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AUGUST 2021

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A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

I am sure that summer seems to have flown by for everyone. Many of you have probably asked the question, “How can we be starting school already?” It is hard to believe we have started the 2021-2022 school year and before you know it, we will be finished with this school year and looking forward to summer again. Yet, there is a wealth of knowledge and experience our students will engage in before we get to that point.

The mission of GCA is to partner with families and churches to prepare servant leaders for Christ. We are excited to partner with you and impact your child in their relationship with Christ. One area we are looking forward to is the privilege of impacting our students spiritually in a way no other teacher can. We are able to instruct them about the honor we have in serving God and being a testimony for Him in all that we do. We are often faced with trials and challenges that require more dependence and faith upon God. So many of our daily life choices are influenced by those who teach us and I'm so grateful that we have the relationship with our families to encourage our students spiritually every day.

We have many activities comping up in the next few weeks. September is a busy month, so please be sure to check out the calendar for more specifics about each event. Our school picture day is Spetmber 15. Look for more information to be sent home and in our weekly email announcements. We are looking forward to hosting our Grandfriends day again this year on September 20 and “See You at the Pole” will take place on September 22.

We are very excited to continue our Little Lions athletic program with our Soccer Academy this fall for our younger athletes in 2nd through 8th grade. Our new Athletic Director, Phil Hubbard, is ready to train up the next generation of student athletes. Check out page 11 for more information on how to sign up. Finally, we will finish September with our National Honor Society Inductions on September 30. This event is a great way to recognize the hard work and dedication of many of our High School students at a national level.



As we jump into this school year, we are looking forward to all of the activities and opportunities that will bring you as parents into the building. We are glad to be back together again! Please reach out to us if we can help your family in any way. We are ready for the year ahead and are looking forward to seeing God work in the lives of our students at GCA.

Josh Sexton,
Head of School



We are all so happy to be back in the building for the first week of school! We welcomed our elementary and middle school students on Wednesday, which gave them the opportunity to have some extra practice with beginning-of-the-year procedures. Our high school students then joined us to have our entire student body in the building on Thursday! It has truly been a celebration of being together again!



SUMMER ADVENTURES



Mrs. Diener's family went to Disney World this summer! They endured the hot and humid weather, but enjoyed time together as a family. They ate wonderful food, rode awesome rides, and got to see a lot of Disney characters. They're already planning their next trip to Disney!



Mrs. Haga has been spending as much time as possible with family and friends this summer as well as being outdoors, to enjoy God's beautiful creation while reading, gardening, landscaping and exercising. Below is a photo of Mrs. Haga and her daughter, Addie, on Devil's Bridge in Sedona, AZ. Boy, was this harrowing and hot!



Mrs. Marzulli's favorite season is summer and she's been soaking it up by doing her favorite things...going for lots of walks with her husband, spending time with her family, traveling, and eating lots of ice cream! She and her husband went to the Smoky Mountains and hiked to the top of Mount Leconte.

It took them ten hours to get up and back down, but the views from the top (and all along the trail) were really incredible! She loved seeing this part of God's amazing creation! They also visited her mom in Florida and got to spend a couple of days at the beach. The highlight for her there was walking the beach at night, seeing all of the stars and watching the moon rise over the ocean!



Mrs. Johnson had a restful, relaxing, and refreshing summer—just what she needed! She hasn't been on a family vacation in over four years, and God provided the opportunity to go to two beaches, 5 states, and make lots and lots of wonderful memories with friends and family! She didn't realize how much she needed a break away from her everyday routine, although playing games and watching Dinotrux with her grandson was amazingly fun throughout the summer too! She loved being able to visit with many, many friends and help friends when they were in need. As school ensues, Mrs. Johnson is excited to see the smiling faces of all of our students and is anticipating her new grandbaby being born in September!

If you know **Mrs. Lowery**, you know that she headed for the beach as soon as school was out! Her daughter, two grandsons, and herself headed to Saint Augustine to see her dad, whom she hasn't been able to see in two years! It was a joy to watch him meet his newest great grandson for the first time—and a real tearjerker. She has also spent



a chunk of her summer house and pet-sitting and has spent several hours taking classes online. Her entire family took their annual vacation at the end of July, where they headed to Gatlinburg to stay in a cabin up in the mountains. Her favorite thing of the summer was being “Mimi” to these two cuties! It has been an amazing summer with family and friends!

Mrs. Mason spent the first part of the summer preparing for her daughter's wedding. Makenna (2017 GCA grad) married Noah Taylor on 6/12/21. They are so thankful to have added a son to their family! At the end of June, she had another surgery to remove a bone spur that had punctured her achilles tendon. Since she was not permitted to put any weight on her foot for six weeks, she's been staying close to home to rest and recuperate in time for school!



