

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2021



MAY 2021

GCA LION PRIDE



GRANVILLE
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CONGRATULATIONS

to the
Class of 2021



Maddie Abbati has attended GCA for ten years. During her time at GCA, Maddie has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, High School Student Council, and is a Student Ambassador. She was on this year's Homecoming and Prom Courts and was awarded the ACSI Distinguished Christian High School Student Award. Maddie has been on the Merit and Honor rolls and received her first Academic Letter. Maddie played Volleyball and has run for Track. She received a three-year letter in Volleyball where she was also named as Honorable Mention All-Conference her sophomore year, MOCAL All-League Team and MVP her junior and senior years, and Second Team All-District her senior year. Maddie has not yet decided on a university to attend in the fall. Her favorite GCA memories have been from playing Volleyball and going on the Operation Christmas Child trip her junior year. She will miss all of the friendships she has made here at GCA.



Kimberly Blair has attended GCA for her junior and senior years. During her time at GCA, Kimberly has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and National Honor Society. She was crowned as this year's Homecoming Queen. Kimberly ran Cross Country for GCA receiving her 2-year Varsity Letter and was awarded the Lion and Mocal All-League awards. She also ran Track for GCA receiving her 1st Varsity Letter and being awarded the Most Improved. In addition, Kimberly played Softball for GCA receiving her 1st Varsity Letter. Kimberly has been on the Honor Roll throughout her time at GCA and received her 1st Academic Letter. Kimberly will be attending Malone University in the fall where she will be majoring in Nursing and Global and International Studies, with a minor in Spanish. Kimberly was awarded the Dean and President Scholarships at Malone along with a community service-based scholarship. Her favorite GCA memories have been from playing Softball and going on the Operation Christmas Child trip her junior year. She will miss her friends and playing sports here at GCA.



Zac Chetnik has attended GCA for twelve years. During his time at GCA, Zac has been involved in Math Club, Science Club, and Drama. Zac has been on both the Merit and Honor Rolls and received his 2-year Academic Letter. He was crowned as this year's Prom King, runs in both Cross Country and Track and plays Basketball. Zac broke the GCA High Jump Record this year! Zac will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall and will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering. His favorite GCA memory was going on the Operation Christmas Child trip his junior year.



Andrew Cox has attended GCA for eight years. During his time at GCA, Andrew has been involved in HS Choir and Drama. Andrew was on both Homecoming and Prom Courts. Andrew played not only Basketball but also Soccer for GCA receiving his 2-year Varsity Letter in Soccer. He also played Baseball for GCA receiving his 2-year Varsity Letter and was awarded the Lion award.. Andrew will be taking a gap year and then plans to attend The Ohio State University Newark. His favorite GCA memory was this year's Senior trip. He will miss his classmates and playing sports here at GCA.



Collin Diebel has attended GCA since Kindergarten. During his time at GCA, Collin has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Chapel Worship Team, and HS Student Council. Collin was on Prom Court and has been on Merit and Honor Rolls throughout high school. Collin played Baseball for GCA receiving his 2-year Varsity Letter. Collin began his Golf career at GCA and finished his last three years of high school as a member of the Varsity Golf team at Heath High School. He earned Varsity Letters for all four years of high school and was awarded the Sportsmanship Award, Bulldog Award, in addition to earning top honors in his senior year of golf including Heath High School 2020 Golfer of the Year, 2020 Boys Golf 2nd Team All-District, and 2020 Boys Golf LCL Honorable Mention. Collin will be attending Muskingum University in the fall where he will be majoring in Business Management. Collin was awarded the Archery and Impact Scholarships, and the Muskies and Horizon Awards at Muskingum. His favorite GCA memory is hanging out with the seniors at their lock-in when he was in second grade.



Candace Elliott has attended GCA for eleven years. During her time at GCA, Candace has been involved in Worship Team, Drama Club, Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and has served as a Student Ambassador this year. She has been on the Merit and Honor Rolls during high school. Candace was a cheerleader where she earned her 3-year Varsity Letter. Candace will be attending Cedarville University in the fall where she will be majoring in Visual Communication Design and minoring in Biblical Studies and Song-Writing. Candace was awarded nine different grants and scholarships at Cedarville totaling \$31,845. Her favorite GCA memory was when Mr. Simpson sang karaoke to Baby at homecoming! She will miss being in the drama productions and fun events like homecomings and proms.



