

## Calendar of Events:

November 15—  
Grandparents' Day  
for Pre-K through  
6th

November 16—  
Fundraising Banquet

November 18-21—  
Penny Wars

November 22—  
Light Up Night at  
7pm

November 25—  
Vanquish Hunger  
drop off bags

December 5—  
Vanquish Hunger  
pick up bags

December 5—  
Grandparents Day  
for JH/HS

December 13—  
Christmas Program  
at 7pm

December 16—  
Read-a-thon begins

# Grace News

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## Beneficial Benefit Auction

On October 5th, Grace Christian School had their Annual Benefit Auction and it was a success. Dane Bailey, "The Singing Auctioneer," offered his services to the school for a reduced rate again and he did a wonderful job. The event opened up with a breakfast at 8 am and the silent auction started at 9am. Serving breakfast was introduced this year and will be pursued further next year, perhaps expanded. The silent auction ended at 11 and the live auction began along with lunch. The bake sale provided dessert. Needless to say, everyone was well fed!

In the weeks prior to the event, many people brought

items to the school to be auctioned off, but the total number of items was less than previous years. The faculty was worried that this year would not be as successful as before. God had a different plan in mind. When everything was all tallied up, the total came to \$7,129 and some change. This is actually the most the Annual Benefit Auction has ever raised! The faculty and staff are praising God for going above and beyond their expectations. Thank you to all those who helped make it a huge success; whether you donated an item, prepared food, set up the event or bought something, you played an impor-

tant role in supporting Grace Christian School.

If you are curious, some of the items auctioned off this year were as follows: Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra tickets, Belmont Complex E-pass cards for skating and swimming, emerald earrings with ring, gift card for two personalized Christmas stockings, signed Tim Tebow picture, Red Wing safety boots, a microscope/telescope, and multiple themed baskets, like "date night".



## New Security Cameras

The school has been working on more security precautions since the recent shooting in Connecticut. Recently, Rich and Barb Snyder donated money to the school for a new security system. New cameras along with a couple of monitors have been

installed. Currently there are cameras inside and outside of the school, including the high school which is in the basement of Grace Brethren Church. Even before these cameras were installed, the State Highway Patrol visited the school and said that it

was a very safe environment. Plus Mr. Kline, the Fire Marshall, commented on how well behaved the students are. The cameras just add an extra measure of precaution.

## Safety First



On October 15th, the West Kittanning Fire Department came to Grace Christian. They spent some time explaining general fire safety procedures. Students learned the importance of an escape plan and got to practice Stop, Drop and Roll. Then each of the students

walked through the Fire Trailer, which is a trailer set up like a house. The firemen emphasized the dangerous areas—electrical cords near the sink or tub, pot handles hanging off of the stove, rags near the stove or toaster, and candles. Each student was then allowed to climb out a window as they would have to do if a fire was blocking the door. There was also a fire engine that

the students could view. Before they left, the fire department gave each of the students a bag of goodies which included a CD with games on it. The younger ones also took home plastic firemen hats, which they proceeded to wear the rest of the day. All in all, the students had a lot of fun and learned how to be safe around fire.

## Playground Expansion

Over the summer, many men from Grace Brethren Church installed a new swing set and tire swing donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Toy and Mr. Richard McGrady. Right now they are also installing a tether ball which was donated by Fun and Freedom. Previously the playground had two swings, a slide and a playhouse. The students would also use a grassy area on the other

side of the church to play games, like kickball. Now they all enjoy the new equipment. With ten swings, plus the old two, the students in each class can compete on how high each can go. The school is looking to add more equipment; please contact the school if you would like to donate an item in memory of someone and a plaque will be put up.



In this picture, John Brody Kunst, 6th grade, and Jonetta Callen, 5th grade, are dissecting a sheep heart.

## Alert!

Grace Christian School's email has been acting up recently. Please do not send anything to [gcs@arm-tek.net](mailto:gcs@arm-tek.net) until further notice. Your email would probably not be received. The school is looking into either

fixing the problem or creating a completely new address. In the meantime, if you would like to contact the school via email, you may use this temporary address: [gracechristiansch@gmail.com](mailto:gracechristiansch@gmail.com).