



PARENT COUNCIL HANDBOOK

Executive Committee Parent Council
2024-2025

Welcome to Parent Council! If you have a child at Grace Academy, YOU are a part of Parent Council.

Grace Academy's Parent Council exists to facilitate parental involvement, support staff, and students, and build the school community through programs that are consistent with the Mission of Grace Academy.

The Executive Committee of Parent Council (ECPC) invites you to join us as we support our teachers, students, and community during the 2024-2025 school year. We want God to be glorified through our volunteer efforts and we plan to have fun along the way!

If you would like to get more involved in the Grace Academy community, Parent Council is a great place to start! We have plenty of volunteer opportunities and need parents to jump in and serve.

Please reach out to us about how you can get involved! We are excited to serve our school alongside you!

Soli Deo Gloria

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The Grace Community

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."

- Hebrews 10:24-25



Our hospitality team exists to serve and care for our teachers and staff. We are blessed with talented, dedicated educators who pour their knowledge, wisdom and love into our students daily. Through Hospitality, we thank them for all they do with teacher in-service meals throughout the school year, Blessings Day in November, a faculty and staff Christmas party in December, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

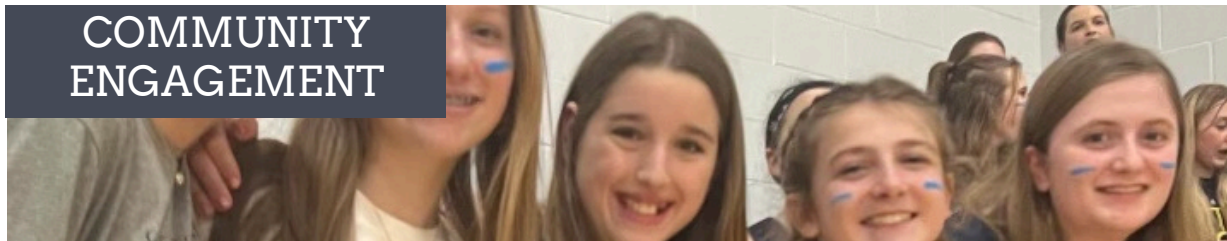
A little more about Blessing Day: It is a cherished tradition where our parents and community come together to show gratitude to our faculty before Thanksgiving break. Parents provide fresh-baked pies to our faculty. And if you're not a baker, don't sweat it. Parents have the option to purchase and donate a pie through a partnership with a local charity, BiG.

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

The Grace Community (continued)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community is a feeling of fellowship with others, resulting from sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. Grace Academy offers our children and their families a unique opportunity for a community that feels like family.

Parent Council supports community engagement in our school through events such as movie nights, Parent Life socials, and the annual Family Retreat. We also participate in local community events. Every event is an opportunity to dive deeper into this family, and we want to welcome you to be a part!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



We desire to be intentional about nurturing our community through lots of prayer and through endeavors that seek to develop and strengthen relationships that are ultimately eternal relationships.

We do this through our Welcome Team for New Families, New Families Events, our Homeroom Parents, and Moms' Prayer.

Fall Semester Event Calendar

Check the school calendar on the Parent Portal for additional events and dates.

*August 14: Meet the Teacher (Spirit Wear Store Open!)

*August 15: Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast

*August 15: Ice Cream Social Baked Bear Spirit Fundraiser

*August 16-18: Family Retreat

*TBD: Mom's Prayer Begins (Every Thursday)

*TBD: Fall Parent Council Meeting

*September 9: Firo Pizza Spirit Fundraiser

*October 19: GraceFest

*October 21: Chipotle Spirit Fundraiser (Use Code JHQ8H6L)

*October 28: Dad's Night Out at Golden Rule

*November 11: Mom's Night Out at Golden Rule

*November 11-15: Golden Rule Spirit Fundraiser

*November 22: Blessings Day

*December 7: Jason's Deli Spirit Fundraiser

*December 12: Lessons and Carols

*December 13: Rhetoric Country Christmas Party

*TBD: Logic Party

Spring Semester Event Calendar

Check the school calendar on the Parent Portal for additional events and dates.

