



Grace Notes

August 2011

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Check the interactive calendar for the most current information.

A Look Ahead

August 22	Wholesome Tummies Begins 9:00am Golf Committee in the Library Volleyball and Soccer Practice Begin
August 24	Chapel 8:50am Preschool and Kindergarten 9:25am Elementary and Middle School
August 29	8:40 Flag Ceremony 9:00am Homeroom Parent Meeting in the Library
August 30	4:30pm Soccer Game at Pinewood Parent/Faculty Night 5:30-6:15pm Preschool and Kindergarten 6:15-7:00pm First through Third Grade
August 31	Chapel 8:50am Preschool and Kindergarten 9:25am Elementary and Middle School Boosterthon Pep Rally 10:15am PreK3 through 5th Grade 2:15pm 6th through 8th Grade
Sept. 1	4:30pm Volleyball Game at Pinewood Parent/Faculty Night 6:00pm-6:45pm 4 th through 6 th Grade 6:45pm-7:30pm 7 th through 8 th Grade
Sept. 2	Seventh Grade Kanuga Money Due Fast Food Friday (Bojangles) Begins
Sept. 5	Labor Day Student/Teacher Holiday No Extended Day
Sept. 7	Chapel 8:50am Preschool and Kindergarten 9:25am Elementary and Middle School Holy Eucharist
Sept. 8	4:30pm Volleyball Game at Christian Heritage
Sept. 12	8:40am Flag Ceremony Boosterthon Fun Run 9:15am PreK3 through 5 th Grade 10:15am 6 th through 8 th Grade
Sept. 13	4:30pm Soccer Game Against Cedar Hills Christian Academy (Home)

Important! Important! Important!

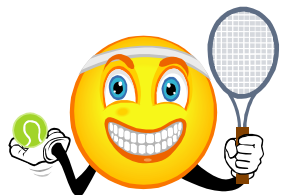
Everyone must register on our **Instant Notification System!** This allows us to contact you in case of school closings, after school sports cancellations, or other important notices.

1. Go to the website...www.geds.net and click on the GEDS Notification System box at the bottom of the page.
2. On the left side of the screen that just popped up, click the grade level of your child. If you have multiple children or are involved in multiple clubs like soccer and cheerleading, you'll have to complete this process multiple times.
3. The next screen that pops up asks for the Public Key...type in 20geds11. Be sure to use lower case letters.
4. On this final screen fill out your email address, a user name, zip code, family name, and phone number. Then indicate **computer** next to number 2. Be sure to submit this information by clicking **add** next to number 3.
5. If you wish to be notified via phone text, enter your 10-digit phone number and then your carrier information in the email box and indicate **phone** next to number 2. Click the help feature to find your carrier code. For example, if you use AT&T that section would look like this: 19042693718@txt.att.net.
6. Finally, be sure to click the tab that says **add** next to number 3 to submit the information.

Please call the school office and we'll walk you through this process if you are not able to register successfully.

SCHOOL CLOSING REMINDER

In the event of a weather emergency, GEDS follows Clay County Public School's decision regarding the closing of school. In the case of re-opening, follow the time-line that will be published on our website. Do not send your children to school if you are in doubt. In the event it becomes necessary to close school for any emergency situation, parents will be notified to pick up their children immediately via the **Instant Notification System**. If a parent is not available, we will use the emergency contact information provided on your enrollment information. Children will never be left unattended. If absolutely necessary, a child may be taken home with a member of the staff until parents or emergency contacts become available.



Tennis at Club Continental

Begins the week of Aug. 29th

For Details
Call Lee Williams
Tennis Director
269-6090



Click the Boosterthon link on our website to learn more about the Fun Run!
www.geds.net

Get Ready for an Epic Adventure with the Boosterthon Fall Fun Run!

Encourage, Play, Invite, Celebrate

Pep Rally
GEDS Basketball Court
Wednesday, August 31
10:15am PreK3-5th Grade
2:15pm 6th through 8th Grade

Fun Run
Moosehaven Campus
Monday, September 12
9:15am PreK3-5th Grade
10:15am 6th through 8th Grade



A reception for parents new to Grace Episcopal Day School was held at the home of The Reverend Kurt and Mrs. Cathleen Dunkle on Sunday, August 14th. GEDS has 50 new students and 38 new families this year. The Parents' Association invites all parents to the next **Meet and Greet** in the GEDS library on Wednesday, September 21st immediately following all-school Chapel.

Back to School Parent/Faculty Night

Tuesday, August 30
5:30-6:15pm PreK3-Kindergarten
6:15-7:00pm 1st through 3rd grades
(Extended Day Available until 7pm)

Thursday, September 1
6:00-6:45pm 4th through 6th
6:45-7:30 Middle School

Important information will be discussed at all of these meetings. We want you to be an informed parent. Your attendance is strongly encouraged!

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Check the website www.geds.net for the most current information!



Thanks to your Annual Fund donations grass is in our future!

As part of our summer maintenance work, a new zone and sprinkler heads were installed to cover the elementary and middle school soccer field. Bermuda seed was then added. New growth looks promising!

Welcome Profesora Katherine Irish



Profesora Irish is teaching Spanish this year to preschool children through 8th grade. She is a graduate of University of Wisconsin with degrees in Education, Secondary English Education, and Spanish Education. She is currently working on her Master's in Education through Concordia College with emphasis on World Language Instruction. Ms. Irish has traveled throughout eight countries in Europe; Mexico; Costa Rica; Argentina; Ecuador; Uruguay, and has been a legal resident of Peru for the last three years. We are so pleased to have her on our staff!