

Warrior Bulletin

A Newsletter for Parents, Alumni, Friends, and Family

Grace Christian School • Winter 2011

Students inducted into National Honor Society

Nine high school students became charter members of Grace Christian School's first National Honor Society on November 22. Inducted into the NHS were Ben Stoll, Holly Wenger, Cindy Pullin, seniors; Will Campbell, Hanna Plummer, and Joscelyn Seaton, juniors; and Rebecca Cullinan, Nicholas Grow, and Amber Tacy, sophomores.

The National Honor Society, founded in 1921, recognizes and encourages academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy, including scholarship, character, service and leadership.

"We looked into starting a NHS chapter at Grace Christian years ago, but it didn't become a reality until the school became accredited," commented Mrs. Debbie Harper, high school principal. "We've always had a way to recognize our athletes, and so we're pleased that now we're able to recognize students who stand out in the areas of academics and leadership."

"I'm really excited that we have an NHS chapter! I love that students have an opportunity to be recognized for being

strong young men and women of achievement and initiative," commented Ash White, NHS Advisor. "This group will have the chance to create the identity of what NHS will mean at GCS. I am excited to be part of that."

Since the induction ceremony, the group has met to review the NHS constitution and create by-laws for their chapter. They are also planning a number of community service projects, including assisting with an Eagle Scout project.

"I'm honored to be part of this new organization," commented Ben Stoll, GCS senior. "We hope to be able to do some meaningful things for the school this year."

"I think that the NHS will help me develop leadership skills and encourage me to be a better student," added sophomore Nick Grow. "I know that it will help me both in my college career and when I enter the workforce," he added.

Members of the National Honor Society Faculty Council include Heather Gildea, Joanne Hickin, Rhonda Morrison, Cindy Mims, and Jessica McClain.

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National Honor Society Charter Members. (Bottom row) Will Campbell, Cindy Pullin, Amber Tacy, and Rebecca Cullinan; (Top row) Ben Stoll, Holly Wenger, Joscelyn Seaton, Nicholas Grow, Ms. Ash White, NHS advisor. Not pictured: Hanna Plummer.

GCS receives ExxonMobil Education Grant

Steve Boward, owner of the Staunton Greenville Avenue Exxon, believes very strongly in the importance of Christian education and is serious about finding ways to help support the efforts of Grace Christian School. In the past two years, Steve has nominated Grace Christian School as a candidate for available grant money through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program; and for two consecutive years now, Grace Christian has been awarded a total of \$1,500 of funding!

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support. The ExxonMobil Grant money has been earmarked for the school's science and math programs.

"Grace Christian School does such a great job with the academic and spiritual aspect, but they also do a great job managing their budget and stretching a dollar," commented Steve. "It makes me feel good about giving to an organization such as this," he added. Steve and his wife Melissa have three children who attend Grace, Morgan 7th grade, Max 4th grade, and Libby 1st grade.



Steve Boward and Rick Richards

Business partners make an impact in education

GCS Business Partners in Education play a very important role in the school's ability to offer financial aid scholarships to a growing number of our students and their families. We thank these businesses who sacrificially give so that others can appreciate the benefits of a Christian education. When you frequent these businesses, please take a moment to express your appreciation for their support. Our Business Partners participate at various giving levels - if you would like to learn more about the Business Partners in Education program, please contact Liz Middleton in the Development Office at (540) 886-9109.



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Message from the Headmaster

By Rick Richards

The holiday season has passed, and soon we will begin the second semester of school. What a great school year we've had so far. I have seen God's hand in our students', staff, and school families' lives, and I have witnessed His divine hand in our finances. From my perspective as Headmaster, I have the opportunity to witness the many blessings the Lord has laid upon us so far this year. It started off with the Grace Family Social in September, where we witnessed the abundance of talent among many of our students. The high school Student Senate served barbecue, middle school students from the Junior Leadership classes manned the games, sold ice cream, and assisted in cleaning up. As I looked around that evening at our school parents, staff, and students enjoying each others company, I felt the growing sense of family and unity.

Early fall brought volleyball and soccer seasons. Between these two sports, almost half of our high school student body participated. In addition, approximately a third of the elementary and middle school students played middle school or elementary league sports. The games were exciting their enthusiasm, determination, and

As the sports season was place. Students from the high school Olympics team to prepare them for their at the Valley Mission. We witnessed the and His Greatest Hit", our first National annual school-wide Christmas Choral

Our students have participated Valley. We have made our way through nursing homes, and participated in our

Wenonah Elementary School in Waynesboro. And, our middle school students ventured outside the valley, exploring Jamestown and our country's capital. In each of these events, I have been blessed to witness the Lord shining through our students and staff.