Jessie Higgins has attended GCA for twelve years. During her time at GCA, Jessie has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, Drama, and Worship Team. She was on Prom Court and has been on the Merit and Honor Rolls, receiving her Academic Letter. Jessie ran track for GCA, receiving her Varsity Letter. Jessie will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall where she will major in Psychology. Her favorite GCA memory was going on the Operation Christmas Child trip her junior year. She will miss seeing her friends every day.



Joshua Large has attended GCA for twelve years. During his time at GCA, Joshua has been involved in Math Club, Science Club and Drama. Joshua has been on the Merit and Honor Rolls and received his 2-year Academic Letter. Joshua also ran Cross Country. Josh will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall and will be majoring in Secondary Education to teach History. His favorite GCA memories come from hanging out with friends and talking with his teachers about life. He will miss being in the student section for basketball games having teachers that truly care about his mental well-being.



Emily Lilly has attended GCA for ten years. During her time at GCA, Emily has been involved in Math Club, Drama, and High School Student Council. Emily has been on the Merit and Honor Rolls receiving her 1st Academic Letter. Emily ran track receiving her 3-year Varsity Letter. She was on Homecoming Court this year. Emily will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall and is currently undecided in her major. Her favorite GCA memory is Geiger Family Christmas. Emily will miss spending time with her classmates.



Aaron Lynd has attended GCA for four years. During his time at GCA, Aaron has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, National Honors Society, and HS Student Council. He was crowned as this year's Homecoming King and has been on both the Dean's List and Honor Roll and received his 2-year Academic Letter. Aaron played Soccer and ran Track for GCA receiving his 1st Varsity Letter and being awarded the Lion award in both sports. In addition, he played Basketball for GCA receiving his 2-year Varsity Letter and being awarded the Lion award. Aaron will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark and will be majoring in Civil Engineering. His favorite GCA memories have been from Field Day freshman year, Basketball and Soccer, I-reach, and math class. He will miss seeing his friends every day.



Emilee Mills has attended GCA since second grade. During her time at GCA, Emilee has been involved in HS Student Council, Yearbook, Worship Team, Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, Student Ambassadors, and National Honor Society. Emilee has been on the Dean's List and Honor Roll throughout her time at GCA receiving her 4-year Academic Letter. She was awarded the ACSI Distinguished Christian High School Student Award, and was invited to join the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. Emilee has danced competitively since second grade at Avante Performing Arts. Emilee will be attending Malone University in the fall for Pre-Med where she was awarded the Trustee scholarship of \$16,000. Her favorite GCA memory was when the seniors sang karaoke at the Homecoming Dance--it was really an evening to remember! She will miss HS Student Council events and the community aspect of being at GCA.



Olivia Pound has attended GCA for nine years. During her time at GCA, Olivia has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, and Drama Club. She has been on both the Merit and Honor Rolls receiving her 2-year Academic Letter. Olivia ran in Cross Country and was named MOCAL runner of the year. Olivia will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall and will be majoring in Political Science. Her favorite GCA memory was participating in the Spring Musical freshman year.



Josh Rutter has attended GCA since he was in Kindergarten. During his time at GCA, Josh has been involved in Math Club, Science Club, and HS Student Council. Josh played Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball for GCA receiving his 2-year Varsity Letter for Baseball. Josh has been on the Merit and Honor Rolls while attending GCA. Josh will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall. His favorite GCA memory have been from hanging out with his class. Josh will miss having his GCA teachers next year.



Riley Schirtzinger attended GCA for her seven elementary years and returned for her senior year. Riley played Soccer, Softball, and Basketball for GCA receiving her 1-year Varsity Letter in all three sports. She was awarded the GCA Coach award, Mocal Honorable Mention, and 1st-Team District 11 for Basketball. Riley will be attending COTC in the fall majoring in Education with the plan to transfer to The Ohio State University or Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Her favorite GCA memories have been from Basketball season this year--the whole team and all of the coaches and helpers felt like one big, crazy, fun family! She will miss playing sports with all of her friends and seeing them in the hallway between classes.



