

# GRACE GAZETTE



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

\* **Faith & Family Blizzards**  
Sunday, March 15

Join us for a fun night of arena football featuring a halftime show by Jamie MacDonald—this fundraiser supports GCA, and groups with the highest attendance earn even more for the school!

\* **Cake & Silent Auction**  
Friday, May 1

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, this lively event is fun for everyone—invite your friends and family and help support the ministry of Grace Christian Academy.

\* **Art & Music Showcase**  
Friday, May 15

A beloved annual event featuring a full display of student artwork from the year and a special choir concert celebrating creativity and worship.

\* **Graduation**  
Saturday, May 23

This year we celebrate three graduates as we honor their achievements and look ahead with excitement to where God will lead them in the next chapter of their lives.



### Academic Spotlight

## Learning the World from the Ground Up

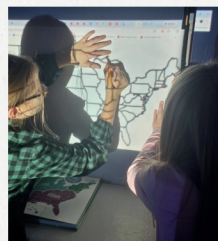
Our elementary students in grades 3–5 are diving into an exciting and immersive learning experience under the guidance of Mrs. Tomarello, our new elementary teacher. This year, she has introduced an extended social studies and life sciences unit that invites students to explore the world—quite literally—from the ground up. Beginning with the biblical creation of the world, students are learning about the layers of the earth, tectonic plates, and the formation of land. Lessons have included the global flood, shifting plates, the earth's core and its role in volcanoes, and an exploration of the Ring of Fire.

From there, students travel continent

by continent, studying diverse landscapes and biomes, along with the unique plant and animal life found in each region.

Hands-on activities like earthquake simulations, lessons on landslides, and cause-and-effect explorations of land formation have helped bring these concepts to life.

Next year, this class will build on this foundation by expanding their studies to include world cultures, governments, and people, offering students an even deeper understanding of God's world and those who inhabit it. Through this integrated approach, students are developing curiosity, critical thinking skills, and a growing appreciation for God's creation.



## Admin Letter

A number of years ago, I had decided that fishing is something that I should do. I didn't have any special knowledge from "Grandpa Joe" or "Uncle Bernie" that gave me any advantage..I just started with "Well, there's fish in them waters...lets go gettumm!" And off I went on this wonderful journey called fishing (they don't call it catching). As a family we figured out some of the basics; fishing pole, tackle, spot to fish...seems pretty straight forward and simple. Our first trips were with hand-me-down fishing poles (I don't even know where they came from) throwing a bobber in the waters on the Machickanee Flowage off the dyke. I'd bring a cooler full of ice, for all the fish we were going to bring home, and some snacks. We quickly found out over a couple hours of fishing, that if you landed just a few fish, it was a good day. By no means were we ever slaying them the first few years.

As the man of the house, I analyzed the situation and determined the problem was that there just weren't any fish where we were fishing. We needed a boat to get out to the fish...then we would be ready to go! So we bought a small 12' Alumacraft fishing boat with a teenie-weenie motor and got out onto some smaller lakes. However, we quickly found out deeper, bigger water does not equal catching more fish. Yes, we were catching some fish but most definitely not setting the table for dinner on any one trip. No doubt I knew what the problem was, I still didn't have the right equipment. We needed a fish finder!! Long story, short, I am now convinced that the fish-finder is a tool that fish have actually developed to taunt me about how many fish I am NOT catching.

Finally, I figured it must be that I need more gear and better gear! Better line, better reel, different reel, different pole, larger boat...but, all of these things didn't seem to make a difference. After these eight years, I have tried to solve the mystery of fishing through the fancy things I see other fishermen using, or what the top-fishing YouTuber is advertising. In the end, though, none of these things helped me much at all.

I hear you saying, "What in the world is this guy talking about, and how are his fishing failures relevant to me?"

Some of you have had the opportunity to learn from your family and be brought up in the faith, what a blessing! We all start out with the seemingly simple idea of Christ and what he did for us. We all see what other Christians do...they go to church, they pray, they pray together, they volunteer....that must be the trick! So we do those things expecting to achieve the same depth of relationship others have in Christ, but if we focus only on the "doing", we will inevitably fail or not achieve the expected results (as I did early in fishing). None of these things are bad, by any means, but it's not about the things that we are doing. It is about our depth of understanding and our relationship with the WHO of our faith (or in the case of fishing, the what).