With God's provision, our budget has weathered the loss of the air conditioning/heating unit at the Activities Center, major issues with our cooling tower at the elementary school, and several unexpected mechanical issues with our busses, along with some other strains on our finances. God's timing in providing for each of these instances has been amazing. Each time we faced these financial challenges, we have laid out our needs in prayer, stepped back and waited for God to provide. In addition, many friends of the school, alumni, and current families have contributed through the Annual Giving Campaign to help us meet our budgeting needs.

We are also fortunate to have strong partnerships with many of our school families who own local businesses. Grace businesses trimmed our trees, located and installed an air conditioning unit, ran the electrical and upgraded lighting for the new computer lab at the middle school, and finally, replaced the roof at the Thornrose campus.

We are truly a FAMILY working together to achieve the mission that the Lord has put before us. God bless all of you as we head into the new year.

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underway, many other events were also taking Student Senate played soccer with a local Special state finals. Other student leaders served dinners elementary school musical "The Rock Slinger Honor Society induction ceremony, and the performance.

in many field trips spanning the Shenandoah a corn maze and toured a local farm, visited special holiday community service event with

Mark Your 2011 Calendars

March 10

Student Basketball Faculty Game

April 1-2

High School Production - *Much Ado About Nothing*

April 30

12th Annual Boots and Bandana Auction

May 6

Grandparent's Day

May 9

Choral Concert

May 17

Art's Night

June 3

Garden Party

June 4

High School Commencement

The *Warrior Bulletin* is a publication of Grace Christian School.

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High school welcomes Japanese student

Seventeen year old exchange student Ren Yamamoto has only been at Grace a few weeks. In that short time, he has not only made many new American friends, but he has also experienced many GCS Warrior and Staunton activities. He caught a touchdown pass in the annual GCS Turkey Bowl football game, broke open a candy-filled pinata at the Latin American Fiesta, enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal “Grace style”, tested his skills at the Soda Shoot during a Warrior basketball game, and enjoyed the downtown Staunton Christmas parade and hot chocolate with his new classmates.

A native of Niigata, Japan, Ren is spending the year in Staunton as part of the American Intercultural Student Exchange program. Each year, over 4,000 AISE students from countries spanning the globe spend a year living with host families in America - studying, making friends, and learning new cultures.

Back at home, Ren lives in an apartment in a large city with his parents and younger brother. When not in school, he helps his parents in their family-owned restaurant. In addition, he also works with his grandparents on their rice farm during the spring and fall harvest.

Ren has adjusted very well to living with his American host family, Chris and Jill Conley and their two children. The Conleys resides near downtown Staunton, which makes it easy for Ren to have the freedom of being able to walk to and from school and other downtown venues.

While attending Grace, Ren’s courseload includes two history classes, English Literature, grammar, Spanish, math, and Bible. He is also taking a variety of electives, including ministries, drama, and art. He will still have two full years ahead of him when he returns to Japan next summer. After graduation, his plans are to travel before attending college to study filmmaking. “The biggest difference between Grace and my school back home is the length of the school day. In Japan, I go to school six days a week from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM!” commented Ren.

According to High School Principal Debbie Harper, Ren’s transition has been smooth. “He is very outgoing and eager to learn,” she commented. “He’s already made lots of friends.”



Ren Yamamoto is flanked by two of his new American friends, Frankie Leo and Andrew Ullrich.

“I really like sports - especially baseball - and would like to play for the school in the spring,” remarked Ren. His other interests include judo, watching movies, and traveling to historical sites. Ren has also developed a fondness for American food. “I really like Mr. and Mrs. Richard’s chili, hamburgers, and Chick-Fil-A!”

“Ren’s a cool guy, He’s fun to hang around with, and it’s neat having his culture mixed in with ours,” commented Quenton Clarke, GCS junior. “We’re helping him with his English, and he’s teaching us a few Japanese phrases!”

“Having Ren at Grace has been a great cultural experience for our students,” added Mrs Harper. “It’s not often our students get to spend a school year with a peer who lives on the other side of the world.”