Mahala Stump has attended GCA for nine years. During her time at GCA, Mahala has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and National Honor Society. Mahala ran Cross Country for GCA receiving her 4-year Varsity Letter and being awarded Most Improved. She played Basketball receiving her 4-year Varsity Letter and being awarded the GCA Coach award. She also ran Track and played Softball for GCA receiving her 1st Varsity Letter in both sports. She was crowned Prom Queen this year. Mahala has been on the Dean's List and Honor Rolls and received her 4-year Academic Letter. Mahala will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall where she will be majoring in Business. Her favorite GCA memory was when her Basketball coach put on a wig at practice to play as one of the opposing players. She will miss Senior Nights and playing sports here at GCA with her friends.



Audrey Swonger has attended GCA since Kindergarten. During her time at GCA, she has been involved in Math Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, HS Student Council, Spanish Club Council, Drama, Worship Team, and National Honor Society. She has been on both the Dean's List and Honor Roll and received her academic letter all four years of high school. Audrey also received the 2019-2020 Distinguished Christian High School Student: Fine Arts Award. Audrey ran Track for GCA receiving her 3-year Varsity Letter and being awarded the GCA Coach award. She broke the 100m dash school record this year! Audrey will be attending Cedarville University in the fall where she will be majoring in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine. Audrey was awarded the President's Scholar Award and the Dr. Deforia Lane Diversity Scholarship at Cedarville. Her favorite GCA memories have been breaking the 100m dash record, playing the wicked witch in the Wizard of Oz, and going on the Operation Christmas Child trip her junior year. She will miss her classmates and senior lunch.



Nick Townsend has attended GCA for seven years. During his time at GCA, Nick has been involved in the Egg Drop Competition and played golf and basketball. Nick will be attending COTC for Computer Science. His favorite GCA memories have been from hanging out with the guys during senior lunch.



Serine Warner has attended GCA for six years. During her time at GCA, Serine has been involved in Drama, Math Club, Spanish Club, and Science Club and has been on both the Merit and Honor Rolls receiving her two-year Academic Letter. Serine received her Varsity Letter as a cheerleader. Serine will be attending The Ohio State University - Newark in the fall where she will be majoring in Psychology. Her favorite GCA memories have been from senior lunch and going on the Operation Christmas Child trip her junior year. She will miss getting to see her friends every day.

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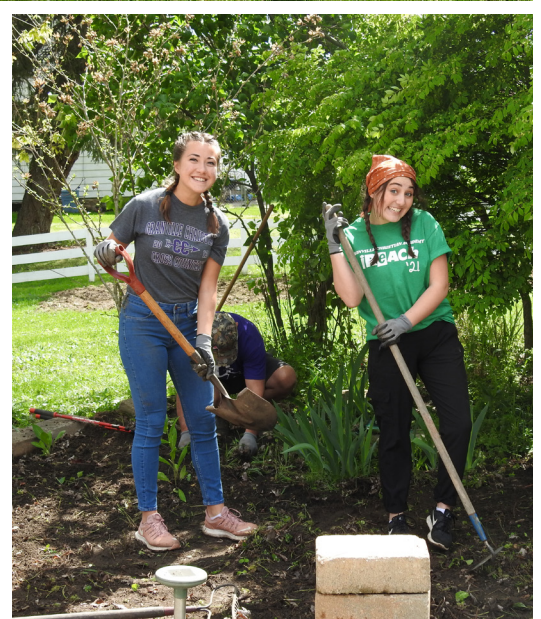


Congratulations to Prom King and Queen, Zac Chetnik and Mahala Stump!

Prom Court included Collin Diebel, Zac Chetnik, Andrew Cox, Maddie Abbati, Jessie Higgins and Mahala Stump

iReach Community Service Day

THANK YOU to all of our wonderful GCA parents, students, and staff for their hard work and labor of love on iReach Community Service Day. Many phone calls, emails, and text messages have been received about the great work ethic and Christian witness shown through the hard work for iReach day. We were so grateful for the 160 volunteers who traveled to 22 locations in Licking County. To God be the Glory!!



