it, running long distances is not the most enjoyable thing in the world. It hurts, it's painful, and your mind is telling your body what every sensible mind would do: “STOP, you're hurting your body!” So what keeps you going? The finish. There is nothing like seeing that finish line up ahead. Your body can be in intense pain, you can be ready to puke, you can be hobbling, you can be barely breathing, but then you see that finish line and everything changes. You know if you can just finish the race, that the victory of finishing will override whatever pain you are going through in the moment. To finish brings completion of the task you set out to do.

Jesus Christ is a finisher. While we may be tempted not to run our race, Christ always finishes His work. Even on the cross He declared, “It is finished!” Ever thought of what would become of our faith if Jesus Christ never completed the work on the cross? Or never rose again? I'm sure our faith would fall into the realms of every other religion in the world, rather than being separated from every other religion in the world. By that, I mean that we would have a list of “do's” and “don'ts” that would hope to get us right with a deity; performing duty where the work is never finished. But with the finished work of Christ in his death and resurrection, we can praise the one true God for His plan of completion. You see, that is the difference that separates Christianity from every other religion in the world: incomplete vs. finished. So, you can choose to worship a religion towards idols that never satisfy, or you can choose the completed work of Christ; making the way of relationship with the Father.

Let us rejoice and proclaim: Hallelujah! Christ finished at Calvary, and He will also finish the work that He began in us when we came to know Him as Lord and Savior. What an amazing promise for us to stand on--a promise that we can be “certain” of. He WILL finish the work that He started in us until He returns. That is what we are standing on here at Grace Christian Academy for the 2021-22 school year. So if you ever lose hope, stand on this promise. The Lord is not finished with you yet and He will continue to work through you to completion if you choose to be a willing and surrendered disciple. In our weakness, He is at work to make us strong!

With every school year comes new challenges and opportunities for us to be a finisher in our faith. This year is no different: 51 students, 31 families, 15 staff, over \$100,000 needed for new expenses, and a new \$6 million school that we believe, by faith, that the Lord will fully provide for. What will we choose to stand on? A fallen world whose foundations change with the wind? Or a God that is holiness, righteousness, truth, hope, and love. I know where I will fix my gaze to finish my race well: the author and finisher of our faith, our champion Christ Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)! We will finish this race well with our eyes fixed on Him. And I am certain that God, who began a good work within me, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when He returns! Let us stand on God's promise together in the days ahead.

Jeremie M. Johnson
GCA Head Administrator



Be blessed in the Lord and let us all continue to “Leave a Legacy of Walking with Christ!”



Update: GCA's Future New Building



GCA's new building plan and parking lot, as laid out by Fox Cities Builders. This land is in Pulaski off of Pelican Drive.

We've just begun Grace Christian Academy's 8th school year! It's pretty incredible to look back and see all that God has done here and how far we've come with His leading...

Our school ministry has 51 students this year (up from 39 last year) so we are very grateful that God blessed us with the additional rental space in our current building that we began renting last March—the space is certainly needed!

Our growth has been added confirmation of the Lord's direction to pursue a new school home and there has been a lot of work done towards that end.

Our new school lot will be land in Pulaski on the corner of Pelican Drive and Crest Drive. Securing this will be a huge step towards the vision that God has placed on our hearts!

Coming soon will be the need to seek funding to build our new school building. While this task seems monumental from a worldly perspective, we know that there is nothing beyond our amazing God and He's got this all securely in His hands! We will praise Him in advance of all He has planned to accomplish!

Building Campaign Phase 1: Land and Permits

Phase 1 of our building campaign includes the land purchase, completing a rendering, and civil work, which is coming to completion soon. We are still in need of \$6000 to completely finish up Phase 1. Specifically, we need \$3000 to complete the payment for the rendering and \$3000 to cover the cost of the civil work. GCA's building committee is meeting with Fox Cities Builders on Thursday, September 30th along with Robert E. Lee, our civil engineer group, to map out Phase 2. We are super excited to be moving into the next phase and we will continue to keep everyone updated on this amazing project.

