

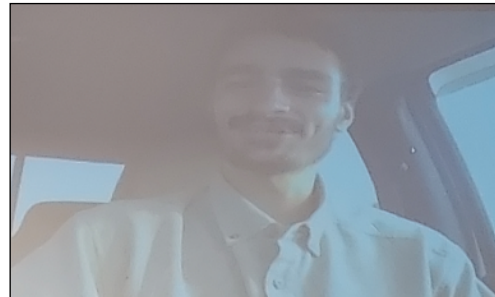
GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GAZETTE



MAY 2024

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



Former GCA student, Christopher Saffold, chatted with us during our “Missions Monday” Chapel time. Christopher is in Texas working with TENTMAKERS, and helping to spread the gospel of Christ. Our mission of “leaving a legacy of walking with Christ” is bearing fruit!

GCA 10-Year Celebration

July 14, 2:00-5:00pm

Grace Christian Academy
1087 Kellogg Street, Green Bay

*GCA is celebrating 10 years of
God’s blessings—please join us!*

If you are a past or present GCA family, supporter, teacher, volunteer, prayer warrior or just have a heart for Christian education, please join us to celebrate what God has done in and through this educational ministry...
He is so good!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * May 24 - **Last Day of School**
- * May 30, 6:00pm - **GCA Open House**
Invite anyone interested to attend!
- * June 12, 1:00-3:00pm - **Pulse Checks**
begin for Levels 6-12 at GCA. Every Wednesday throughout summer.
- * July 14, 2:00-5:00pm - **10-Year Celebration** at GCA, 1087 Kellogg St. in Green Bay



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Love God, Love Others

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” –Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Love God, Love Others. This has been our theme at Grace Christian Academy over the last month, as we have taken time in Chapel to talk about the 10 Commandments. The Holy Spirit has deepened our understanding, in that the commandments are not just a set of burdensome rules for mankind to check off and follow, but rather, they are the mark of a loving God who sent His Son to die for the sins of the world so that we could have a new heart filled with the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26-27). We serve an amazing God!

We started with looking at the Shema, a daily Jewish prayer that traces back to Deuteronomy 6:5-9, and opens up the importance of living our lives daily for the Lord with everything we are. The first four commandments speak of “loving God” with who or what we are worshiping, how we are worshiping, how we are living, and what we are resting in. The first four commandments could be summed up, simply, by “loving God,” which Jesus made plain in Matthew 22:37-38. “Loving God” may sound like a simple teaching, but we know that in our flesh, this is impossible to do. While our hearts are designed to worship God, they are filled with wickedness and sin, and often choose to worship the things of the world rather than God.

Similarly, we found that the last six commandments, boil down to “loving others” and, as the Golden Rule teaches, “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). Here too, we fail miserably because our wretched hearts embrace “self” rather than others. So, in our Chapel times, we were left with some big questions: How do we do this impossible task of loving God and loving others, before loving ourselves? How do we put God and others first? The answer: We can't. The whole point of the 10 Commandments is to show that it is impossible for us to make ourselves righteous before a holy God. Only love can fulfill the law (Romans 13:10) and so God sent his Son, Jesus, out of love, to fulfill the law completely (for us) so that we can be made righteous before a holy God! In addition, God sent us the Holy Spirit to help us become more like Christ every day. Only through this redemptive plan of God, can we truly love Him, and love others. When we fully understand God's love for us and come to know His Son as Lord and Savior, then we genuinely and perpetually love Him in return. And as He fills our hearts with love, His love will overflow to others as well. So God has made it simple for us. Let us come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior this day, and God will give us a new heart and a new helper, in the Holy Spirit, to love God and love others, not our way, but the right way.

At Grace Christian Academy, His commandments are not burdensome. While we are certainly not perfect, we know the One who is perfect, and so we look to Him daily in all that we do. And, even when we stumble, we know that His arms are wide open for us to turn to again and again, so that we can continue to run this race with endurance and be made more into His likeness. This is the abundant life that God promises to us through His Son: an abundant life of loving Him and loving each other. Praise be to God for making a way to have a growing relationship with Him everyday!

Jeremie Johnson
GCA Head Administrator

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



Community Cake Auction & Silent Auction



The GCA Auction was, once again, our best event to date. God is so good and continues to bless this school with the support of so many generous people who contributed in a great number of ways. Thank you to all for your part in volunteering, attending, donations, sales, inviting guests or prayers... God is using you to help us "leave a legacy of walking with Christ." We are so grateful!



Art & Music Showcase 2024



Our talented students put on a great show with their artistic & musical skills on Friday, May 17. A big thank you to Mrs. Jensen for all of her hard work in making this year's Art & Music Showcase such an enjoyable night, and one to praise God about!



K-8th Level Students sang "He Reigns," which was the night's theme (below). Student artwork was beautifully displayed (left).



Student Testimony - Sarah Matuszak

This is my fifth, and last year at GCA and there have been so many ways in which I have grown academically and spiritually. My first year started as just a music class, but my family and I soon realized that it would be much more than that. My brothers and I started attending full-time and, at first, it was hard since I was transferring from a life of homeschooling; but through my hardships, the teachers and staff were so supportive and they accommodated my needs and helped me with all the things I was struggling with. I have always been raised with God in my life and this school has not only supported my faith, but they helped me thrive and flourish in my relationship with the Lord. It hasn't just been a "school" for me, but it has been like a family; everyone is so close and I feel comfortable sharing just about anything with my teachers and classmates. This school, my classmates, and my teachers will definitely be missed, but I know that God is bringing me to different things for a purpose. Throughout my years here I know that I have been taught what is right so I will have a solid foundation for anything that life throws at me. GCA has been such a blessing to me and my family, and the love that I have been shown here will stick with me eternally.