With fishing, success is in understanding the patterns of the fish, the barometric pressure, the moon-phase, the season and the lake. These are things that are difficult to teach, but have to be learned through experience and research. With Christ, developing a true relationship with Him is similar, in that it takes time, thought, prayer, more prayer and a persistent and consistent pursuit of Him. Just like fishing, general knowledge of faith in Christ can be a start, but unless you invest the time into it, you will be disappointed with the results.

Take the opportunity you have daily, and invest time persistently and consistently with Christ. Your relationship with Him will only grow stronger and deeper, and will have benefits that last into eternity.

*Brad Jarosinski*

GCA SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT





Academic Spotlight

# Building a Legacy Through Service

Students in Legacy Making Academy (LMA) are discovering that leadership is not simply taught in a classroom—it is lived out through service. Through meaningful, hands-on experiences, students are putting their faith into action by serving both their local community and neighbors in need.

Throughout the year, LMA students have partnered with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity’s Rock the Block, helping with landscaping and small home projects, and even spreading mulch in Green Bay parks. They regularly rake leaves and

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Academic Spotlight

# New Laser Engraver Expands Hands-On Learning Opportunities

Grace Christian Academy recently received a donated laser engraver, opening the door to exciting new hands-on learning opportunities for our students. With guidance from staff, students are learning how to safely operate the equipment, understand the technology behind it, and apply precision and creativity in real-world ways.

Beyond technical skills, this new tool is sparking conversations among educators and curriculum developers about expanding learning into commerce, entrepreneurship, and business planning. Students will have opportunities to explore product development, pricing, and responsible stewardship through project-based learning experiences.

This technology supports GCA’s commitment to equipping students with practical skills, critical thinking, and a biblical approach to work—preparing them to serve Christ faithfully in whatever paths God leads them.

New Board Member

# Welcome Joshua Kunkel

We are pleased to welcome Joshua Kunkel to the Grace Christian Academy School Board. We are grateful for the Lord’s provision in bringing Josh to serve as we continue our mission of providing a discipleship-driven, Christ-centered education rooted in the full truth of God’s Word.

Josh brings more than 15 years of experience in sales, leadership, and customer service, including management and human resources roles within the financial services industry. He currently serves with the United States Postal Service in De Pere, where he has been part of teams recognized at the state level for outstanding customer service. His background in supervision, coaching, hiring, and training, along with his Associate Degree in Business Management, provides valuable insight as he steps into this role.



Josh is a devoted husband and father and an active member of One Way Christian Church, who appreciates sound doctrine and uncompromising teaching of God’s Word.

Josh has a sincere heart for the next generation and understands the importance of stability, truth, and Christ-centered guidance for children and young adults. His desire is to help ensure that Grace Christian Academy remains a place where students are rooted in Scripture, disciplined well, and equipped to stand firm in their faith.

We are thankful for Josh’s willingness to serve and look forward to the integrity and diligence he will bring to our board. Please join us in warmly welcoming him to the GCA family.

Everyday Grace

# Life at Grace Christian Academy



Life Skills



Cookie Walk



Science & Social Studies



Guitar Lessons



Christmas Concert



**continued 'Building a Legacy Through Services' :**

shovel snow for neighborhood residents, visit single elderly neighbors to talk, pray, and assist with chores, and volunteer at Ruby's Pantry and Paul's Pantry in Green Bay.

Students also host monthly GCA community meals in the school basement, serving the homeless and neighbors surrounding the school.

Beyond service projects, students are gaining exposure to ministry and vocational callings. They traveled to Woods Bible Camp in Fredonia, Wisconsin, to learn how staff members were called into ministry. They have welcomed guest speakers such as Elsa Harvey from Cru Ministries, representatives from Adult & Teen Challenge, missionary Norina Purro, and Deputy Liam

Gallagher and his wife Georgia, who shared about their work in law enforcement and crime investigation.

Students also visited Adult & Teen Challenge to participate in chapel and hear powerful testimonies of life transformation.

LMA's special weekend field trips—including a fall camping trip and winter ice fishing trip—build teamwork and resilience, while a mentoring program connects seniors with off-campus mentors who disciple and encourage them personally.