- *January 13: The Kebob Shop Spirit Fundraiser
- *February 6: Spring Semester Parent Council Meeting
- *March 7: Gala Fundraiser: “Starry Night Stampede”
- *March 14: Pie Day Logic Party
- *March 31-April 4: Teacher Appreciation Week
- *April 11: Movie Night
- *April 16-17: Senior Thesis
- *May 5: Cinco de Mayo Rhetoric Party
- *Summer 2025: Family Retreat

"Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteer Opportunities



Photo by Hannah Busing on Unsplash

Volunteer Sign Up

Join us in making a difference at Grace Academy by volunteering for school events. Parent involvement strengthens our community and enhances your student's school experience. There is an opportunity for everyone and anyone who wants to serve and connect!

Throughout the year, we will reach out to our community to help fill the needs that arise. We most often communicate upcoming events in the Monday Morning Newsletter and GroupMe and use SignUpGenius. The most up-to-date information can always be found in [the Parent Portal](#). Please contact us at parentcouncilgraceacademy@gmail.com with any questions!



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Key Fundraisers

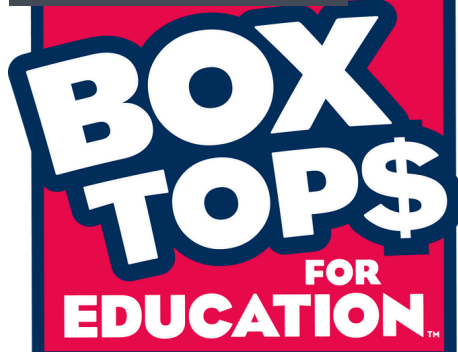
RaiseRight



Supervisor: Joclyn Herman

RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) is Fundraising While You Shop®. Grace Academy raises money instantly when families purchase retail gift cards to give or use for everyday purchases, like gas and groceries.

Box Tops



Supervisor: Jenny Mueller

Raise money for Grace, by keeping your grocery receipts! See below on how it works.

Spirit Night



Supervisor: Jenny Mueller

Once a month or so, we will have a Spirit Fundraiser at local restaurants, coffee shops, and more! Make sure that when you go, you let them know you're a part of the Grace family. They will then give a percentage of your purchase to Grace Academy Parent Council!

Uniform Closet



Supervisor: Ruth Swenson

You will find the uniform closet organized and ready for shopping, in the closet to your left when you enter the 700 building. We would love to encourage the use of Venmo (@PCGrace). Call the main office to make an appointment to visit the uniform closet today!

Supply Kits



Supervisor: Mandy Maxwell

Every year, we offer school supply kits for your students. These kits are super convenient, and an amazing fundraiser for our school!

At the end of every year, make sure to look out for more information about these wonderful, time-saving school supply kits!

Oliver's Labels



Supervisor: ECPC

Avoid the hassle of lost lunch boxes, water bottles & hoodies with Oliver's Labels and support Grace Academy at the same time!

Visit oliverslabels.com/graceacademy to shop online and 20% of your purchase will support our fundraising efforts. (Excluding gift cards.)



We love bringing our school community together and supporting our mission through fun and engaging events! One way we do this is through our monthly “Spirit Night” Fundraisers. These events, organized by Parent Council, provide a great opportunity for our families and friends to come together and enjoy a meal or treats at a local restaurant, coffee shop, or other participating businesses.

When you visit the designated venue for Spirit Night, whether to dine in, get takeout, or purchase a gift card, be sure to mention that you are there to support Grace Academy. By doing this, the generous business hosting our fundraiser will donate a percentage of your purchase directly to our school. It’s a fantastic way to enjoy a meal, treat your family, and contribute to our school community all at the same time!