Mrs. Hill has spent a lot of time in the car this summer traveling! The first week of July, she and her husband took a “work-cation.” They spent a week in North Carolina helping their daughter and future son-in-law remodel his house.



They worked on the kitchen, living room, hallway and entry-way, and in those rooms, they took down a wall, removed a popcorn ceiling, primed and painted all the walls and ceiling, painted trim and crown molding, hung 5 light fixtures, replaced a dishwasher, painted two doors, replaced some door knobs/switches/plugs and laid 280 square feet of flooring. Whew! It was a LONG week but so much fun! They also recently traveled to Tennessee with some friends. It is a beautiful state with a lot of gorgeous scenery and wonderful places to eat and visit! Mrs. Hill and her husband have also had several day trips to see beautiful Ohio and visit with their Ohio family! It has been a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Laing traveled this year to Savannah, Georgia to watch her daughter Story's national gymnastics championship (she won second place all around!). They also spent some time on the beach in Hilton Head, SC. They visited family and went to the Jersey shore (Mrs. Laing worked some of her first summer jobs on the boardwalk!). The Laing family also got a new puppy this summer! She is a yellow Labrador Retriever named Hazel who is 4 months old.

Mr. Simpson's summer has been a whirlwind, but a very blessed one! Right after school ended, he traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana for Memorial Day weekend to visit with family. He then went to the Outer Banks twice this summer (Mid June and end of July)! In between his Outer Banks excursions, he traveled home a few times. During the 4th of July weekend, he went to West Virginia to serve at a youth Bible camp, and took a Bible class called “The Hebrew Bible.” It has been a full, yet satisfying summer!

Mrs. Goehring's summer has been crazy! She hosted a 10-day Family Reunion for up to 24 of her husband's family members in June. They also threw a bridal shower for over 40 people for her daughter and GCA graduate Alyssa in July. On top of planning and preparing for Alyssa's wedding which took place in August, she's been working hard to prepare for the start of the school year!

Mrs. Rosinski has enjoyed spending time with her children this summer. They started the summer with a wonderful family wedding, and finished with a reunion up in Michigan. In between the visits she worked on completing a graduate class.



Mrs. Rizor has been crazy busy with her husband renovating a new house. It's been hard work but they are plugging along!! It doesn't even have a toilet at this point, but they did complete their new dock—so they're happy!! Between renovating and getting to see all of their family and friends, they are more than happy!! Such a blessed life!!



Mrs. Stoolfire always finds summer to be busy, fun, and going by way too fast! Her family spent a couple weekends camping together. They always enjoy a lot of fishing, bike riding and s'more making when they camp! She volunteered at VBS at Spring Hills this June. She loves getting to know new students and helping them develop in their walk with the Lord. At the end of the week, four students from her group were baptized—so amazing! Mrs. Stoolfire's kids are both very active in sports, especially baseball. They spent many of their weekends at the ballpark soaking up the sun (and sometimes being soaked) to cheer on their teams. Finally, to end their summer, they were able to hit the beach. They attended her sister's beautiful beach wedding and then spent time visiting family in Florida. The ocean waves, sun, and time to relax was wonderful, but she is ready to welcome her new second graders!

Mrs. Waterer has been so busy this summer! She has spent as much time as possible with her dad and her family. She took a first time adventure on a tour of the Jungle Jim's store in Cincinnati and worked on reading professional development books for school :)

Mrs. Chetnik has had a fun summer spending time with family! She has also done a lot of cleaning/organizing at home and at school as she has transitioned from teaching 4th grade to kindergarten! She just got back from enjoying a week at the beach! It was so great to spend time with family and spend some extra time with God beside the ocean. A great way to rejuvenate before the school year starts!!



K-5 CURRICULUM NIGHT

★ Thursday, September 2 ★

Each grade level will have a designated time during the evening for our families who have multiple elementary students. Stay tuned to our weekly email announcements for more details!

WELCOMING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Mrs. Dufresne is so excited to be working with the staff and students at GCA as our new technology teacher. Everyone has already been such a blessing to her. She has been married to her husband, Stephen, for 27 years. They have two daughters and their youngest is enrolled at GCA as a freshman this year. They are also enjoying being first-time grandparents. They have been in Ohio for 15 years although Mrs. Dufresne was born and raised in North Carolina and her husband was born and raised in Rhode Island. They met and both graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Mrs. Dufresne graduated with a Business Education degree and has taught in the public schools, homeschooled her own children, taught ESL online, and directed a homeschool education program. She has also operated several businesses over the years. She currently serves as a financial coach. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and gardening. Mrs. Dufresne has a passion for educating others and truly loves to find unique ways to help students and individuals be successful in their goals and education.