Classes enjoy Latin American Fiesta

Members of Mrs. Gaby Urgo’s Spanish classes and Mrs. Joanne Hickin’s Geography class hosted the first ever Latin American Fiesta on Thursday, November 18. The high school student body and staff were treated to a luncheon with treats from south of the border. The afternoon program included Spanish songs, Latin American dances, skits, costumes, and presentations.

“The students worked incredibly well on their projects. I was amazed at how creative the students were. And, the food was amazing!” commented Mrs. Urgo.

“The best part of the afternoon was the sophomore’s pinata, which was made by students in Spanish I,” commented freshman Jacob Montoya. “It looked like a giant burrito. When it busted open, it was like a waterfall of candy!”

“This event was not only educational, but it was also a fun way to teach and experience the Latin American culture,” commented Mrs. Hickin. “It looks like we might need to make this an annual event.”



Geography students Seth Robbins and Phillip Seaton make a presentation.

Elementary school musical a real “hit”

The army of the Living God entered the GCS auditorium marching in unison and singing songs of exaltation. Spirits were high among the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders as they prepared for battle against the Philistine Army - that is, until they got one look at Goliath!

A packed house of guests enjoyed this year’s 4th-6th grade musical, “*The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*,” which recounted the story of David and Goliath. A myriad of songs showcased individual talent, as well as the strength of a well-trained chorus under the direction of GCS music teacher, Mrs. Marie Masingcup.

The powerful message of faith and reliance upon God was reiterated throughout the program. When Goliath (played by David Hagenseker) taunted David (played by Austin Allred), asking “Do you want to fight me little boy?”, David answered, “You carry a spear but I come in the name of the Lord of Hosts.” With that, David let the rock fly from his sling and took the mighty giant down. The chorus erupted in song expounding, “Our God is Great!” Other lead roles included Hope Campbell as Princess Michael, Douglas Greeley as Commander of the Philistine Army, and Noah Boyers as David’s brother, Eliab.

“It was an absolute joy working with these students,” commented director, Mrs. Debbie Hockman. “They possess so much talent and were so eager to learn their parts, making the whole process that much easier,” she added. Many thanks to Mrs. Hockman, who is an alumni parent and grandparent of three GCS students. Mrs. Hockman has directed the annual musical for over 10 years, and was joined by her daughter Jenny Hockman Shifflett, GCS alumni and school parent, who served as assistant director.



Field Trip to Jamestown. Mrs. Sharon Greeley and Mr. Bill Renton pose with seventh graders in front of one of the ships that sailed from England to Virginia in 1607.



Thanksgiving Fun. Third grade teacher Rebecca Mallory (dressed as an Indian squaw) and Kindergarten teacher Jan Ingram (a Pilgrim) flank both sides of the Thanksgiving turkey (Elementary Principal Joanne Kinder).



Ethan Riffo, shield bearer and Austin Allred, David, prepare for the big battle.

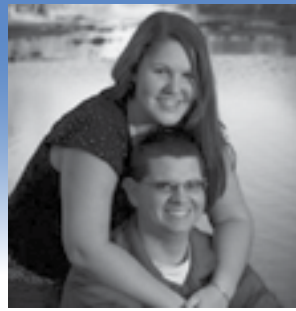
GCS senior wins writing contest

Ben Stoll has been selected as the Western Region winner in Dominion’s 2011 Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership Student Writing Contest. His essay on Langston Hughes, an American novelist and playwright, was selected from scores of entries. He will receive an HP laptop, and Grace Christian School will receive a \$1,000 cash award. Ben and his parents will be recognized at a banquet in Richmond on February 3.

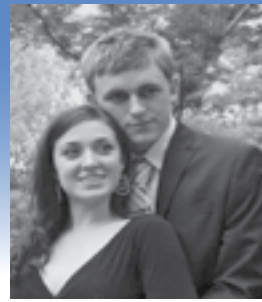




Jason and Erica Flower



Monica Fix and Andrew Crokken



Seth and Erin Starkey



Paul Stoneburner

Graduates ⁱⁿ the News

1995

Grady Summers has accepted a position as a partner with Ernst & Young LLP. He will be leading the firm's Information Security Consulting Services for North America. He and his wife Cori live in Lebanon, PA with their three children - Maddie (5 years), Mia (3 years), and Grayden (1 year).

