

JANUARY 2025

GRACE GAZETTE



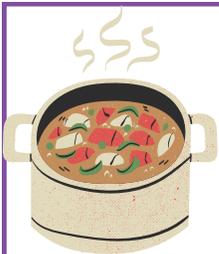
OUR MISSION

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



“But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”
-1 John 1:7

LMA High School student, Caitlyn (far right, in the above picture), leads the discussion in a weekly Bible Dig, studying 1 John. Each week, the school splits into small Bible Dig groups to study a passage closer, with staff and students of all levels.



GCA Annual BOOYAH SALE

Sale Runs 1/15 - 2/3

Booyah will be available after 2/15.
\$20/half gallon

If you are interested in some of the best booyah around AND support GCA too, please email Beth at bethj@gracechristianacademy.school.
Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW - Mon., Feb. 3	GCA BOOYAH SALE Email to order: bethj@gracechristianacademy.school
Feb. 27, 2:45pm	WINTER CONCERT GCA Basement Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 2, 5-9pm	COMMUNITY CAKE & SILENT AUCTION The Barn at Sunset Acres, Pulaski
May 16, 6-8pm	ART & MUSIC SHOWCASE GCA Basement Fellowship Hall



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Share the Light

Matthew 5:15: "No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house."

Here we are in 2025. Eleven and a half years into fulfilling God's mission of leaving a legacy at Grace Christian Academy, and there continue to be blessings and praises abounding. Although we never know what exactly is going to come next, we can rest assured that the Lord our God is in control and continues to hear our prayers. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Praises to our God for the successes of the past and this 2024/2025 school year. The seeds from His steadfast love continue to yield fruit in all aspects of this school, stretching and furthering His Kingdom within our students, families, staff, board and community. I hope you can see what I see...His mission is being executed and His name glorified.

There are new families, new students and new leadership for this year, but His mission for the school has remained steady in our sights. As we continue to grow and change, we need to stay diligent to focus on the mission on which the school was founded. Based on Luke 2:52 "...to increase in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man." Our staff and students continue to learn and grow through many great opportunities, like the Friday hot-lunch meals that the LMA (high school) is providing for the school lately. Initiatives like these are not only teaching these young Christ followers valuable life skills and service towards others, but also showing our much younger Christ followers a great example of what Jesus set forth and how to serve each other. The service towards each other doesn't stop at the school walls though...how are we continuing God's mission after each school day? The legacy has not only started, but students and families are already striding towards Kingdom business through outreach activities (food for less fortunate families, cleaning services). Just thinking about the legacy journey these students are on starts to get my eyes a bit misty (and it's not allergies), so I know if that pulls on my heart strings it absolutely is making God smile and is pleasing to Him.

I challenge you through this gauntlet that's being thrown down, and the prayers God is receiving from me for your families, to get out of your comfortable chairs and your cozy friend bubbles, to start striding and then sprinting towards the legacy that God built you to be a part of. I pray for new and existing students, new and existing families to feel that fire raging inside their hearts...not to keep it covered, selfishly, for themselves but to put it on a pedestal so that all can experience the Light (Matthew 5:15). I lift up each family, each student, each supporter of Grace Christian Academy and ask God, "Help their love for You not to be contained, but to be bursting at the seams for all to see and experience."

Praises be to God, our Creator, our Father and our Savior!

Brad Jaroszinski
GCA BOARD PRESIDENT





2024 COOKIE WALK



Our Cookie Walk, in December, was another grand success! God is so good in His constant provision. So many people came together to create amazing and delicious goodies, to create a fun new Christmas sale and to volunteer for all of our needs for the event. Mr. Johnson and our high school students were able to provide music for and talk to our Cookie Walk guests as well...using every opportunity to share the love of Christ with others.

Thank you to all!



LMA high school students wanted to connect with our guests. They offered hot chocolate, answers to questions about GCA and beautiful music.



Ryker served by helping to sell GCA goodie bags at a local Breakfast with Santa (above).



SO. MANY. COOKIES.

Thanks for your support!



Our Christmas & Crafts Sale was new this year (below), and we hope to bring it back next year. Our favorite part was our student creations (above)...it's wonderful seeing our youth with a heart to serve their school & Jesus!



