

# CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 2021  
GCA LION PRIDE



GRANVILLE  
CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY



# A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Every year, as the days seem to get shorter and the weather gets colder, I regularly hear from others “How can it be the end of the year already?” It is hard to believe that December is here and soon we will celebrate Christmas and welcome in a New Year. While the last 20 months have been challenging to each of us in many different ways, I know many of our school family are looking forward to what God has planned for us in 2022.

In just a few days, we have a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this special time of year. While things may continue to be different than they were, the real reason we celebrate Christmas has not changed. During this season, let us not forget the true meaning of why we can celebrate the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” Philippians 2 reminds us how Christ put our needs above His own when He came to earth to die for us.

We are excited to invite you to attend our **Christmas Chapel at 1:30 pm on Friday, December 17**. Come join us as we celebrate Christ’s coming to earth during our final day of school in 2021. This event is sure to be a highlight of our year as we come together as an entire school family to give praise to our Savior. Our High School is planning a “Christmas Mingle and Jingle” later that evening from 6 - 9 pm.

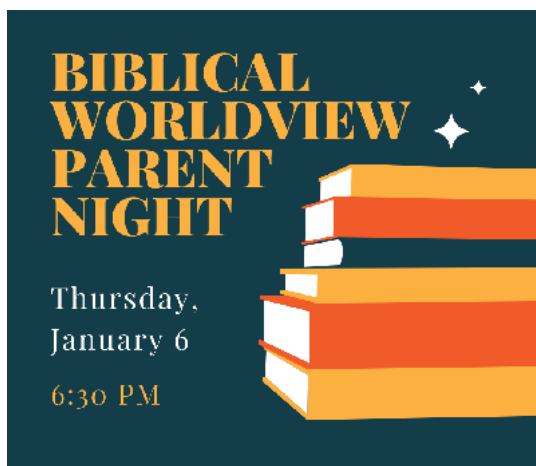
It is during December and January that we begin building our outreach campaign for the next school year. The Lord has blessed our school this year with many new families who are enjoying our school. As we prepare for next year with our Welcome Wednesday’s and Open House events, I’d ask for you to consider other families that you know would be a good fit to join our school family. Invite them to attend one of our upcoming events or programs with you. Contact our admissions office after Christmas and we will have invitations for you to personally invite them to attend.

As a school, we cherish the opportunity to invest in the lives of your children. Seeing them learn and grow in their knowledge and abilities each day brings us great enthusiasm. One of the greatest joys I have in education is seeing students grow biblically. It is our biblical worldview that is vital to our educational program and why I invite you to attend our “**Biblical Worldview Night**” with Elizabeth Urbanowicz from Transformed PD. Learn how you can take the challenges and events in our world that we are experiencing and use them to biblically impact your child.

I am looking forward to this great night together. We hope you enjoy the Christmas Celebrations this season. Cherish the time with family and friends. We look forward to next year and the blessings our Lord will give to us all.

Josh Sexton,

Head of School





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



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# Thanksgiving Baskets



On the last day before Thanksgiving Break, our High School National Honor Society organized the filling of the Thanksgiving Baskets for our joint service project with Spring Hills Baptist Church. Thanksgiving baskets is an annual project for GCA that provides our students and families the opportunity to personally connect with those in need in our community. Our elementary students wrote notes for each family and all of our students, grades K-12, contributed grocery items such as stuffing, green beans, and mashed potatoes that were needed to fill the 120 baskets that would be delivered to members of our community in need.

Our middle school students then took the items and filled each basket for the high school students to personally deliver to each family in the afternoon. The elementary students wrote individual notes to be put into each basket. They then came down to the worship center by class where they prayed over the baskets and for the families who would receive them. Mrs. Rizor and the art classes wrote Scripture around the rims of each basket and created artwork to be put into each one. As the high school students delivered the baskets, they were able to talk and pray with each of the families, sharing the love of Christ with them.

We cannot thank you, the GCA community, enough for your donation of items to fill these baskets and the greater needs of others for Thanksgiving.





Each year, GCA students in grades K-12 have the opportunity to help with Operation Christmas Child, a service project through Samaritan's Purse where shoeboxes are packed and shipped to countries across the world for the sole purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The national collection week took place in November where Spring Hills Baptist served as a local collection center for churches, schools, families and organizations throughout Licking County. Our classes at GCA set their own goal to provide items to make boxes for a certain gender and age. After the items were brought in, Pastor Gary hosted a "Packing Party" right before Thanksgiving break with our elementary students where the students were able to assemble the boxes themselves. They prayed over each box: for the children who will be receiving not only the gifts inside, but the message of Jesus's death and our salvation--that they may accept Him into their hearts as their Lord and Savior.







