



GRACE ACADEMY

QUALITY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WELCOME

We are excited that you have chosen Grace Academy to be part of your child's spiritual and academic growth. We are honored that we get to participate in the growing of students to glorify and honor God.

If you have any questions over the next few weeks, please feel free to call the school at 301-733-2033.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL & PICKUP

The school day begins at 8:10 am. Students arriving at 8:00 am may go directly to their classroom/homeroom. Students need to be in their seats by 8:10 am for daily announcements. If your child arrives after 8:10 am, the doors will be locked & they must go through the office for a late pass. The school day ends at 3:00 pm. At 3:25 pm, students are brought to the After Care area by their teacher.

WHERE DOES MY CHILD ENTER/EXIT THE SCHOOL?

Elementary students: At drop off, elementary students will be dropped off at the front entrance. For pick up, they will exit the front lobby. There will be staff members located out front to help the students get to their vehicle.
Middle/High: M/H school students will be dropped off out front until 7:45am. Between 7:45am - 8:10am M/H school students will be dropped off at the side parking lot door where a staff member will be waiting. During pick up, the middle/high students will exit the building from the side parking lot door.

PICKUP NUMBERS

You will receive a placard with your pick up number which needs to be hung from your rearview mirror at time of pickup.

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

We offer a convenient before and/or after school childcare option to our families at a minimal cost. Childcare is offered from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. during normal school days and is billed monthly through your FACTS account.

\$12.00 per hour (\$6.00 per half-hour) Each additional child is \$6.00 per hour (\$3.00 per half-hour)
20% discount for three or more children

*Please note that Grace Academy After Care closes at 5:30 PM. Any late pickups maybe charged a \$25.00 late fee.

INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMUNICATION

In the case of inclement weather, we will send a text alert as well as an email to each family. It is important that we have your contact information so you receive these updates. We also post on our website and social media sites, as well as WDVM (online) and WCRH (radio/online).

COMMUNICATION

We have a number of ways we communicate with families here at Grace Academy. RenWeb/FACTS and Mailchimp emails will contain important information your family will need to know. Our elementary teachers communicate classroom updates through Bloomz.

*It is important that the front office has your correct contact information.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us!

You can connect with us through various social media/website channels

Website www.gaknights.org
Facebook [GraceAcademy1976](#) and [GoGraceKnights](#)
Instagram [@ga.knights](#) and [@gograceknights](#)

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Iowa Skills Tests will be given to each student (K-11) in April. This is an assessment tool that is used to determine the academic growth of each student.

PSAT's will be given to all 10th & 11th grade students in October.

All tests are administered here at school.

BLESSING BUDDIES

Blessing Buddies is something we do once a month where we pair a MS/HS class with a lower school class. Each student is assigned a "Blessing Buddy" from that class that they meet with each month & do a variety of special activities with. K4 is paired with 6th grade, Kindergarten is paired with 7th grade up until 5th grade being paired with the senior class. It's a great way to build relationships within the school community.

DRESS CODE

At Grace Academy, we believe all of our students should "dress for success." Uniforms are available from approved vendors & must be worn according to code. Administration reserves the right to interpret and enforce the school dress code. Students may also wear approved outerwear over their school uniform which consists of GA hoodies & jackets.

The last day of every week, students are allowed to dress in Spirit Wear. They may wear jeans, athletic pants or shorts and Grace Academy spirit wear. Jeans should not have holes & shorts must be an appropriate length.

UNIFORM LINKS

https://www.agpestores.com//anythingprinted/groupproducts.php?prodgroup_id=30717&prodgroupbypass=true
<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/maryland/hagerstown/grace-academy>

FUNDRAISERS

Grace Academy will have 3 main fundraisers this year. We will host our 4th annual Golf Tournament on September 22nd, our Grace Academy Auction on February 10th, and the hugely successful Day of Giving in May. Please mark your calendars for these events and prayerfully consider participating in one or all of them.

In addition to these, there will be a few smaller events throughout the school year to support the sports teams and the junior/senior classes. As always, your participation in these events are at your discretion.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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| Middle School Outdoor School | High School Retreat |
| High School Fall Formal | Jr/Sr Banquet |
| Homecoming Games | Fall/Winter/Spring Sports |
| High School All-Nighter | Middle School Late-Nighter |

*More information regarding these events will come out at a later date.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS CLUB

What is Christian Soldiers Club?

CSC is a monthly program for all students in grades K3-5th. Our program is held once a month. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend CSC to see and hear students recite poems, passages of Scripture and other seasonal skits. Our students work diligently to memorize their poems and Scriptures each month, and CSC is a great practice of public speaking skills for our students. Christian Soldier uniform is required on this day.

What is the CSC Uniform?

Girls: White peter pan blouse, navy blue jumper or skirt, black dress shoes (no sneakers).

Boys: White oxford shirt, navy blue tie or bow tie, navy blue pants, and black dress shoes (no sneakers).

VICTORY DRILL

What is Victory Drill?

Victory Drill is a part of our phonics program in grades 1 and 2. In order for students to comprehend effectively, their reading needs to be fluent. Each night a child will study a page of the Victory Drill Book. At school, the student will be timed to see how many words he/she can read in a minute. Each student works at his/her own pace. All students start at 20 words a minute as their goal. Students' goals increase over the year as their reading improves.

Students bring home a paper every evening communicating to the parent what page they passed and what page they will study that evening. Victory Drill Books can be purchased from your student's teacher

DECLAMATION

What is Declamation?

Declamation is an opportunity for students to showcase their memorization for a poem, scripture or historical essay. Students grades 1-5 are judged by an outside panel on memorization, selection, diction, communication and interpretation. Students who place within the top three in grades 2-5 have an opportunity to compete regionally. Declamation is traditionally held in February.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

As a faculty and staff, we strive to glorify God by supporting Christian families in training and educating students so Christ may reign supreme in every aspect of their lives.

It is up to each of us as parents and educators to lay a solid foundation for Christian character development. We expect the following from your child as they enter school:

- G**ive respect to everyone and everything.
- R**esponsible for my choices, actions, and work.
- A**lways safe and show self-control.
- C**ooperate and work together.
- E**xpect the best work from myself.

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