More than a list of activities, these experiences are shaping students to lead with humility, courage, and compassion. Legacy Making Academy is equipping young people not just to succeed—but to serve—building a legacy rooted in Christ's call to love God and love others.



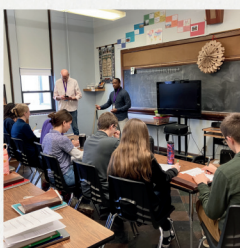
Academic Spotlight: Art

## Dream Worlds & Optical Illusions

Art students explored the fascinating world of Surrealism through the work of Salvador Dalí. They learned how surrealist artists create dream-like, imaginative scenes filled with unexpected and sometimes illogical elements that challenge our understanding of reality. Inspired by Dalí's famous "melting clocks," students created their own versions, experimenting with distortion and movement to make ordinary objects appear fluid and surreal.

Next, students studied the incredible "impossible worlds" of M. C. Escher. While often mistaken for surrealism, Escher's work is actually rooted in optical illusion and mathematical precision. In learning about Op Art, students discovered how artists use high-contrast colors, geometric patterns, and careful design to trick the eye and fool the brain. Even with simple materials, their projects appear three-dimensional—seemingly popping right off the page!

Both projects encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and attention to detail, and our 3rd–11th grade artists rose to the challenge beautifully.





# 10th annual

# Cake Auction & Silent Auction

Join us for a special evening of fellowship and support at our Cake Auction & Silent Auction! Together, we'll make a lasting impact on the lives of our students and community.

**Nicolet**  
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**Friday, May 1, 2026  
5PM-9PM**



## \$1,000 Cash Raffle

Tickets available ahead of time and at the event. Drawing will happen at the event. You do not need to be present to win.



**Location:  
THE BARN AT SUNSET  
ACRES**

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Student Highlight

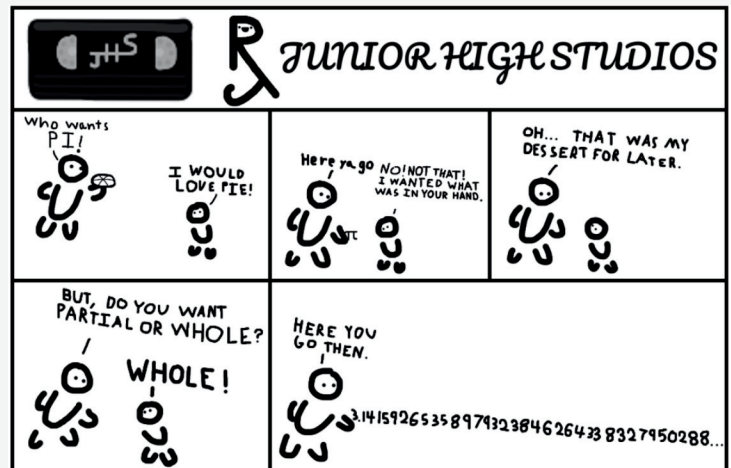
### Caitlyn Jarosinski

My name is Caitlyn Jarosinski and I have been going to GCA for 12 years now. GCA has really always played a fundamental role in my life and has helped me grow the whole time I have been here. Well, to start from the beginning, I have grown up in a Christian household my entire life, going to church, going to youth group, etc. Christianity was always something I have believed but I never actually took ownership of my faith until sophomore year of high school. In sophomore year we moved to a new church, which is the church we are at now, Jacobs Well, and God really started to pull on my heart to have a personal relationship with him. Through that process of trying to see what that looked like for me, the discipleship at GCA helped so incredibly much. Since that point I have been continually growing in my relationship, continual fellowship, and heart for Jesus, with my GCA family always walking alongside me. My journey has had many ups and downs, along with many difficult attacks from the enemy but God has worked them all out for good and has kept me close to him the whole time. A big part of my testimony is being able to rely on God's timing for things in my life or why things are happening to me, especially with all my health problems as of

last year, and still being able to trust that God's plan is the best, not what I think it should be. Even through all of this, I am so excited to go to college, which is the next step in my journey. I am going to Olivet Nazarene University in the fall for Criminal Justice and Criminology. I am very excited for these next steps and would appreciate prayers for the life ahead of me. With my degree I would love to get a job somewhere working in Forensic Psychology. I am always in prayer for how God can use me in this field and even how to share his love when I am in college working for that degree. One gift that I know God has given me is leadership abilities. I don't know how I am going to use these yet but I am sure God will reveal those opportunities to me. Even with all the really hard things that I have to deal with when it comes to my health, God has held me the whole time and has blessed me with perseverance, a joyful attitude, and determination to still do everything for his glory.