Check out the school calendar for upcoming dates for Spirit Night Fundraisers!



Shop with RaiseRight to earn cash toward tuition!* It is so easy to get set up and start earning cash for the school and yourself with the simplified process and the app.

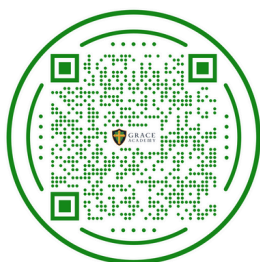
How it works: Simply use the app to shop for digital and physical gift cards for hundreds of major retailers. Digital gift cards are delivered to your "wallet" in the app almost immediately for use on the go.

Physical gift cards are sent to the school during the school year and distributed once a month. They can be mailed to your house for a fee during the summer.

*Half of the cash rebates you earn go directly to the school, and the other half will be applied to next year's tuition.

Set up is easy and quick, or view the video with the green QR code.

- 1) Download the app: RaiseRight Fundraising app.
- 2) Select "Join a Program" and enter the enrollment code: 348D8DBA15793
- 3) Follow instructions.
- 4) Go to account settings to link your bank account.
- 5) Start shopping, and be on the lookout for special bonus rebates that are available throughout the year.



Explainer Video



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1. Download and access the Box Tops for Education app via your mobile device. In lieu of the app, you can choose to access the Box Tops for Education Mobile Website (the "Mobile Website") via your smartphone or tablet.
2. Register for an account. To earn for your school and access the features of the app or the mobile website, you must register for an account.
3. Purchase products participating in the Box Tops for Education program. Keep your receipt! Redeem the Box Tops for Education earnings from your purchase by scanning your full receipt with the app or mobile website within 14 days of your date of purchase as indicated on the receipt. You may scan a maximum of 50 receipts per day per registered account.
4. Yes, this works with curbside! Instructions are in the app.



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Uniform Closet



Good News! You will find the uniform closet organized and ready for shopping in the closet to the left when you enter the 701 building. We encourage using Venmo (@PCGrace).

All items in the uniform closet are only \$5!

Now Open!

Closet Location: Room 701

Donations: Please donate gently used Land's End uniforms by dropping them off at the main office.

To shop, please call the office to check for availability.

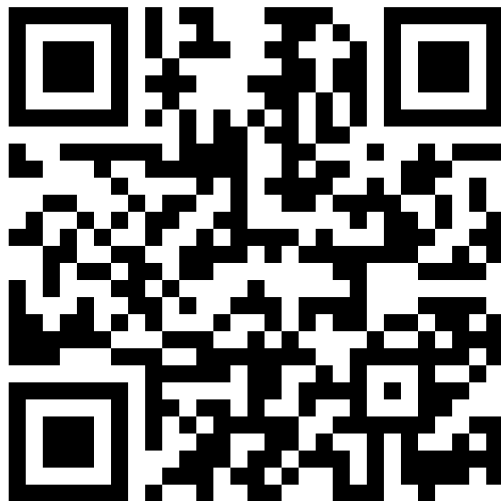




Grace Academy Loves Oliver's Labels!

Avoid the hassle of lost and found! Label your student's lunch boxes, water bottles, hoodies & more with Oliver's Labels.

Visit the link below to shop online and 20% of your purchase will support Grace Academy's fundraising efforts. (Excludes gift cards.)



www.oliverslabels.com/graceacademy

Spirit Wear



Spirit wear always adds to that feeling of community. Your student will have a few opportunities to don spirit wear during the school year. In addition, it's great to see Grace apparel worn out and about - a great way to start conversations about the school!

At the beginning of the school year, we will be selling select spirit wear items at the New Parent Orientation and Meet the Teacher morning. We prefer cash, check, or you may use Venmo - @PCGrace. Checks can be made out to Grace Academy Parent Council.

Parents, don't forget to pick up spirit wear for yourself, too!

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