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# GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GAZETTE

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## MAY 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*



We have loved being a part of the Pulaski community for the past 9 years! We are starting a new chapter in Green Bay for the 2023/24 school year, but our heart remains in Pulaski and our hope is to be back in the Pulaski community as soon as the Lord ordains. We will follow His lead, wherever that takes us! In the meantime, we will cherish our memories in Pulaski and we will embrace our new adventure in Green Bay with great expectation of the Lord's moving!

### ON-GOING COFFEE & CARWASH SALES!

GCA currently has 2 *on-going* sales:

- \* **Java Jive Gourmet Coffee** - Fresh and delicious, whole bean or ground...you will want to place your order! Order online at [www.javajiveroasters.com/gca](http://www.javajiveroasters.com/gca)
- \* **Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards** - These cards cost only \$36 for 5 Ultimate Car Washes and \$16 of that goes back to GCA! Send orders to [amber@gracechristianpulaski.org](mailto:amber@gracechristianpulaski.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **May 26 - Last Day of School - Elementary & Jr. High**
- \* **June 2 - Last Day of School - High School**
- \* **June 1-2 - Elementary Move Day**  
We'll be moving everything on the elementary school side to our new Green Bay location. Please call Nicole at 920-750-8809 if you can help 9-3 or the evenings of either of these days.
- \* **June 3 - Graduation** at GCA Gym
- \* **June 10 - GCA Final Move Day**  
We'll be moving any items that are left—everything must leave! Please meet in the back of 125 S. St. Augustine St, Pulaski at 8am if you can help or call call Jeremie at 920-544-1773.



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### **I Will Not Be Shaken**

**“Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.” –Psalm 62:5-6 NLT**

God is my fortress, my rock, I will not be shaken. Can you think of a better scripture to anchor on in the times we live? I have found myself to be more and more desperate for the Lord every day, and this scripture helps me to run to his arms consistently. It truly is the only place that I will not be shaken.

We live in a day and age where most believers would describe what is happening around us as a fulfillment of the last days before Jesus Christ returns to Earth. Quite frankly, when I read the scriptures, I don't know what else to conclude myself. Everything in the world we know is falling apart, yet as many believers will say, things are actually falling together for the Lord's timetable of Christ's return. In 1st Thessalonians 4, God says that we will be caught up with Him in the air. A lot of Christians call this the rapture where Christ returns to take his bride (the church of born again believers) out of this world and all others that do not believe are left behind. And while everyone's study of the last days (i.e. eschatology) can be a little different, there is no doubt that Jesus Christ is coming back with power and glory, and the next event on the prophetic calendar is His return. While I am not going to argue whether this will be the rapture or Christ's second coming (I personally believe it is the rapture), there is no doubt that He will be returning, especially with the current signs of the times that we see around us. I honestly cannot bear to take today's headlines anymore. If I anchor there, it just brings me to a place of hopelessness, anxiety, and sorrow. However, Jesus Christ can take those things and turn them into joy, peace, and a desire to stand up for what is righteous and holy in a world that is getting darker. Our memory verse for this school year, Esther 4:14, declares that we are made for such a time as this; to be bold about our witness of the Good News about Jesus Christ in the times we live in. Thus, do not be shaken towards fear, fellow believers, rather be stirred to life as we are living ambassadors to the only message of light that is the cure for this dark world. We need to tell people that Jesus is alive. We need to tell people that Jesus is returning. We need to tell people about the realities of hell and that Jesus is the only way to heaven. We can assure others that they too can have comfort and confidence in knowing that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is indeed returning for his followers soon. Thus, we need to be reminded on a daily basis that we will not be moved or shaken by our circumstances in the world around us. The enemy is always trying to rattle Christ's followers, especially in these days. We can give God thanks that we are not only protected from the enemy in these last days, but that in his attempts to rattle us, the enemy's fruitless efforts will only bring a resilience to allow the Spirit to break the bonds of comfort, complacency, and apathy within us, so that we can be made warriors for the faith in such a time as this. We need to be bolder than ever to share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that people will have a renewed purpose towards the only Truth that will fill the void, and that they are designed to embrace.

We, here at Grace Christian Academy, will not be shaken. We will continue to be about the King's Business in our lives, cultivating a consistent desire for God at the school on a daily basis with our families, staff, and students. We will not simply do things the way they've always been done, but rather we will strive to prepare ourselves to be well equipped for the times in which we live; establishing an attitude of refusal to just “do what is right in our own eyes,” as the world is currently living. More than ever, it is time for us to stand and be ambassadors for Christ in a fallen world that is desperate for truth. We will not be shaken!

Jeremie Johnson  
GCA Head Administrator

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





# Spring Field Trips



Students of every age were recently able to take school out into the world, on spring field trips. K-5th level went to Mulberry Lane Farm to visit the animals (above), PreK checked out the Green Bay Botanical Gardens and enjoyed God's beautiful plant life (left), 6-12th level boys went to the 10X Game Room & Figaros in Pulaski as an incentive for great work all year (bottom left), and some of our high school girls attended a Milwaukee Brewers game with Freedom Project Academy (bottom right).