1997

Melissa Knopp Hankee and her husband Seth welcomed newborn Noah Thomas into the world on August 2. The couple recently moved to Waynesboro where Melissa is a stay-at-home mom to Noah and Judah (2 years).

Katie Harper Hall, her husband Chad, and toddler Thor spent a week in Virginia in December visiting family and friends. The family lives in Spokane, Washington, where Katie is a Physician Assistant.

Krista Summers Singleton and her husband Matt are now parents of three small children! Their baby son - Thatcher James - was born December 5. He joins Caroline (2 years) and Wade (4 years).

1998

David Lam and his wife Mary Lauren live in Richmond, where David is an engineer at Altria. He also plays the fiddle in a bluegrass band called *A Good Natured Riot*. The band recently won the Central Vir-

ginia Battle of the Bands.

Kelly McNair Bierman and her husband Nathan live in Nashville, TN where Kelly works as a Marketing Strategist for Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy marketing.

1999

Ben Paulus and his wife Annie announce the birth of their first child. Samuel David was born August 23. Ben was ordained as a Deacon in the Anglican Mission - a missionary arm of the Church of Rowanda - on October 16. The family lives in Vancouver, but Ben says they are planning a move back to the States next year.

Katie Summers Crews and her husband Nathan welcomed Wesley William into the world on September 23. They will be relocating to Nashville, TN in February.

2000

Kevin Kennedy and Rachel Rehm were married in October. They live in Norfolk, where Kevin works as an insurance attorney.

Brandon Murray and his wife Colleen have a new baby girl. Scarlett Elizabeth was born in November. She joins sister Rosie (2 years). The family lives in Lynchburg.

2001

Everette Clemmer has announced his engagement to Anne Merrin Noffsinger. The two will wed July 15. Ever-

ette is a software developer at Rosetta Stone.

Jason Bailey and his wife Kiley are their parents of newborn Mindy Spencer Bailey. She was born September 30. The family lives in Richmond, where Jason is employed at Lowes.

Bethany Glover and Tobi Persian were recently married. The couple met through YWAM, where they were both attending the World Soccer Cup. They live in a 400 year old YWAM castle in Hurlach, Germany. They plan to return to the States in the spring and Bethany will continue her studies at JMU next fall.

2002

Grace Hickin Schultz, a student in the RN to BSN program at UVA, is using her January term to visit her sister **Sunny Hickin Roche (Class of '05)** and husband Pharos in Australia. Grace plans to graduate in May of 2011.

Emily Koska Barrett and her husband Chris are moving from Ireland to Georgia in January.

2003

Peter and Katie Quillen Santana live in Waynesboro with their one year old son Carter. Katie works as a substitute teacher and Peter works for DuPont Credit Union.

2004

Meggie Lam lives in Richmond, where she works for

the Preservation Virginia, a non-profit organization and statewide historic preservation leader dedicated to perpetuating and revitalizing Virginia's cultural, architectural and historic heritage. She is a graduate of Bridgewater College.

Seth Starkey and Erin Gray were married June 26. Seth is planning a career in teaching and coaching. The couple live in Austin, Texas.

Beth Weller Bonner and her husband Keary are relocating to Pensacola, Florida in December. The couple have been living in Atlanta, where Beth has been working as a leasing consultant.

Ben Knopp and Julia Bailey were married this summer. Ben is currently working in construction in the Staunton area and working on several inventions.

2005

Hillary Koenig has announced her engagement to Jason McKenzie. The couple will be married on June 3. Hillary is a student at Old Dominion University, majoring in Communications, with a minor in Political Science.

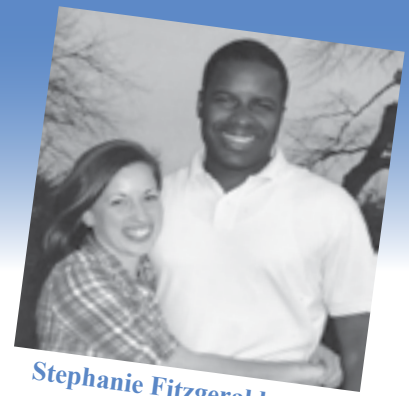
Stephanie Fitzgerald and Andrew Russell are engaged. The couple are planning an April 2 wedding in Chattanooga. Stephanie currently works for Siskin's Children's Institute. The couple will be moving to Dallas after their wedding.