Every box has a divine appointment. We have had special Chapel speakers and guests over the years who were recipients of the shoeboxes in other countries and are now in ministry as missionaries and pastors. Operation Christmas Child partners with the local churches in each of those remote areas, and those local churches are the ones that personally deliver the boxes. As they do so, they share the Gospel with the children in their own villages. The most beautiful part is the relationship this builds between

the children and the churches, opening the doors for those children to return to them over and over. The middle school students helped load 2,714 completed boxes this year onto a semi truck that shipped them to Charlotte, North Carolina, the next day. Charlotte is one of six processing centers in the U.S. and it is the largest in both the size and in its production. Our Senior and Junior students annually make the trip to Charlotte to help process the shoeboxes with other volunteers during the first week of December.



Our Varsity Cheerleaders, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball teams gathered together to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes before Thanksgiving Break.





Our Junior and Senior classes just returned from an amazing trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to participate in Operation Christmas Child. They served for four days in the largest center in the U.S. that checks, packs, and ships all of the green and red Operation Christmas Child boxes from across the country. Our students were on their feet for several hours with each shift they served by working at stations that checked each box. Of the thousands of boxes that they sorted they checked each box for approved items, filled them with additional items, taped them, and then sorted them by age and gender. The individual boxes were packaged together into larger shipping containers where they were immediately loaded into semi-trailers to be sent to various destinations around the world.



Each station in the center that our GCA students worked at processed approximately 2,400 boxes each day. Our group occupied at least six to seven stations each day and 24 throughout the trip. These stations are the last individuals to touch and pray over each one of those boxes before they reach the hands of the children who will be blessed by them. It was an incredible opportunity for each of the students and our school community was so excited to see them be able to return to such an important aspect of our school ministry.

As part of the mission of GCA in training servant leaders, the group not only served at OCC, but also at the local food pantry "Loves and Fishes". Student's also took time to go shopping for the "Roof Above" ministry. This organization helps individuals transition into an apartment after spending time homeless. Our students purchased \$1,000 worth of supplies for the two apartments while also gaining some valuable experiences during the process.

It was an incredible week for our students that was both humbling and inspiring. Our GCA students served with their whole hearts throughout their time in Charlotte.







# Favorite Christmas Traditions

Going to Grandma's  
house and having a little  
party for Christmas and  
decorating stockings.

Alivia Fulk  
2nd Grade

On Christmas morning,  
we read the Christmas  
story together.

Payton Masimer  
5th Grade

Every Christmas  
we call our Family  
in Holland,  
Netherlands.  
I am always so  
excited to talk with  
them!

Lydia Davis

My favorite  
Christmas tradition  
is to watch the  
"Christmas Story"  
movie with my  
family.

Grace Taylor

Eating Christmas  
Dinner  
Roman Miceli  
2nd Grade

My family goes to the  
store and we split up into  
two teams. Each team goes  
and buys presents for each  
person that is on the other  
team. This is my favorite  
Christmas tradition.

Jordyn Masimer  
4th Grade

My favorite tradition is  
when we go to church  
on Christmas. I also  
enjoy making cookies  
with my Grandma and  
making hot chocolate  
while setting up the  
Christmas tree.

Harper Weese  
3rd Grade





One of my favorite Christmas traditions is to have my entire family over on Christmas day. I also have birthday cake for breakfast!

Eliza Kaffenbarger  
4th Grade

On Christmas day, I get to open presents and then go play in the snow.

Ethan Li  
2nd Grade

Going to my Grandma's house and having a nice dinner with my family.

Morgan Mills  
5th Grade

Putting the star on my Christmas Tree.

Tuck Chaconas  
1st Grade

I enjoy when we put up a Christmas tree and decorate it. We eat cookies and watch Christmas movies. We also go sledding and sit by the fire.

Levi Bailey  
3rd Grade

Making cookies and opening presents with Grandma and Grandpa.

Lindy Tehua

Building a snowman and throwing snowballs

Colin Campbell  
1st Grade

My favorite tradition is when we go to my Grandma's house and we sing Christmas carols together.

Eva Maloy  
3rd Grade

The night before Christmas, my mom makes all different kinds of muffins and we eat them on Christmas morning before we open presents.

Lacey McCullough  
5th Grade





# FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS

December 15-17

Date and Time	Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 17
<b>8:20 am - 10:20 am</b> Report at 8:15 am  Break in Great Room 10:20 am-10:45  <b>SNACKS PERMITTED AT BREAKS</b>	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> English 9 Bible 10 Government *Chemistry *ACP Chemistry  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> 06 Math 07 Math 08 Bible	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> US History Business Math Physical Science English 10 AP Calc  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> 06 English 07 Bible *08 Algebra *08 Math	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> English 12 AP English Algebra II ACP Precalc  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> 06 Bible 07 English 08 Science
<b>10:50 am - 12:50 pm</b> Report at 10:45 am  BREAK in Great Room 12:50-1:15 pm  <b>Lunch will NOT be provided.</b>	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> Geometry Bible 11 Algebra I Physics  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> NO Exams	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> Bible 9 AP US History ACP Alg II ACP Anatomy  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> 06 History 07 Science 08 English	<u><b>HS Exams</b></u> ACP English 11 English 11 World History Bible 12 Biology  <u><b>MS Exams</b></u> 06 Science 07 History 08 History
<b>1:20 pm - 3:00 pm</b> Report at 1:15 pm	<u><b>HS Exam</b></u> Spanish 3		<b>Christmas Chapel</b>

## LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON EXAM DAYS

- All students must attend their exam on its designated date and time, unless they are ill or have a family emergency. Absent students who are not excused will receive a zero for that midterm exam.
- Students must remain in the classroom during the entire designated exam time.
- No students are eligible for exemption from midterm exams.
- There will be a study hall during each exam block.
- Exams will be in the regularly scheduled classroom unless otherwise noted (\*Great Room).

**No Power? No  
Problem!**



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# GCA ATHLETICS

## Varsity Boys Basketball

- 1/4 7:30 PM -- @ Liberty Christian -- 10447 Refugee Road, Etna, OH 43062
- 1/6 7:30 PM -- vs. Fisher Catholic -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/8 6:00 PM -- @ Shekinah Christian-- 10040 Lafayette Rd., Plain City, OH 43064
- 1/11 6:00 PM-- @ Genoa Christian -- 7562 Lewis Center Rd., Westerville, OH 43082
- 1/15 12:00 PM -- @ Utica -- 260 Jefferson St, Utica, OH 43080
- 1/18 7:30 PM -- vs. Madison Christian -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/22 5:30 PM -- @ Delaware Christian -- 45 Belle Ave, Delaware, OH 43015
- 1/25 7:30 PM -- @ Tree of Life -- 935 Northridge Rd., Columbus, OH 43224
- 1/27 7:30 PM -- @ Northside Christian -- 2655 W Schrock Rd., Westerville OH 43081
- 1/29 2:00 PM -- vs. Crooksville -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055

## Varsity Girls Basketball

- 1/4 6:00 PM -- @ Liberty Christian -- 10447 Refugee Road, Etna, OH 43062
- 1/6 6:00 PM -- @ KIPP Columbus -- 2980 Inspire Drive Columbus, OH 43224
- 1/8 4:30 PM -- @ Shekinah Christian -- 10040 Lafayette Rd., Plain City, OH 43064
- 1/10 6:00 PM -- vs. Independence-Columbus -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/15 1:00 PM -- vs. Genoa Christian -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/18 6:00 PM -- vs. Madison Christian -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/20 6:00 PM -- vs. The Wellington School -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/22 4:00 PM -- @ Delaware Christian -- 45 Belle Ave, Delaware, OH 43015
- 1/25 6:00 PM -- @ Tree of Life -- 935 Northridge Rd., Columbus, OH 43224
- 1/27 6:00 PM -- @ Northside Christian -- 2655 W Schrock Rd., Westerville OH 43081

## Middle School Boys Basketball

- 1/8 1:30 PM -- @ Shekinah Christian-- 10040 Lafayette Rd., Plain City, OH 43064
- 1/11 6:30 PM -- vs. Holy Trinity -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/15 11:30 AM -- vs. Horizon Science -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/18 7:00 PM -- @ Madison Christian -- 3565 Bixby Road, Groveport, OH 43125
- 1/21 6:30 PM -- vs. Liberty Christian -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/22 2:30 PM -- @ Delaware Christian -- 45 Belle Ave, Delaware, OH 43015
- 1/25 7:00 PM -- vs. Tree of Life -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/28 7:00 PM -- @ Northside Christian -- 2655 W Schrock Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

## Middle School Girls Basketball

- 1/8 12:00 PM -- @ Shekinah Christian-- 10040 Lafayette Rd., Plain City, OH 43064
- 1/11 5:00 PM -- vs. Holy Trinity -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/15 10:00 AM -- vs. Horizon Science -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/18 5:30 PM -- @ Madison Christian -- 3565 Bixby Road, Groveport, OH 43125
- 1/21 5:30 PM -- vs. Liberty Christian -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/22 1:00 PM -- @ Delaware Christian -- 45 Belle Ave, Delaware, OH 43015
- 1/25 5:30 PM -- vs. Tree of Life -- 5th Street Gym, Newark, OH 43055
- 1/28 5:30 PM -- @ Northside Christian -- 2655 W Schrock Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