Math Olympics

Congratulations to the Granville Christian Academy representatives participating in the 2021 ACSI Math Olympics! We applaud each student for competing, and we send an extra congratulations to each student placing in the top five for their grade and category. Well Done!

2021 ACSI Math Olympics GCA Representatives and Competition Winners

3rd Grade Computation

Eliza Kaffenbarger*
Carson Stefanovski* 1st Place
Grace Taylor* 3rd Place

3rd Grade Reasoning

Oliver Hilgeman* 2nd Place
Jordyn Masimer
Adelynn Weller* 3rd Place

4th Grade Computation

Lauren Bodle* 1st Place
Morgan Mills* 2nd Place
Joslyn Snyder *

4th Grade Reasoning

Joe Gray*
David Riddel
Zoe Vargas*

5th Grade Computation

Xaden Arnholt* 4th Place
Emerson Gray
Ava Chapin

5th Grade Reasoning

Grace McCabe* 5th Place
Sierra Petry* 4th Place
Carter Sexton

6th Grade Computation

Micah Jenkins*
Aidan Rhoads* 2nd Place
Jordan Stump* 4th Place

6th Grade Reasoning

Devin Bodle** 1st Place
Emmie Davis* 5th Place
Kaitlyn Wilson* 3rd Place

7th Grade Computation

Josh Benvie* 3rd Place
Jacob Latshaw* 4th Place
Skyler Weekley** 1st Place

7th Grade Reasoning

Garrett Klepser 4th Place
Braden Rowden* 1st Place (tie)
Jacey Snyder* 1st Place (tie)

8th Grade Computation

Preston Conley 2nd Place
Porter Cook 3rd Place
Zackary Leija

8th Grade Reasoning

Wes Arnholt* 2nd Place
Matthew Jenkins* 1st Place (tie)
Jake Keiser* 1st Place (tie)



*at least 50% of problems completed correctly

**at least 85% of problems completed correctly

Schools competing: Christian Academy School, Grace Christian Academy, Granville Christian Academy, Kanekee Trinity Academy, and Medina Christian Academy

GCA ATHLETICS



HS Baseball

The High School Baseball team had a slow start, but the team has continued to work hard and improve. They just celebrated a big win over Tree of Life. The past few weeks have shown how resilient the team is and how they play for each other. They have overcome adversity to set the team up for an exciting finish to the season. Coach Rhoads has been most impressed with their willingness to take coaching, their ability to put away distractions, and their desire to improve. They have raised the competition level in practice, and it is starting to show in games. We are excited to see the team experience the benefit from all their hard work over their last weeks of the season.

HS Softball

The High School Softball team, coached by Ashley McInturff, has an overall record of 7-6 with a league record of 5-2. With only two veteran players and thirteen new players this year, Coach McInturff has been so proud that the team placed second in the League! Sophomore Ellie Flowers has thrown 114 strike outs to date with two games remaining and was also named the Newark Advocate Female Player of the Week. Coach McInturff has been thrilled to have a team of such great girls, not just physically, but also spiritually. The morale on the team this year has been phenomenal!!



HS Track and Field

The High School Track and Field teams are coached by Catherine Exline (5th grade teacher) and Bill Simpson (HS Bible Teacher). This season's medal and ribbon winners include Zac Chetnik, who placed 2nd for the High Jump at Lakewood and Millersport and placed 3rd at Newark Catholic. Meghan Exline took 2nd place in the 1600m run at Lakewood and 3rd place in the 3200m run at Millersport. For the MOCAL league championship, both teams came in 3rd place.

MS Track and Field

The Middle School Track and Field teams are also coached by Catherine Exline and Bill Simpson. This season's medal and ribbon winners include Eliana Jackson who won Most Valuable Female Runner at Millersport along with 2nd place in the 1600m run and 1st place in the 400m dash. Jehiel Nemec took 1st place in the 400m dash at Millersport and Justin Longshore took 1st place in the High Jump at Gilead Christian and 3rd place at Liberty Union. The MS Girls team earned first runner-up at the Liberty Union meet. Both the MS girls and MS boys teams won the MOCAL league championship this season! Way to go Lions!





