

Calendar of Events

- April 11–
Financial Aid
Seminar
6-8pm
- April 12–
Geography Bee
for 3rd-8th
graders
- April 22–
McDonalds'
fundraiser
4-7pm
- May 2-3–
Art Festival
- May 6–
McDonalds'
fundraiser
4-7pm
- May 5–
Day of Giving
Promotional
Event
6-8pm
- May 9–
Day of Giving
- May 24–
Last day of
school and
kindergarten
graduation
- June 1–
GCS at
Idlewild

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Armstrong County Day of Giving

Grace Christian School is participating in the third annual Armstrong County Day of Giving. The day is May 9th and it is a one day only event. There is a group of non-profit organizations in Armstrong County that is setting aside this one day to raise as much money as possible. Any individual monetary donations from 20 dollars to 5,000 dollars will be matched by the Armstrong County Community Foundation. The amount of money that is matched to every donation will depend on the total amount raised by the group of schools. Grace Christian School

is asking every family with an enrolled child to donate at least 20 dollars, though any other donations are more than welcome. There are three ways to donate. First, it can be done online; go to www.ArmstrongGives.org. Second, it can be done by a check or money delivered to GCS. The check must be made out to "Armstrong County Community Foundation" and "Grace Christian School" must be in the memo box. Third, it can be done by a check or money mailed to 160 N. McKean St., Kittanning, PA 16201. Remember, this is a one day event, so if done online,

it must be done on May 9th or if mailed it must be post marked on May 9th. With your help and prayers, GCS can meet its goal of 20,000 dollars. All the money raised will go to the McGrady Memorial Fund for Advancement of Christian Education.

There will be an ice cream social and hymn sing on May 5th from 6-8pm to promote the Day of Giving.



I'm Loving It!

This year, instead of hosting a spaghetti dinner and concert, the faculty and parents of the school will be working at McDonalds for the evening on two different nights. On April 22nd and May 6th, they will be at the McDonalds in the Franklin Village

Mall from 4 to 7 pm working the register, making fries and cleaning tables. There will also be some special activities for the children. Twenty percent of the profits will go to the school.

So head out to the McDonalds at the Franklin Village Mall on April 22nd or May 6th for some hamburger, fries, and great service, and help support Grace Christian School.



Prepare for Next Year

Parents who are planning on sending their child to Grace Christian School next year should attend the Financial Aid Seminar on April 11th. From 6-8pm at GCS they can learn about the many different scholarships

available as well as how to apply for them. One simple discount that parents can receive from GCS is the early registration discount. All they have to do is register their child and pay the registration fee by April 15th.

Volcanoes and Field Trips

"I sat on (the space toilet) and it was awesome and I got to flush it"
-Lauren Emminger



The third through sixth graders have been having a lot of fun this winter.

On February 1st, they all went to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh for the day. They tested out Highmark Sportsworks where Morgan almost fell off the Go for a Spin. Jonetta enjoyed the human yoyo and Veda the trampoline, Bounce!. Students tested their jumping, running, and pitching skills and pulled themselves up the rock wall. The Coaster Physics, a rollercoaster simulator, was also a favorite. In the Space Place, the students experienced life as an astronaut; and in Roboworld, they played air

hockey against a robot. They also enjoyed Seascape where they got to see jellyfish. The ride home was also memorable, when Kyle Luke accidentally set off the fire extinguisher in the van.

That same month, the fifth and sixth graders made and erupted volcanoes. To make them, each student rolled newspaper into balls and made a mountain around an empty two liter bottle. Then they covered it with paper mache and paint. On the appointed day, they put on goggles and took the volcanoes outside. In order to cause the eruption, the students poured coke into the two liter bottle

and dropped in a mentos. Chancey's erupted the longest and John Brody's the highest. To improve for next year, they will make the volcano around a bottle of unopened Diet Coke. The weather might have had some affect; as John Brody said, "It was like Valley Forge out there."



Saints Enjoy a Solid Season

The GCS basketball season concluded in February. The varsity team finished the season with a record of 2-1 and the elementary team finished with a record of 2-4, after winning their final two games. The players showed tremendous im-

provement throughout the season and are excited about building on that foundation next year. The head coach for the Saints, Pastor Matt Owlett, chaplain of GCS, hopes to continue to schedule more and more games next year, especially for the varsity team. The

season concluded on a high note with the players defeating their parents in a nip and tuck battle. Afterwards, Coach Owlett gave his thoughts about the season and passed out awards to all the players. The future certainly looks bright for Saints basketball.



Carnival in the Gym

On Friday, February 22nd, the students arrived at school to find the gym full of games and prizes, and after lunch, it also included excited students and observant teachers. This was the reward for those who had participated in the Read-a-thon. For every half-hour they read, they received one ticket. Both the Read-a-thon and the carnival were a success. The

Read-a-thon brought in almost 3,000 dollars. The carnival allowed the students to put their pent-up energy to good use. They were able to play mini-golf, bowl, knock down cans, throw frisbees, blow a cup along a string, and much more. One of the highlights of the afternoon was trying to hit Pastor Matt, Mrs. Hankinson, the school administrator

and first-second grade teacher, and Mr. Lamison, a student's father, in the face with a pie.