## LITTLE LIONS BASKETBALL

**JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 19**

**5TH STREET GYM  
9 N. 5TH STREET, NEWARK, OHIO 43055**

**COST: \$60**

**\$80 IF REGISTERING  
AFTER JANUARY 1**

**FOR BOTH GCA STUDENTS  
AND FRIENDS IN GRADES 2-5**

**Turn in your registration form & payment to the  
finance office to reserve your little lion's spot!**



# JANUARY

## A LOOK AT THE MONTH AHEAD

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Christmas Break					1
2	3 Classes Resume	4 6:00 VGB 7:30 VBB	5	6 End of Second Quarter 6:00 VGB 7:30 VBB 6:30 Biblical Worldview Parent Night	7 Teacher In-Service NO STUDENTS	8 9:00 LLB 12:00 MSGB 1:30 MSBB 4:30 VGB 6:00 VBB
9	10 6:00 VGB	11 5:00 MSGB 6:00 VBB 6:30 MSBB	12	13 Lunch Ordering Opens	14 6:30 LLB Friday Night	15 10:00 MSGB 11:30 MSBB 12:00 VBB 1:00 VGB
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	18 5:30 MSGB 6:00 VGB 7:00 MSBB 7:30 VBB	19 Welcome Wednesday for Prospective Families	20 Lunch Ordering Closes 6:00 VGB	21 5:30 MSGB 7:00 MSBB	22 9:00 LLB 1:00 MSGB 2:30 MSBB 4:00 VGB 5:30 VBB
23	24 7:00 Town Hall	25 5:30 MSGB 6:00 VGB 7:00 MSBB 7:30 VBB	26	27 6:00 VGB 7:30 VBB	28 5:30 MSGB 7:00 MSBB	29 9:00 LLB 2:00 VBB
30	31 Spirit Week Begins!					

VBB - Varsity Boys Basketball  
VGB - Varsity Girls Basketball  
MSBB- Middle School Boys Basketball  
MSGB - Middle School Girls Basketball  
LLB - Little Lions Basketball



# Additional Information

- 1/3 Classes Resume
- 1/6 End of Second Quarter  
Biblical Worldview Parent Night - 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room
- 1/7 Teacher In-Service - NO STUDENTS
- 1/8 Little Lions Basketball Begins - 9:00-10:30 AM at the 5th Street Gym
- 1/13 Lunch Ordering Opens
- 1/14 Little Lions Basketball - Friday Night Special - 6:30-8:00 PM at the 5th Street Gym
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 1/19 Welcome Wednesday - 9:00-11:00 AM for prospective families
- 1/20 Lunch Ordering Closes
- 1/22 Little Lions Basketball - 9:00-10:30 AM at the 5th Street Gym
- 1/24 Town Hall - 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room
- 1/29 Little Lions Basketball - 9:00-10:30 AM at the 5th Street Gym
- 1/31 Spirit Week Begins - Stay tuned to the weekly email announcements for more info!

## TOWN HALL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 24  
7:00 PM IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

## Christmas Chapel

Friday, December 17

1:30 PM

All K-12 students will be  
participating and we invite parents  
and families to attend!

JOIN US IN WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND THE GOOD  
NEWS OF SALVATION THAT HE BRINGS!



#GIVING  
TUESDAY



## Giving Tuesday

Thank you to all of those who participated in this year's "Giving Tuesday" campaign. This year we participated in the growing trend to help raise scholarship funds for students at GCA.

During the 10 - day promotion we successfully raised almost \$3,000 to help students and families at GCA.

As we all recently took time to give thanks during the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to give a great big THANK YOU to each of you who gave and those who continue to pray for the ministry at GCA.

## Winter Sports Program

We are so excited to announce the production of our "Winter Athletic Program".

We have gathered team schedules and photos along with information about each of the team's coaches into a beautiful program. This program also contains four full pages on each of our Senior Athletes.

Stop by the concessions stand during our next game to purchase your copy of this year's Winter Program for \$5.00.

All funds raised will go to on-going athletic facility upgrades.

GRANVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



WINTER ATHLETICS PROGRAM  
2021-2022



YEAR END  
GIVING

Help us finish strong

## End of Year Giving

As we come to the end of 2021, many individuals chose to make contributions to non-profit organizations. Throughout the United States, roughly 30% of all annual charitable giving takes place in December.

At Granville Christian Academy, we are dependent upon donations from our community to help impact our student's lives. Contributions made at the end of the year can help make it possible for us to impact more student lives through our scholarship fund.

Consider donating to the GCA Scholarship Fund with your End of Year gift.



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# LIONS FUN PAGE!

Solve the sudoku puzzle to the right by filling in the blank spaces with the missing Christmas icons. Make sure no pictures appear more than once in the same row, column or 3x3 square. Happy Puzzling!



## Christmas Word Search

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CHRISTMAS	STOCKING
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MISTLETOE	CARD
GREEN	PRESENT
RED	BOW
SILVER	SNOWFLAKE
BELLS	TREE
JINGLE	GINGERBREAD
HOOHO	WREATH
STAR	SNOWMAN
SANTA	CANDLE
HOLIDAY	

