

Welcome Back GCS!

Calendar of Events



September 2016



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 ■ Soccer vs Granville ■ Volleyball vs Granville	2 ■ SCRIP pick up	3	
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11	12 ■ Soccer at Tree of Life ■ Volleyball at Tree of Life ■ SCRIP drop off	13 ■ Soccer Practice ■ Volleyball Practice	14 ■ Soccer Practice ■ Volleyball Practice	15 ■ Soccer at Central College ■ Volleyball at Central College ■ Therefore Talks/Sanctuary	16 ■ SCRIP pick up	17	
18	19 ■ SCRIP drop off ■ Soccer vs Torah ■ Volleyball vs Torah	20 ■ Soccer Practice ■ Volleyball Practice ■ Warrior Store/Middle School	21 ■ Soccer Practice ■ Volleyball Practice	22 ■ Soccer vs Madison ■ Volleyball vs Madison ■ 8th Grade Breakfast w/ Worthington Christian Schools	23 ■ SCRIP pick up	24	
25	26 ■ Soccer at	27 ■ Soccer	28	29 ■ Soccer	30 ■ SCRIP pick		

Events and Announcements

Fall Picture Day

Put your best smile on! Tuesday, September 6th is fall picture day. Order forms were already sent home with your student with ordering instructions including the necessary student id numbers.

Therefore Talks

Parenting in today's world is not easy. What the world says is morally and culturally acceptable for our children and for our families is not always what is best for us. And then there is the pressure of time, money, relationships....being the best parents we can be is a challenging journey knowing that our future – and our children's futures – will be shaped by the choices we make today.

So, how are we to look at every opportunity as parents and know the best choices to make; how do we seek and gain wisdom? Wisdom begins with the understanding of who God is and who we are not. His "road map" for us is His Word and in His Word are lots of "THEREFORE'S". These "THEREFORE'S" are bright red stops signs in our lives; we need to go back, re-read the verses, and find lots of wisdom!

Each day, parents are faced with making decisions that can cause pressures and worries. As followers of Jesus, how will we address these pressures and worries? How can we pursue wisdom so that the issues and matters of today will impact our children's futures in a Biblical way? How can we guard our time, treasures and relationships so that they are not carelessly wasted away; rather, we would intentionally invest in opportunities that matter most, make a difference in our family life, and create a cumulative value?

Grace Christian School will be hosting "Therefore Talks" on 17 Thursday mornings during the 2016-17 school year. Parents are welcome to drop their children off in extended care from 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. *at no charge* during the "Therefore Talks" and pick up a light breakfast before heading off for the day. The "Therefore Talks" are meant to equip, inspire, teach, and challenge parents to "reset" their families this school year in radical ways.

The important areas of our lives – our priorities - require diligent attention and Godly molding and shaping every day. What will that look like for you and your family during this school year? How can you "reset" your choices as parents and families that might transform your lives?

"Therefore Talks".....let's RESET together.....

September 15 – I want to be a great parent to my child, therefore..... CHIP

September 29 – I want my child to like me/ be my best friend, therefore..... CHIP

October 13 – I am challenged to relate to my child, therefore..... MARTY

October 27 – I can't get my child to listen to me/be respectful to me, therefore,..... CHIP

November 10 – My child is always honest...I think, therefore..... CHIP

December 1 – My kids have everything but they still complain, therefore.... JOHN H

December 15 – I adore my child and want them to have great self-esteem, therefore..... DANNI

January 12 – Having kids is sucking my bank account dry, therefore..... CHIP

January 26 - My child has/wants every electronic device, therefore..... JON R

February 9 – Our family doesn't really communicate anymore, therefore..... CHIP

February 23 – When is it time to have "the talk", and am I saying too much, therefore.... JOHN H

March 2 – I can't find the perfect church that fits our family, therefore..... CHIP

March 23 – My work never ends, therefore.... MARTY

April 6 – I want to prioritize exceptional experiences for my child, therefore..... CHIP

April 20 – My awesome plans with the kids often end in meltdowns, therefore.... JON R

May 4 – My child's success determines whether or not I am a good parent, therefore..... DANNI

May 18 – Summer's coming, therefore..... CHIP

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SAVE THE DATE Parent-Teacher Conference Signups will start on September 26th