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 • "For I am about to •
 • do something new. •
 • See, I have already •
 • begun! Do you not •
 • see it? I will make •
 • a pathway through •
 • the wilderness. I •
 • will create rivers in •
 • the dry wasteland." •
 • —Isaiah 43:19 •



Introducing GCA's New Teaching Staff...



Lindsay Kane, 1st-4th Level Teacher/Reading & Math Interventions

My name is Lindsay Kane and I am very excited to be teaching at Grace Christian Academy this year! I went to the University of WI Green Bay for my bachelor's in Elementary Education and toward the end of college also gave my life to Jesus. It was always my dream after accepting Christ to use my degree in a way that would also be a ministry to children. I have worked in the DePere and Goodman public school districts before having children.

I am married to a wonderful man, Steve Kane, and have two amazing children named Jaxon & Ava. I stayed home the last 7 years to be a stay-at-home mom and also homeschooled my children for preschool. We sent our kids to public school last year and knew we needed a change to add Jesus into their schooling. I am very blessed to have gotten this position as a teacher at GCA and look forward to working with your children as well as my own.

In my free time I love to hang out with my family, read devotional books, swim, play tennis, and drink coffee.

Max Breinling, Upper Level Supervisor/Phy. Ed. Teacher

GCA has been a pivotal cornerstone for most of my life. My name is Max Breinling and I have been a part of GCA since its first official day. This school has, and continues to guide me as I shape my life to reflect God and His truth. I started as a student, new to my faith, wanting to learn more, and to gain wisdom for all that life tosses around. GCA has been a family at its core, and I was surrounded by those who desired the best for me. I was given the space to grow in my faith, and to gain independence and responsibility as a student, but to also grow in dependence on God to be the source of my success. Since graduating I have had opportunities to begin some missions work in the Madison area, and gained a real desire to give those who feel silenced a chance to have discussions and to bring God into conversations. To let God speak into people who are lost in the world's troubles and need His perfect source of peace. After being in Madison I was given another amazing opportunity to come back to GCA as a teacher, and I could not pass it up. I will be helping students strive for excellence with classes and to grow to be more and more responsible. I will also be teaching Phy. Ed, which is going to be a new but exciting thing for me to walk through. To be able to pour into all these students, and to give them an opportunity to converse and have real discussions about God is such a blessing to have at this school. I look forward to what these sons and daughters of God get to do as they rise up to lead and strengthen each other throughout this school year.

Chara Jensen, Upper Level Supervisor/Health & Bible Teacher

My name is Chara Jensen (pronounced Car-uh) and I am a supervisor for the Upper Level students here at GCA. My responsibilities include supervision of the full-time FPA students, teaching the Upper Level Girls Health and Bible Class, tutoring, and one-on-one discipleships. I hold a Bachelor's in Church Leadership from Southwestern Assemblies of God University and I have been a part of youth ministry since 2016. I also have a background in online learning and the public school system. I love working with teenagers and am passionate about helping them to know Truth and speak Truth for their generation! I am excited to be able to work at a place where I know I am making a lasting impact for Jesus Christ while raising students up in His Word and Truth.

Randi Binder, 3K/4K Teacher



Hello. My name is Ms. Binder and this is my first year teaching at GCA and I am so thankful God brought my family and me to this amazing place. I am so looking forward to what He has in store for all of the families and staff here.

A little about me: I am a mom of four, avid reader, enjoy riding my horses, and a little dinosaur crazy. My family attends New Life Community Church here in Pulaski. I have my bachelors in elementary education, minor in reading, and an emphasis in music education. I also have several credit hours in early childhood education.

I have been involved in childcare and education since my senior year of high school where I began working as an assistant daycare teacher in the infant and toddler rooms. I love read alouds, story time, and incorporating music into my classroom. I truly believe each student is unique, special, and deserving of an education that fits their learning style. I'm looking forward to seeing what the school year has in store.

Janet Birtch, 6th Level Coach/Supervisor

Greetings. My name is Janet Birtch. I am new to the team here at Grace Academy. I have the joy of coming alongside the staff, and teachers, to support and help where needed. Presently I am working one on one with a student.