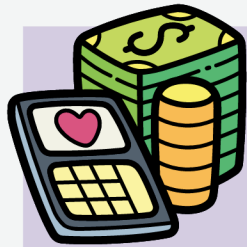
### GCA Funnies

Written and illustrated by GCA middle school students. Ryker Jarosinski (Top) and Brielle Barke (bottom)

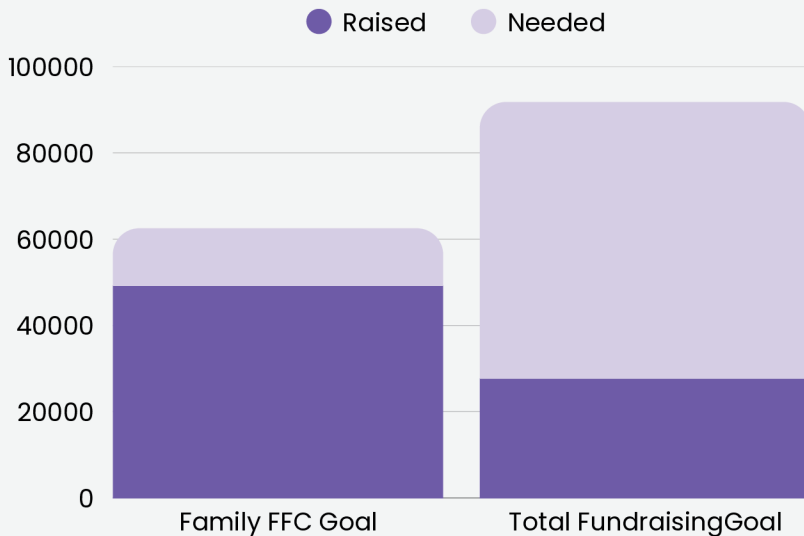


## Financial Transparency

At GCA, we operate by faith –trusting God to provide for every need. In that spirit, we believe it’s important to be transparent with our supporters about where we are financially and how you can be a part of this mission. Every donation matters, and we are deeply grateful for the miraculous provision God supplies through your obedience and generosity.



**We need \$20,000 in additional donations to meet our budget for the rest of the year - your donations make a lasting impact!**



## FFC Update

With only 3 months left, our families have already met 67% of their financial commitments through tireless efforts like Pizza Ranch nights, the Valentine’s Dance, and RaiseRight sales. We are so proud of their hard work and the incredible momentum building as we head into the home stretch!

### Upcoming Fundraising

**\* Green Bay Blizzard Faith & Family Game Day: March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
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## School Needs

- Technology upgrades - \$600
- Radio ads - \$400 for a month advertisement
- Insurance - \$300 per month
- Printer cost - \$175 per month
- Radio partnership - \$150 per month
- Teacher Inservice food - \$100 per month
- Cleaning supplies - \$100 per month
- Internet services - \$60 per month
- Office supplies - \$50 per month
- Garbage bags and Paper Towel from Costco

Donations for any of these items or for general school needs can be made online at [gracechristianacademy.school/pay](http://gracechristianacademy.school/pay) or sent to GCA, 1087 Kellogg St, Green Bay, WI 54303

## Donor Recognition



A huge shout-out to Nicolet Bank, Schneider National, and JW Industries for jumping in to sponsor a portion of our Cake Auction!

We’re looking for a few more amazing business partners to help us cross the finish line and cover our venue costs. As our biggest fundraiser of the year, this is a fantastic way to get your brand in front of the community while supporting a truly meaningful cause.

Want to be part of something sweet? Sponsor our space and help us make this event a masterpiece!

## Our God Provides, Abundantly!

We are so thankful for the many ways God continues to provide for Grace Christian Academy! This month, we’ve seen His hand at work through growing enrollment and re-enrollments, the arrival of new donors, and the continued heart of our faithful supporters. We are blessed to have you alongside our mission!

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