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 11th and Thursday, October 13th beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- Pick-a-Time scheduling will open on September 26th – instructions will be sent home on September 23rd
- Please note appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis
- K-3rd grade students or siblings are not permitted at the conferences, nor are they permitted to stay outside of classrooms; 4th-8th grade will be holding student led conferences
- School is dismissed at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 13
- All students remaining in the building at 2:20 p.m. will be taken to 7th Grade Extended Care
- Childcare is a fundraiser for our 8th graders' trip to Washington DC in 2018. Extended Care charges and billing are different on these two days; the cost is \$7 per child per hour no matter what portion of an hour is used and *payment is due upon pick up (cash, checks and credit cards are accepted)*
- You may use the service whether you have a conference scheduled or not. You may also use it for as little or as much time as you need
- To help the student and parent volunteers adequately prepare for child care on conference days, please send an email to Kathy Brand (kathy.brand@gcsblacklick.org) indicating:
 - The names and ages of the children who will be in extended care/child care
 - The date(s) and approximate time(s) you are planning to use the child care (October 11th and/or October 13th between 2:20 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.)
 - Parents' names, e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers

One final note about conference pick-up, please note that we will send children left in the building to extended care promptly at 2:20 p.m. because many of the teachers on dismissal duty must prepare for their first conference of the afternoon; please plan on being at school by 2:10 p.m. if you intend to pick up your student(s)

PHIL WICKHAM CONCERT!!! OCTOBER 15th

Phil Wickham is coming to Grace Christian School on October 15th at 6 pm in the middle school gymnasium! Purchase your tickets soon before it sells out. Tickets are available at www.itickets.com/events/364856

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School Pass/Arrival Reminders

- As a reminder, please move your students to after school activities (athletics, orchestra, extended care) so that we may have an accurate dismissal list.
- Arrival – as you pull to the back of the building and turn into the drop off area, please pull up as far as possible and allow your student to exit into the coned off area. You do not need to wait until you are close to the door. This will allow us to keep the car line moving.
- DO NOT drop your child anywhere on campus except in the designated drop off area.(The “U” drive in the back.)
- Please allow extra time for Broad Street traffic for arrival and dismissal.
- Middle School Parents should arrive by 8:00-8:05 a.m. to allow time for the arrival process. The middle school building opens each school day at 8:00 am. If in the event a student need to be dropped off prior to 8:00 it will be necessary for them to attend extended care in the elementary building. Students should never be waiting outside the building in the morning. You may see some students entering the building before 8:00 as both Latin and orchestra take place before school.
- School pass has a smartphone app (iPhone and Android). Search for “school-pass” – the school code for GCS is 1239.
- Please note that parents must update School Pass throughout the school year with new license plates or changes to license plates. Without this information, School Pass will not alert your child to be ready to leave at a dismissal door.

Lunch Orders

- October lunches can be ordered September 1-September 15
- If you need to drop off your student’s lunch, it must be in the school office by 11:00 a.m.

Uniform Deadline Approaching

- All students are expected to be in full uniform every day
- By September 15th, all students should be in full Lands End uniform or GCS Warrior Store gym uniforms
- If you have questions about the uniform, please refer to the Uniform Quick Reference Guide you received with your enrollment paperwork or found on our website

Warrior Store

- Open on Tuesday, September 20th from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Middle School Lobby.

Scrip Orders

- As a reminder, scrip orders are due every Monday by 9:00 a.m. and will be sent home with your student on Fridays

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Save Your Box Tops, Tyson and Campbell's Labels!

- Did you know your box tops, Tyson and Campbell's labels are important for our school?
- We can earn money and gym equipment just for turning in these items and the class that collects the most always gets a great treat!
- Start saving your box tops and labels and be sure to send them in with your student.

GCS Fall Athletics

- Come cheer on Soccer and Volleyball Warriors!
- Athletic schedules and directions to away games can be found on our website

Save the Date for our Annual Family Fall Festival!

- Join us on **Friday, November 4th** from **6-8:30 p.m.** for a family friendly night that includes games, food, silent and live auctions and a bake sale all in a carnival-like atmosphere
- Admission is free but you'll want to bring some cash or your debit card with you so you can purchase game and food tickets and bid on the outstanding auction items donated by each class and local businesses!
- You'll receive more information about the Fall Festival in the coming weeks so stay tuned!