I am new to Pulaski and am enjoying it here. I am originally from Ontario, Canada, but have lived in the States for the past 18 years. My experience in education comes as a mother of four children, homeschooling, working with children in nursery settings and children's ministries within churches. My children are now grown, and I have now been promoted to Grandma status!!

Within the school system, and children's ministries, I am aware of the impact great teachers make. I desire and appreciate the opportunity to be one. I learned of Grace Christian Academy from New Life Church, and followed the encouragement that I received to pursue a position here.

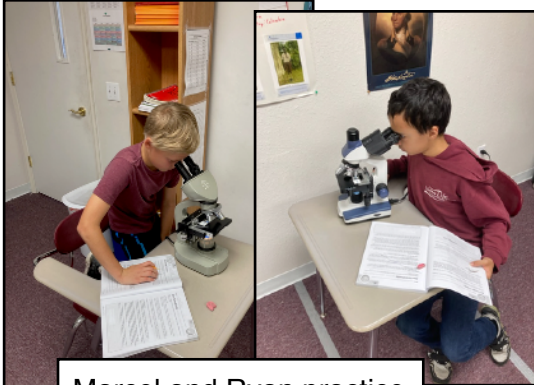


Prayer is a vitally important part of every day at GCA! Every week begins with prayer over an individual student (above Ben Matuszak, our high school senior, is prayed for while surrounded by his family), every day begins with a prayer in Chapel, every class time begins with a prayer and we were also able to focus on prayer for our nation while participating in the annual See You at the Pole event on September 22nd (Pictured Center). Pictured on far right is Trevor on the front steps praying for others.





Student Spotlights



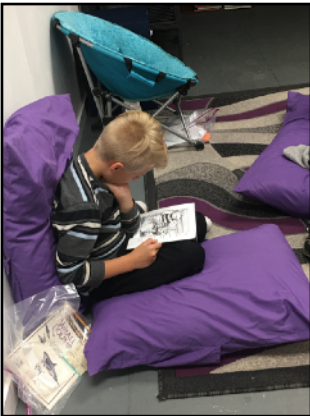
Marcel and Ryan practice using a microscope in Mr. Nejedlo's Science class.



Mrs. Mathey's 5K class learned about firefighters and put out imaginary fires (above left). They also earned a dress-up day for good behavior (above right).



(Above Left) Meet Miss Jacques' new class pets—Ophelia & Delilah. Emery and the other students love them and the rats love their students too! (Above Right) Josh during free reading time in Miss Jacques' class.



Mrs. Heimke's 2nd level Science class learning about plants.



Science enrichment lesson in Mrs. Kane's 4th level class (Left).



(Above Left) Ms. Binder's 3K students, Elena, Liam, Grayson, Priscilla & Rilian, sitting nicely at See You at the Pole. (Above Right) Kadence & Abi playing Tic Tac Toe with short "l" words. (Left) Harper & Ava playing word Tic Tac Toe.



Student Testimony

When I first came to GCA I was expecting it to be a regular christian private school. I had moved from FVL into a small little christian school called GCA, I didn't think much of it. Well when I got here there were probably 35-40 kids, compared to hundreds and hundreds of kids. I got to know the students and staff very well because there were so few of them and so when hard times came they were there for me and helped me in every way possible. I was walking through some personal things at the time of my enrollment at GCA and the people here walked along with me and supported me and kept me on my feet in so many ways. I could go on and on about all the things that they have done for me here, but I was told to summarize it into one paragraph (which is impossible). The one point I guess I'm trying to get at is that GCA isn't just a school or a place that disciples kids, it's something way more than that. GCA is a home for kids that want to learn more about the Lord and also become closer to Christ and more like him.

-Devin Nault, GCA Sophomore



Praises & Prayer Needs...



- * Prayers for God's continued leading in securing the funding needed to build our new school building.
- * Prayers for all GCA events to be able to run as planned this year so that we can continue to outreach to our community unhindered, as well as raise the funds we need.
- * Praises for God's protection of GCA from so many outside forces in the world today. Prayers for continued protection for GCA, its families and supporters.
- * Prayers for protection and help for all those dealing with new, unwanted employer requirements, as well as illnesses.