**Congratulations to our
Middle School Girls and
Middle School Boys Track
and Field teams for taking
first place in the MOCAL
League Championships!**

High School Track and Field School Records that have been broken this season

- Zac Chetnik broke the previous High Jump record of 5'6" with a new height of 5'7"
- Audrey Swonger broke the 100m Dash record of 13.7 with a new time of 13.5

Middle School Track and Field School Records that have been broken this season

- 4x100 Relay – 1:00.00 Elizabeth Cox, Eliana Jackson, Jasmine Easterday, Ava Dean
- 4x400 Relay – 5:35.21 – Elizabeth Cox, Aliyah Phillips, Kaitlyn Wilson, Eliana Jackson
- Eliana Jackson broke the 400m Dash – 1:07.84
- Eliana Jackson broke the 800m Dash - 2:46 .76
- Eliana Jackson broke the 1600m run - 6:09.89
- 4x100 Relay – 58.63 Jehiel Nemec, Gavin Rice, Blayze Johnson, Justin Longshore
- 4x400 Relay – 4:39.00 Blayze Johnson, Caleb Lilly, Justin Longshore, Jehiel Nemec
- Jehiel Nemec broke the 200m dash – 27.43
- Justin Longshore broke the High Jump – 4'10"
- AJ Lear set a new boys Discus record of 49.1"

**BASEBALL
SOFTBALL
TRACK & FIELD**



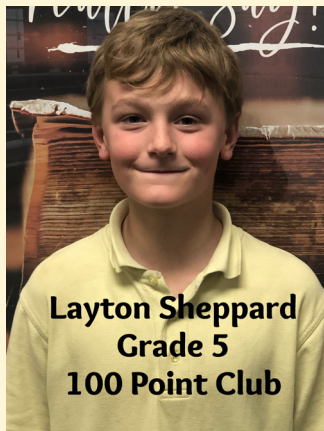
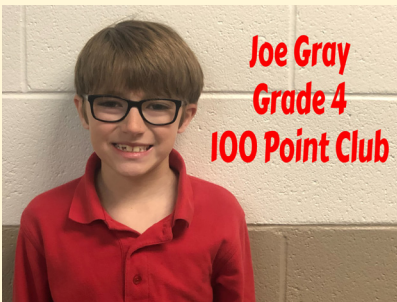
2021

Senior
Night

SATURDAY, MAY 15
SENIOR NIGHT @ 7:40 PM
GAME STARTS @ 8:00 PM

DON EDWARDS FIELD
429 OHIO ST. NEWARK

**Congratulations to
our new Accelerated
Reading 100 Point Club
Inductees!**



Why Christian Education?

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CHURCHES

(FROM THE GCA PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, 8.11.19)

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." **Ephesians 6:4 ESV**

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV**

God's Word places the task and responsibility of educating children with the parents. Parents are to oversee each facet of training, with the goal of nurturing righteousness and faith from one generation to the next (Genesis 18:19, Proverbs 22:6). GCA recognizes the authority of the parents and does not seek to replace them in authority, but rather to assist. We believe that a proper relationship between family, church, and school is essential to Christian education. GCA is an extension of the educational process of the home, partnering with families as they raise their children in a counter-cultural manner that honors and glorifies God and encourages a personal and growing relationship with Christ (Joshua 24:15, 1 Samuel 1:27-28). Together, parents, church, and GCA educate the complete individual resulting in godly character in action as a student becomes a disciple, impacting their families, community, work force, and world. We count it a privilege to be able to partner with parents to train children biblically, academically, morally, spiritually, and relationally.

The family, church, and school have the same goal:

"This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."

Ephesians 4:13-15 NLT

**Our next edition of the Monthly
Newsletter will be printed in August
2021. Stay tuned to our bi-weekly
summer emails for important
information from GCA!**

**Summer Office Hours at GCA will be
9:00AM - 3:00PM during weekdays.**