Mr. Hubbard is joining the GCA administrative team as our new Athletic Director. Born and raised near Boston, Massachusetts, he has always had a passion for youth and sports. He received a youth ministry degree from Northland Baptist Bible College in Wisconsin and started ministry at Fellowship Bible Church in Massachusetts and Fellowship Christian Academy where he worked with youth and coached Varsity Soccer. He married Julie Hubbard in 1996; then two years later, the family moved to Harlan, Iowa where Mr. Hubbard was the youth pastor at Grace Baptist Church and Varsity Soccer coach at Harlan High School. After 2 years, they moved to Palermo, Maine, where they have lived for the last 18 years. Mr. Hubbard worked as the youth pastor for the Palermo Christian church for 14 years, and he coached Varsity Soccer and Freshman Basketball at Erksine Academy. Additionally, he assisted in lacrosse and baseball. In 2017, Mr. Hubbard transitioned out of youth ministry and became the Athletic Director at Temple Academy in Waterville, Maine, where he coached Varsity boys and girls Soccer and assisted with the basketball teams. He earned his Certified Athletic Administrative Certificate in 2020 and is currently working towards his masters in athletic administration. In whatever spare time he has, he enjoys biking, watching and coaching his

7 kids in sports, especially soccer (yes, soccer is his favorite sport!) and keeping up with his favorite New England sports teams....Go Celtics, Red Sox, and Patriots!

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Miss Potts is joining the GCA faculty in the Science and Math Departments. She graduated from Cedarville University this past May with a middle childhood education degree with concentrations in math and science. She was blessed to grow up in a Christian home with loving parents and three sweet older sisters. All of her sisters are happily married. Her oldest sister has a baby boy and a baby girl due in November, and her second to oldest sister has a 3-year-old girl. Miss Potts was saved when she was 4 or 5, praise the Lord, and went to a private Christian school all 13 years of her early education. While in school, she wanted to be a teacher and she's so happy to say that she is one now! She also love sports and loves being GCA's Varsity Volleyball assistant coach. She enjoys playing the piano, going on road trips, and playing games or watching movies with her family. Time spent with family and friends is her main pastime. Miss Potts is so excited to meet all of her new students!



Mr. Priest is stepping into his 24th year in Christian Education and is excited to be joining the GCA staff! His favorite subjects to teach are both Science and Math. He previously taught in Mexico for a year, and has nine years of teaching and administrative experience in Honduras. He and his wife, Cosetta, have been married for over 26 years, and both of his children (Jaden, who has graduated and Arelia, who is a freshman here at GCA) were born in Honduras. He and his family love serving cross-culturally. They also enjoy camping, hiking, bird watching, and just spending time together. We are excited to have Mr. Priest join us as our new Middle School and High School Principal here at GCA!



Mrs. Tidball is so excited to be teaching English this year! She loves literature and hopes to bring the diverse experience she has to the classroom to make learning grammar and literature fun and exciting for her new students. She is married and has two children who are students at GCA. Her daughter Sofie is a junior this year at GCA, and her son Braden is in 7th grade. She and her husband, Jeremy, enjoy their coffee shop dates and catching up on their favorite movies. She enjoys long distance running, gardening, and having fires in their fire pit as a family. She is praying for a wonderful, healthy, and fun school year for all!



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GCA ATHLETICS

Varsity Soccer

- 9/7** 6:30 PM – vs. Lakewood – Evans Athletic Facility - 948 Sharon Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/9** 7:00 PM – vs. Sheridan – Evans Athletic Facility - 948 Sharon Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/14** 5:15 PM – @ Delaware Christian – 45 Belle Ave, Delaware OH, 43015
- 9/18** 1:30 PM – @ Pleasant High School – 1101 Owens Rd. W. Marion, OH 43302
- 9/21** 6:30 PM – vs. Tree of Life – Evans Athletic Facility - 948 Sharon Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/25** 6:00 PM – vs. St. Peter's High School – Evans Athletic Facility - 948 Sharon Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/28** 5:15 PM – @ Northside Christian – 2655 W Schrock Rd, Westerville OH 43081

