



# Grace Christian School 2012-13 Newsletter

October 24, 2012

***Praise God for His bountiful blessings:***

*~ for the opportunity to teach our students about God and His Word.*

*~ for rules and guidelines to keep us safe.*

Listed below are the scrip cards the school currently has on hand - available for purchase. Contact the school office

Card	Value
Applebee's	25.00
Bath 'n Body	10.00
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Darden's	25.00
CVS Pharmacy	25.00
Rite Aid	25.00
Sheetz	25.00
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Walmart	25.00
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***Opportunities for you to serve God and Grace Christian School***

***\*Pray for the fundraising banquet.***

***\*Help with VANquish Hunger project.***

***\*Ask your family and friends to save boxtops for GCS.***

***Please call school if you can help.***

Grace Christian School would like to thank Blake and Natalie Peffer for collecting and bringing in over 700 boxtops for education. The deadline for the fall submission is fast approaching. Please send in your boxtops! This is an easy fundraiser and only takes a bit of time.

Reminder: There is **EARLY DISMISSAL** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>** and **no school on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** for Parent/Teacher Conferences. School is in session on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Parents please review the dress code in our Grace Christian School handbook with you child. The dress code can found on pages 24-25. For your convenience a copy of the dress is on the back of this newsletter. Thank you for helping to instill the importance of following rules with your children.**

**Special Class Schedule:**

- Monday – Phys. Ed.
- Tuesday – Music
- Wednesday – Phys. Ed.  
Chapel
- Thursday – Computer
- Friday – Art/Computer

**Cookbook Sale**

An order form for our "Cooking with Grace" cookbooks was sent home. Order forms and money are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are over 150 recipes in our cookbook and the cost is \$13.50. Cookbooks are scheduled to arrive November 19<sup>th</sup> – just in time for holiday baking. Remember these cookbooks will make a great Christmas gift, Bridal Shower gift, home warming gift or keepsake. Thank you!

**Scrip Schedule**

- November 9<sup>th</sup>
- November 30<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup>

Dress code over. →

## Dress Code:

While Grace Christian School recognizes that clothing and grooming styles do not make a person become a Christian or more “spiritual” than another person, we, as Christians, are judged and evaluated by our appearance. Furthermore, we are commanded in the Bible to do **all** things for the honor and glory of God as found in I Corinthians 10:31. Therefore, our attire should reflect our Christian beliefs. It is also important that clothing be safe, comfortable, and modest as students participate in a variety of activities. The following guidelines define what is and is not acceptable attire:

The general rule is that students must wear clothing that is modest, not tight fitting or revealing in nature. (No spandex)

1. Pants must be neat, clean, and in good repair—no holes please. They cannot drag on the ground. Pants must be loose enough to allow freedom of movement for gym activities but not so baggy that they impede movement or look sloppy. Undergarments should not be seen.

2. Sweatpants may not be worn during school.

3. Nylon wind suits, and fleece sweat suits, and Capri pants may be worn year round.

4. We support our military service personnel; camouflage may be worn.

5. The hem or slit of a skirt or dress must cover the bottom of the knee or be longer.

**PLEASE NOTE: All preschool and kindergarten girls must wear shorts under their dresses or skirts.**

6. Shorts may be worn during school hours in September and May and at Administrator-approved activities such as after-school basketball. When worn, shorts must be long enough to come to the top of the knee and should be worn at the waist, not sagging or tight-fitting to the point of immodesty

7. All shirts (boys and girls) should be neat and clean, and must be tucked in and buttoned if they have a shirttail. The length of the shirt should be no longer than the bottom of the pockets of a normal pair of jeans; a student should be able to raise his/her arms over his/her head without exposing any part of his/her stomach or back. Undershirts cannot hang below the hem of the outer garment.

8. All students are permitted to wear T-shirts as long as they do not have offensive language (which includes making fun of someone, an ethnic or religious group, pictures,) or depict any rock group or lyrics, or advertises alcohol or drugs.

9. Sweatshirts and sweaters are permitted.

10. Bared midriff, backless tops, spaghetti, halter, or tank tops, tops with low necklines, or see through fabrics are not permitted.

11. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted so long as hoods are kept down. Overcoats and jackets may only be worn when the teacher determines that they are needed.

12. Hats and bandanas are permitted to be worn to school, however, once in the building, students must remove them.

13. Laced athletic shoes having traction soles are required for gym and recess. For safety reasons: sandals, dress shoes, flip-flops, and shoes without traction are not permitted. Wheeled tennis shoes are not permitted.

14. Makeup and excessive jewelry are not appropriate for school.

15. For safety reasons, girls are permitted to wear one pair of single stud earrings.

16. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. They may wear only one necklace. Pocket chains are not to be visible.

17. For safety and health reasons, students are not permitted to have pierced body part jewelry such as nose and tongue rings, etc.

18. Students are not permitted to wear visible tattoos, temporary or permanent.

19. Hair styles must be neat in appearance, natural in color (no pink, green, blue, etc.), and should not fall below the eyebrows.

All removable items of clothing (shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc.) should be clearly labeled with the child's name.

The Administration has final authority as to any additional or “gray” areas of the dress code.

### Dress Code Enforcement:

Parents are asked to see that their children are dressed properly for school according to the dress code. The issue will be addressed with the student unless they are in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and then a note will be sent home to express our concern and to clarify the Dress Code.

A verbal warning may be appropriate for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>; however, we may deem it necessary to ask a parent to bring a change of clothing from home. In some cases, GCS may have to issue a detention/in-school suspension for intentional or repeated infractions