

Calendar of Events:

February 6th—
Common Core State
Standards Discussion
6:30-8pm

February 10th—
Players vs. Parents
Basketball Game/
Closing Ceremony
5pm

February 10th—14th
Kindergarten Screening

February 28th—
Winter Carnival

March 25th—
Muscular Dystrophy
Hop-Along

April 10th—
Financial Aid Seminar
6-8pm

April 11th—
Geography Bee

May 2nd—
Art Festival

May 8th—
Day of Giving

UPDATE:

The school's email is working better now and the temporary one is no longer available. If you would like to contact the school, please use gcs@arm-tek.net

Grace News

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Donor Banquet 2013

On November 16, 2013 more than 200 people gathered at the 10th Street Station, Ford City, PA for Grace Christian School's second annual Fundraising Banquet, *Growing Christ-like Students*.

Many people were able to catch a glimpse, through our ministry update, and personal testimonies, of the marvelous things that God is doing through the efforts of Grace Christian School. They were very blessed to have Mrs. Pam Tebow as the honored speaker for the evening. Mrs. Tebow is mother of former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow. She travels the country speaking on topics such as Christian education, homeschooling, missions, women's ministries, and she is an advocate for life in the pro-life movement. Mrs. Tebow challenged

parents and educators to partner together and to take seriously the role of raising Christ-like children through scripture memory and applying Biblical principles to all aspects of life, including education.

Through this banquet, more community members were made aware of the value of Christian education for students as well as who we are and future goals we have for growth and development. Because of the generosity of the underwriters, the school was able to provide each guest with a delicious meal free of cost so that nearly all of the donations given the evening of the banquet could be used for the school and not for funding the banquet. The school board is so grateful to report that nearly \$24,000 was raised for the work of

Grace Christian School. Further, they are blessed beyond measure to report that since the banquet, they have been approached by multiple donors regarding further funding possibilities. Words cannot express the school's deep gratitude for all of the love and support from all the faithful supporters.

Thank you to the banquet planning committee and to the 2013 Banquet Underwriters:

- Penn United Technologies
- Grace College
- Geneva College
- Farmers & Merchants Bank of Western PA
- Christian Educators International
- 10th Street Station
- Olsen Chiropractic
- King's Restaurant
- Students of Grace Christian School
- Anonymous Donor

GCS Warriors



This year, Grace Christian School has chosen a name and logo, the Warriors, for their sport teams. Currently there is only one sports team and that is basketball, coached by Pastor Matt Owlett. The season started before



Christmas with a couple of practices. During the months of January and February, there have been quite a few games, even a home game on January 20th. Every other Saturday, the Warriors

participate in the Saturday Basketball League. There are 6 girl teams and 11 boy teams from 12 Christian schools that play together every other Saturday.

This year, The Warriors consist of Kent Mummert (8th grade), Angel Campbell and Chancey Lamison (7th grade), John Brody Kunst (6th grade), Morgan Rhodes, Lauren Emminger Jonetta Callen, and Natalie Pepper (5th grade), Kyle Luke, Aubra Harvey (4th grade), Clark Kimmel, Eva

DiMaio (3rd grade). Along with Pastor Matt Owlett, they are coached by Mr. Lamison, Mr. Callen, Mrs. Lipkin and Jared Emminger (9th grade).

The team has played well this year. All the players have learned much and improved their skills. Many of their games have been nail-biters with the Warriors fighting for every basket. The season will end on February 10th with a Parents vs. Players Game and closing ceremony.

Go West, Young Students!



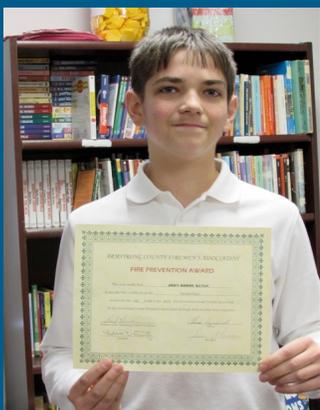
Go West, to West Kittanning that is. That was the theme of this year's Open House. The school was decorated in a western style, hay bales at the entrance, clay pots and other western art created by the students were on display. The gym was full of games like throwing 'snakes' into boots and pinning the tail on the bronco to entertain the kids while their parents toured the school and talked to faculty. There also was plenty of food—

hotdogs, bar-b-que chips, licorice ropes and cowtails among the mix. Wanted signs up on the walls depicted students and teachers that had done grievous crimes. Lots of faculty, parents and students helped make this night a big success., and it was a big success. There were more families that came to check out the school than last year, many of them seemed very interested. Many of the families were looking

to enroll their preschool students, but there were more students interested in the elementary and high school and a family asking questions about the home school support classes. Currently the school is enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year. Applications are welcome!



Mission-Minded



Congrats to John Brody Kunst who won 2nd place in the Fireman's Association Essay Contest.

Principal Mrs. Edwards is trying to focus the students' minds on one another and has led them to participate in local and international missions. So far they have helped the Salvation Army set up for their Christmas project, and filled a van full of food items for VanQuish Hunger. The items

were then donated to the Community Action Program food bank. The choir also sang for the Light Up Night in Kittanning. Along with all of this, the church that the school is affiliated with, West Kittanning Grace Brethren Church, supports the orphan school program in the Central

African Republic. The students have raised \$606.27 to be used where most needed for those CAR students. Though the original project was for books to encourage the children, the students have elected to have the money used for more urgent needs since the country is in turmoil with war.