Varsity Volleyball

- 9/2** 6:30 PM – @ Liberty Christian – 10447 Refugee Road Etna, OH 43062
- 9/9** 6:00 PM – @ Tree of Life – 935 Northridge Rd, Columbus, OH 43224
- 9/13** 6:00 PM – vs. Bishop Rosecrans – 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/14** 6:15 PM – vs. Northside Christian – 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/16** 6:00 PM – vs. Horizon Science Academy – 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/18** 10:00 AM – @ Ridgedale HS – 3165 Hillman Ford Rd Morral, OH 43337
- 9/21** 6:00 PM – @ Delaware Christian – 45 Belle Ave, Delaware OH, 43015
- 9/23** 7:00 PM – vs. Shekinah Christian – 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/27** 7:00 PM – @ Danville HS - 10 W Rambo Street Danville, Ohio 43014
- 9/28** 6:45 PM – @ Madison Christian - 3565 Bixby Road Groveport, OH 43125
- 9/30** 7:00 PM – vs. Liberty Christian – 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055

MS/HS Cross Country

- 9/4** 9:00 AM – @ Circleville Kiwanis Invitational – 380 Clark Dr, Circleville, OH 43113
- 9/11** 1:00 PM – @ Watkins Memorial HS - 1954 Warrior Way Pataskala, OH 43062
- 9/18** 9:00 AM – @ Newark HS – Evans Athletic Facility - 948 Sharon Valley Rd, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/25** 9:00 AM – @ Madison Christian - 3565 Bixby Road Groveport, OH 43125

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MS Golf

- 9/7** 5:15 PM – @ Licking Valley - The Trout Club - 2250 Horns Hill Rd NE, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/9** 4:00 PM – vs. Lakewood - The Links at Echo Springs - 5940 Loudon St Rd, Johnstown, OH 43031
- 9/13** 4:00 PM – @ Johnstown - Hillcrest Golf Course - 8866 Sportsman Club Rd NW, Johnstown, OH 43031
- 9/14** 4:30 PM – vs. Liberty Christian - The Links at Echo Springs - 5940 Loudon St Rd, Johnstown, OH 43031
- 9/16** TBD – @ Fredericktown - Haiawatha Golf Course - 901 Beech St, Mt Vernon, OH 43050
- 9/21** 5:00 PM – @ Liberty Christian - Raccoon International Golf Course - 3275 General Griffin Rd, Granville, OH 43023
- 9/23** 4:30 PM – vs. Licking Valley - The Links at Echo Springs - 5940 Loudon St Rd, Johnstown, OH 43031
- 9/27** 4:30 PM – @ Newark Catholic - The Trout Club - 2250 Horns Hill Rd NE, Newark, OH 43055
- 9/30** 4:30 PM – vs. Lancaster - The Links at Echo Springs - 5940 Loudon St Rd, Johnstown, OH 43031

SEPTEMBER

A LOOK AT THE MONTH AHEAD

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 5:00 MSVB 6:30 VVB K-5 Curriculum Night	3	4 9:00 CC
5	6 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	7 5:15 GOLF 6:30 SOC	8	9 4:00 GOLF 5:00 MSVB 6:00 VVB 7:00 SOC	10 Fall Sports Pictures	11 1:00 CC
12	13 3:30 LLSA 4:00 GOLF 6:00 VVB	14 4:30 GOLF 5:00 MSVB 5:15 SOC 6:15 VVB	15 Picture Day 3:30 LLSA	16 Lunch Ordering Opens TBD GOLF 6:00 VVB	17	18 9:00 CC 10:00 VVB 1:30 SOC
19	20 Grandfriends Day 3:30 LLSA	21 5:00 GOLF 5:00 MSVB 6:00 VVB 6:30 SOC	22 See You at the Pole 3:30 LLSA	23 Lunch Ordering Closes 4:30 GOLF 5:00 MSVB 7:00 VVB Parent/Teacher Conferences	24	25 9:00 CC 10:30 MSCC 6:00 SOC
26	27 Book Fair 3:30 LLSA 4:30 GOLF 7:00 VVB Parent/Teacher Conferences	28 5:15 SOC 5:30 MSVB 6:45 VVB	29 3:30 LLSA	30 National Honor Society Inductions 4:30 GOLF 5:00 MSVB 7:00 VVB		

SOC - Varsity Soccer
VVB - Varsity Volleyball
CC - MS/HS Cross Country

MSVB - Middle School Volleyball
GOLF - Middle School Golf
LLSA - Little Lions Soccer Academy

Additional Information

9/2 - K-5 Curriculum Night - Stay tuned to the weekly email announcements for more information!

9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

9/10 - Fall Sports Pictures

9/15 - Picture Day - Students are permitted to wear whatever outfit they would like for their pictures. Please remember that GCA dress down guidelines must be followed (see the Parent/Student Handbook).

