## GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GAZETTE



# JANUARY 2023

### 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

There are SO many ways to support GCA and get some amazing things in return as well! Check out the fantastic options below!



GCA's Annual Booyah Sale is going on NOW through Feb 3. Get your orders in now at beth@gracechristianpulaski.org. YUMM!

#### ON-GOING COFFEE & CARWASH SALES!





GCA currently has 2 <u>on-going</u> sales:

\*<u>Java Jive Gourmet Coffee</u> -Fresh and delicious, whole bean or ground...you will want to place your order! Order online at www.javajiveroasters.com/gca

\* <u>Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards</u> -These cards cost only \$36 for 5 Ultimate Car Washes and \$16 of that goes back to GCA! Send orders to amber@gracechristianpulaski.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \* Feb. 16, 2:30pm *Music Concert* in GCA Gym
- \* APRIL 29, 5-9pm - *COMMUNITY CAKE AUCTION & SILENT AUCTION* at Scolly's Hometown
- \* May 19, 6:00pm Art & Music Showcase at New Life Church



#### Change vs. Uniformity

#### "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety."—Psalm 18:2 NLT

Change is inevitable. You cannot avoid it. My mom still says to this day, "Nothing ever stays the same."

I have found that while some people don't mind change, most people don't want change, especially the older we get. We have comfort in knowing things stay the same and that they have uniformity. And it is quite simple to know why: <u>if things stay the same then we know what to expect and we feel like we are in control</u>. If we are not in control, then we don't like it. It's that simple. Our broken sinful nature wants control, but can we realistically ever attain it? Hmmmm.

These concepts of change and uniformity are interesting to me. You see, God's uniformity is not only good, it is forever, whether we want to believe it or not. It is this uniformity, or what I like to call the promises of God, that we were designed to wrap our heart of worship around (we were designed to worship too by the way, if not God, it will be something else). But because of our broken nature, instead of seeking God's uniformity in the promises of His Word, we choose to seek uniformity from what the world offers. Really? Ask yourself, how's that going for you? You may be on top of the world right now with power, riches, fame, etc., but look ahead for a second. Do you really have the ability to keep it that way? Nope. Eventually time will hunt you down and your world WILL change. Whether you like it or not, eventually you will leave this earth, leave everything that you gained temporary control of behind, and you will stand before God. What will you say? That you had a better plan? That you had more control than God? God might just have you take a look at his beloved child King Solomon and say, "This guy already tried that. He came to the conclusion that 'All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.' " God loves us and He has provided uniformity for us in the Bible to stand on His everlasting promises in an ever changing world. Yet it is still our choice to read it and believe it, or to reject it.

Every year at GCA there are changes. Sometimes they are small changes and sometimes they are big changes, but our God remains the same through it all. This is why we stand on the uniformity of God's promise in Psalm 18:2 that says: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety." When standing on this solid rock of uniformity in the sea of change, then we can confidently face anything, knowing that God goes with us! For instance next school year we will be moving to a new rental space property in Green Bay because our rental space property in Pulaski that we have rented for nine years will no longer be available to us. That's a big change! But that is the best part about being dependent on an everlasting, uniform, never-changing God. He goes with us through all of the changes and His promises still remain. At GCA, we know change is inevitable. So, rather than trying to control it, we surrender it to the Lord and let Him lead us through it. A better way you say? No, unless you are a committed wind chaser, it is the only way.

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



Jeremie Johnson GCA Head Administrator

## Veteran's Day Assembly



We were honored to host our first-ever Veteran's Day Celebration Assembly on November 11 this year. We invited veterans from Pulaski's VFW and American Legion, which ended up being about 20-25 people in full uniform, displaying the flags of every branch of the military. Witnessing so many men and women in uniform who are so passionate for what our country was founded upon and the freedoms we have, was quite moving. Retired Colonel Lee Ward shared some words about the importance of Veteran's Day and after, led a Q&A time for students. Then, GCA student, Ariana Wolf, recited a Veteran's Day poem, commemorating the day. Students had previously created cards for our veteran guests and every vet received a card of appreciation.

Our assembly was a wonderful time to celebrate and appreciate all of the veterans in our community, including those in our GCA family.





### Teacher Wish List (More details and sign-up at the link below.)

(at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fafa62fa1f5c70-gca2223#/)

\*Amazon Gift Card \*Electric Drill \*Vacuum Cleaner(s) \*Quality Basic Calculators \*Kaytee Extreme Odor Control Bedding (for class pet) \*Kickballs (Regular Size) \*Globe

\*Magnetic Sand Kit \*Bingo Daubers \*STEAM Kit for 5th Grade \*Rhythm Band Handbells (CNDBD) <u>https://a.co/d/iwfbuW3</u> \*Good News for Little Hearts Picture Books

## Cookie Walk 2022





This year's Cookie Walk was our most successful one yet! So many people volunteered in numerous ways and so many people came through our doors—what a blessing the day was! In addition, it was a lucrative fundraiser, bringing in over \$6000, which is incredible for selling goodies and Java Jive coffee! God is so good!

Thank you so much to all of our volunteers, donors and patrons!



Mrs. Jensen coordinated some live music at our Cookie Walk, entertaining our guests.



We filled our Pre-K Classroom with cookies! Shown are volunteers hard at work filling orders for our pre-sale and volunteers filling trays for the Cookie Walk floor.



Student Spotlights





High School students pose in front of the GCA window they painted.





6-8 Level Students served our community by raking (right).



Elementary Christmas Party in December—so much fun!



2nd-4th grade Social Studies students learned about landforms and created an island of clay with some of the landforms discussed.



K-1st Level Social Studies students learned about different parts of a community and built one of their own.



Mr. Breinling invited 6-8th Level students & parents out for a paintball game as an incentive for their service.





Our Pre-K class brought JOY to the librarians at the Pulaski library, while they learned about the letter of the week of -J.



# **GCA is Moving to Green Bay!**

Our current rental building that we have been in for nine years in Pulaski will no longer be available come next school year. In addition, we have not raised enough funds to build our new school building in Pulaski yet. So, God has led us to a new rental home with classroom space at Annunciation school in Green Bay. Please be in prayer as we follow God's lead to our new home in 2023-24.

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19a



New Location: 1087 Kellogg St Green Bay WI

### **NOW ENROLLING ALL AGES**

Contact : (920) 785-1276 Call us today to meet with our principal, Jeremie Johnson, or to set-up a tour of our facilities.

Early enrollment fee discount until March 1st.

Apply Online at www.gracechristianpulaski.org/admissions



## Student Testimony



This is my first year at GCA and words cannot explain how much this school has had an impact on my life. GCA is full of God's presence and it shows throughout everyone here. I have never had such a desire for a relationship with the Lord. The staff here is so incredibly helpful and supportive. I can confidently say that I feel comfortable coming to any of the staff members here to get me through any struggles I may be going

through. GCA is extremely accommodating to their students and have countlessly shown that they are there to help you succeed in ways such as academic, spiritual, and social. The environment is so humbling, we truly do work together as sisters and brothers in Christ. —Ariana Wolf

**Highschool Freshman** 





Enrichment time in Mrs. Kane's class— Diet Coke & Mentos! Students witnessed and then discussed the reaction that happened.