# Auction & Art/Music Showcase



Our Community Cake Auction & Silent Auction in April was our most successful school fundraiser ever! We are so grateful to everyone for their support and most of all we are grateful to God who is our constant Provider. Above are pictures of the event, which we held at The Barn at Sunset Acres, including our student music performance and our new nacho bar. On May 19, we held the GCA Art & Music Showcase (left & below). We have some very talented students and a wonderfully dedicated Art & Music Teacher. Thank you Mrs. Jensen!







# Student Spotlights



We incubated eggs this semester and were able to cuddle the chicks when they hatched! Learning about how chicks grow was so much fun (above & left). Elementary art class creations—Mrs. Jensen comes up with some great ideas (above & right)!



6-12th level students on a student council led field trip to The Plaza in Neenah to ice skate in February (above left). Our 100th Day of School—students and staff dressed up as 100 year olds (above right). High schoolers & Miss Jensen dressed up in their new GCA fleeces (bottom left). Upper level boys on a fishing trip to the Pulaski pond (bottom right).





# Senior Reflections . . . Upon Graduation



We have 4 high school seniors headed for graduation this year (on June 3) - **Aleck Johnson, Grace Saffold, Chloe Kotecki and Norah Gallagher.** We asked them a few questions before they walk out of our doors for the last time....

## Congratulations GCA Graduates!

### 1. What are your favorite memories at GCA?

**Aleck (attended GCA 8 years):** Oh boy I have so many memories here in this school for the past 8 years that I could share, but I'll just do a few. One of my all time favorite memories was playing free run spider and flies every morning before chapel with all the students. The game was a lot of fun and woke us all up, minus the injuries. Another memory that I will never forget is playing the classic game Frisbee in the dark. Usually this game was only played after school with some of the students who stayed after. Joel, me, David, Linnea, and Max. This game was super fun and kinda scary at the same time, still a great game and I hope you guys bring the game back. Workouts in the lion's den were always fun too, the good times we had as high school guys. Ben, Liam, David, Christopher, and me. We were able to grow as guys during this time and just had a blast doing stupid stuff we came up with after our workout routine.

**Grace (attended GCA 9 years):** My favorite memories at GCA are the recess times during the first few years here. I remember playing games like spud, spiders and flies, freeze tag, trench, octoball (gagaball), and other fun games we could use our imaginations for. Even though there weren't many of us in elementary/middle school, we still managed to work things out to make every recess time a good one. The laughter and joy we shared were amazing and I'll never forget it.

**Chloe (attended GCA 2 years, part-time):** I would say my favorite memory at GCA was when all of the upper class girls went camping with Ms. Jensen and Ms. Jacques. That was definitely a really good bonding experience for me, I grew a lot during it with both my relationships with them and my relationship with God. and it was a lot of fun.



### 2. What will you miss most about GCA?

**Aleck:** I am going to miss this old building here in Pulaski. The many memories that I've created with so many people have been a lot of fun. I also am going to miss the students, staff, discipleship, and definitely lunch. But I am excited for GCA's future and will always support this school. I will also miss the fun field trips that I was able to go on this year and past years. The field trips were a lot of fun in fellowship with staff and students. Lastly, I am going to miss being in the upper room class with the high schoolers on Friday mornings. I learned a lot during the years I had in upper room, kept me thinking a lot about my growth in the Lord and it also helped me grow more deeply with my walk in Him.





# Senior Reflections Continued...



## 2. What will you miss most about GCA? (Continued)

**Grace:** I will miss spending time with the elementary kids the most after leaving. I always loved helping out in Mrs. Heimke’s class on Fridays, and being able to help them out in many other ways. I love seeing their smiles, laughter, and positivity because it encouraged me. Being able to teach them the truth from the Bible, and watch them grow in their faith throughout the year was also a huge encouragement to me and many other teachers and students here. I hope that they continue to grow their faith in God over the summer and throughout each and every school year to come.

**Chloe:** I know I am going to really miss all of the other girls that I have been around all year, they are all so fun to be around and the environment at GCA is so inviting and feels very safe.

## 3. What are your future plans?

**Aleck:** Summer plans, as of now, will be working to save up money for NWTC in the Fall. Right now that is all I have. I plan to attend NWTC for 3 years, maybe less. However long I’m there I know God has a plan for me at NWTC to honor Him.

**Grace:** During this summer, I plan on working and continuing to save money for future plans. I don’t have many plans at the moment, but I know that no matter what happens, God will take care of everything.

**Chloe:** As for my future plans, to be completely honest with you, I have a very very rough idea. I know I, at least, want to get a job working with animals as much as possible, but other than that I am just waiting to see where God leads me!

## 4. Final thoughts?

**Aleck:** I have so much more that I could share, but I don’t want this to be so long. None the less, GCA has been a great school to me, many memories I will never forget and I will always come back to visit. Thank you to all the students and staff for making these great memories and, more importantly, growing my walk in the Lord. I will miss you all.



## Praises & Prayer Needs...



- \* Praises for a great 2022/23 school year. God is so good!
- \* Prayers for God’s provision for the GCA Capital Campaign.