9/16 - Lunch Ordering Opens for October

9/20 - Grandfriends Day - Grandfriends are invited to attend our program on this day. More information will be provided in the weekly email announcements.

9/22 - See You at the Pole - MS/HS students will travel to local public schools in the morning and the entire student body K-12 will split up in groups to spend time devoted in prayer over our schools, our state, our country and its leaders.

9/23 - Lunch Ordering Closes for October

9/23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

9/27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

9/27 - 10/1 - Book Fair

9/30 - National Honor Society Inductions



LITTLE LIONS SOCCER ACADEMY

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-8

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 20

3:30-5:00 PM

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AT THE SOCCER FIELD BEHIND GCA**

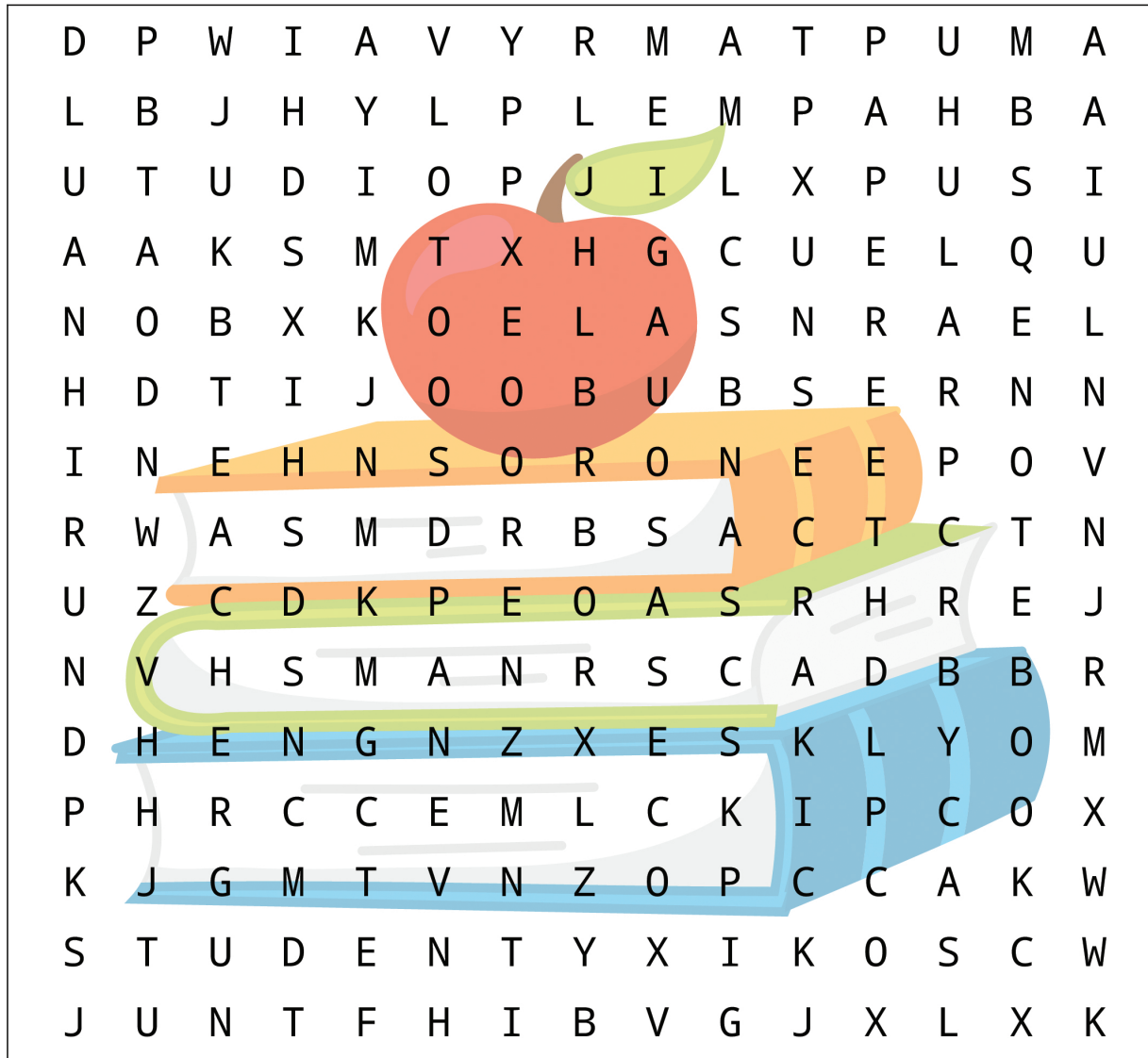
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