Our LMA High School students spent a morning making goodies for the GCA Cookie Walk, with some adult help. We thank them for serving!





STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



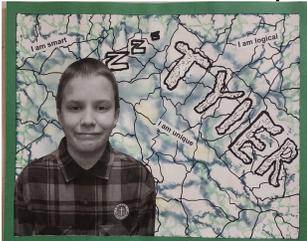
Eliza working on phonics in Mrs. Kane's classroom.



Mrs. Kane's class on Pajama Day (above) and doing Pumpkin Volcanos while learning about Science (left & right).



Junior High students raking for our GCA neighbors in Fall (above).

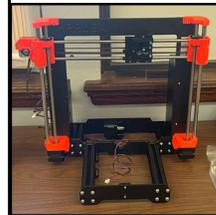


Art projects from Mrs. Jensen's Art Class (left).



Junior High and High School students enjoyed a game of laser tag with Mr. Breinling, as a school incentive (left).

Mr. Breinling & our Junior High students are in the process of building our new 3D printer, which was gifted to the school (right). Everyone is learning a lot!



Miss Jacques' class creating Christmas trees.



Miss Jacques' students wanted to do some acting, so they learned and performed a Thanksgiving play.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The GCA Christmas Concert, with the theme "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," was, once again, a great celebration of the birth of Christ. In this busy life, we need these opportunities to stop and remember Jesus. Thank you Mrs. Jensen and students!



Students sang "Merry Christmas with Love," and acted as the carolers who brought love and encouragement to a lonely woman, played by Chara Jensen, who was alone at Christmas time (Left).

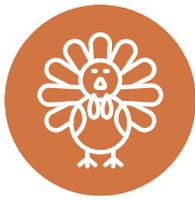


STUDENT TESTIMONY

Trevor Jaroszinski
HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN



I have been going to GCA since Kindergarten, and I really love this school. I love how I am able to get one on one help from the teachers. I love how we are able to talk about God and start off every day with Chapel and having Bible class. I really like that we can talk one on one with teachers every week in discipleship. I love that the teachers will set up activities outside of school for us to fellowship with our friends even more. Also, in our Faith Life Application class, Mr. Johnson has been teaching us what the Bible says about praying well. I know that my school is very different from other schools and I am grateful for GCA.



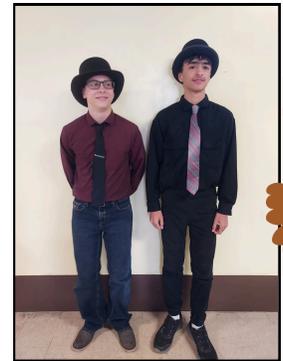
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

Students, families and staff put together a wonderful potluck feast as a celebration of our thankfulness to God. It was a great time of fellowship and gratitude and we even dressed up for the occasion!



THANKFUL



COMMUNITY CAKE & SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, May 2, 5-9pm

The Barn at Sunset Acres in Pulaski

Make plans to attend GCA's 9th Annual Community Cake Auction. Please join us for fun, fellowship and fantastic cakes! Plus silent auction items, bucket raffles, games and a chance to win \$1000!



LMA FAUX ELECTION FOR HEAD ADMINISTRATOR

This October, GCA held a faux campaign for Head Administrator. Our LMA High School students participated in the campaign, which ran alongside the real Presidential election, and brought the process to life for our students. In our faux election, Caitlyn and Faith competed for the votes of the rest of our students, staff and school parents. Each candidate had a marketing team of two LMA students, to help them campaign successfully, and our election voting was held on November 4. Both candidates ran a solid race, but when all votes were counted, Caitlyn won the role of our new Head Administrator (not really :). This faux campaign was a fun way for our students to learn, and it created school unity in the process as well.



Faith & Caitlyn, along with their marketing teams (below), hung banners and signs at school during their campaigns. Each candidate visited student classrooms to talk about their campaign and scheduled other things, like a pet visit.

The Debate (above), where Faith & Caitlyn answered questions posed by our debate moderator, Trevor (bottom, left in photo). To the right, are pictures of our official Election on Nov. 4.

PRAISES & PRAYER NEEDS



***Prayers for additional 3K/4K enrollment for next school year to support our new Pre-K program.**