Sarah Matuszak,
High School Sophomore



Student Spotlights



100th Day of School - We dressed up like 100 year olds.



Trevor teaching Greyson how to use Scratch, a fun way to learn computer programming.



Linnea telling elementary kids about her experience serving at the Homeless Safe Lot in Green Bay.



STEM project in Miss Jacques'. Students worked to build a load bearing bridge with limited materials.



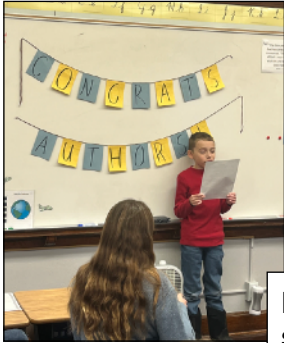
Carter teaching the K-3rd level class how to play cribbage, from the How-To video he made for Miss Jacques' class (right).



Lucy made an instrument in Science class.



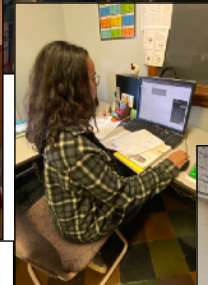
Linnea & Caitlyn in their FPA Psychology class (left). Faith in her math class (left).



Dr. Seuss Day (above)! Greyson sharing in Miss Jacques' class for their Author's Party (left).



10th Level girls visited the FPA building in Appleton.



Mrs. Kane's class raised butterflies from caterpillars (left & right).



New this year: Elementary Knitting Club (above)! Thanks to Miss Leslie and Miss Ellen for helping us learn and practice knitting!



Mr. Matuszak & Mrs. Jensen grilling in Culinary Science (right).

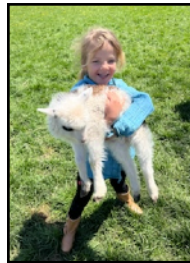


7th & 8th Level Culinary Science class making Oatmeal Fudge Bars— Yum (3 pics to the right)!



2nd Semester Field Trips

Lots of fun is always in order at GCA, when the nice weather hits! Miss Jacques arranged a trip to the Ledgeview Caves, where students enjoyed spelunking (right). Mrs. Kane organized a trip to Mulberry Lane Farm. Students had an a-moo-zing time visiting all of the farm animals (below, right). Mr. Breinling took his Junior High students to Pizza Ranch as a reward for their great year together (below, left).



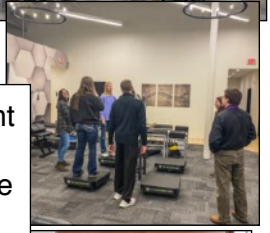
Praises & Prayer Needs...



- * **Praises** for a successful school year in our new school building home.
- * **Praises** for hiring our brand new part-time elementary teacher, Miss Emma Ronk!
- * **Praises** for God financially providing for GCA this year and always.
- * **Prayers** for a restful and restorative summer for staff and families.
- * **Prayers** for wisdom and guidance for the GCA School Board.
- * **Prayers** for God to bring the right families to GCA for the 2024/25 school year.

Legacy Making Academy (LMA) - GCA High School

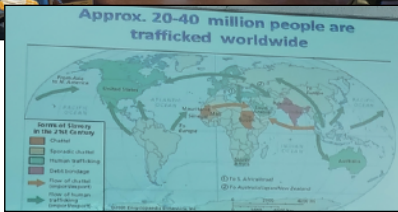
It's been a great year for the high school students in GCA's Legacy Making Academy! They've done a lot of incredible things...learned knitting, how to make non-toxic cleaning and health & beauty products, learned about home maintenance projects, how to change oil on vehicles and tool basics. They've also listened to speakers on the sanctity of life, on the problem of human trafficking and on sharing the gospel. In addition, they've visited Adult & Teen Challenge in Green Bay, Christ the Rock Church for their National Day of Prayer event and The Wellness Way. God is growing their hearts to care about many areas of life that are beyond themselves.



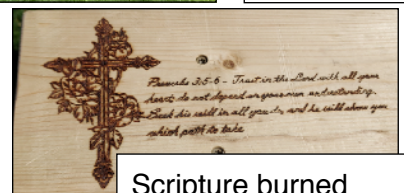
LMA girls were able to present a biblical message in Chapel. Below, Caitlyn tried to play the game of "Life" her own way and wouldn't accept Melonie's correction. As Faith & Sarah reminded us, Proverbs 10:17 states if you won't accept correction, you won't succeed, and Caitlyn lost at "Life."



In the Family Feud skit, 3 Kings were introduced, including Rehoboam (Linnea), who was ignorant, lacking the knowledge needed. Above, Caitlyn reminds us of Rev. 3:15-16. Don't be lukewarm!



Our LMA students worked with a partner and were assigned a **Good News Construction Project** to complete with an adult supervisor. The results were amazing and also shared their faith. A very neat tribute to this school and to our God!



Scripture burned into the picnic table.