Matt and Krista Summers Singleton, Wade, Caroline, and Thatcher



Seth and Melissa Knopp Hankee and Judah and Noah



Stephanie Fitzgerald and Andrew Russell

2006

Beth Fitzgerald has announced her engagement to Joshuwa Wolfe. The couple are planning a May wedding. Beth is employed at Food Lion.

Rachel Stern and Sam Kirchman were married in an outdoor ceremony on September 12. Rachel is a recent graduate of Lee University where she received her BA in Sociology and is currently employed by Starbucks. Sam teaches elementary physical education at Grace Christian School.

Joel Smith is working as a Computer and Printer Technician at LBP Enterprises in Waynesboro. He is a graduate of Carson Newman University.

David and Tiffany Beverage Brenneman are living in Kentucky, where Tiffany is completing her senior year at Asbury College. She will graduate in May. David is the Director of Operations at Wilmore Daycare. They are hoping to move back to Virginia in the spring.

2007

Ryan Smith is a senior at Liberty University majoring in Business with a double specialization in Management and Marketing. As part of his studies, Ryan will be taking a 7-day Caribbean cruise over his winter break, learning about the cruise industry and marketing practices.

Lisa Mims is graduating from Virginia Tech in December with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She has enrolled in a Masters degree program at Mary Baldwin College, where she plans to get her Masters in Education.

Ben Miller is working on his Associates degree in Business at New River Community College. When he is not studying, he is working at Virginia Tech's dairy farm and taking care of his daughter Cassidy while his wife Kelly works on her veterinary degree.

John Reid Weller is head coach of the middle school basketball team at Blacksburg Middle School. He is a senior Physical Education major at Radford University.

Jason Flower and Erica Moore were married on November 20. Jason works in construction. The couple live in Staunton.

Ashley Sours and **Michael Hogsett** tied the knot on July 24. They live in Dayton, TN where they are both completing their senior year of studies at Bryan College.

2008

Betsy Barrett will be traveling to Japan for a mission trip with a group of musicians and professors from Lee University in December. The group will be presenting numerous concerts of Christ-centered music in schools, nursing homes, community centers, and churches in various cities in Japan.

Monica Faith Fix has announced her engagement to Andrew Martin Crocken of Broadway. Monica attended Eastern Mennonite University and is currently employed at Freedom Baptist Day School. A September 10, 2011 wedding is planned.

Tori Fix Ramsey and her husband Cory announce the birth of their son, Cayden. The family lives in North Carolina.

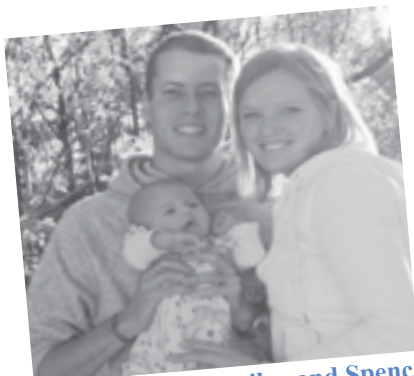
Lyndsey Keegan has transferred to King College in Bristol, Tennessee where she will continue pursuing a degree in Photography.

2009

Kaylin King will be travelling to Nicaragua on a medical missions trip over spring break. She is currently a student at Southern Adventist University, where she is studying for her A.S. in nursing.

Kristen Beebe was recently inducted to Alpha Mu Gamma, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Honors Society. She is a sophomore at Gordon College in Massachusetts, double-majoring in Spanish and Linguistics, with a Psychology minor. Kristen is planning a missions trip to Tijuana, Mexico in January, and hopes to study abroad in Spain next year. She is also involved in an internship position with the Office of Community Engagement and leads a group of volunteer students at a nearby inner-city tutoring program for Hispanic youth.

Jay Henderson is a sophomore Education major at Southern



Jason and Kiley Bailey and Spencer



Michael and Ashley Sours Hogsett



Nathan and Katie Summers Crews and Wesley



Sam and Rachel Stern Kirchman

GCS graduate to spend two years in Zimbabwe

When GCS alumni Heidi Mancini accepted a position washing dishes as part of her work study assignment her freshman year at Johnson Bible College, she never imagined that it would turn into love, marriage, and a fulfillment of a dream to serve in the mission field!

In October of 2008, Heidi married fellow dishwasher and student Ian Fry. He had spent a great deal of his childhood in Zimbabwe, where his parents founded Eden Children's Village, an orphanage, school, and medical clinic in the village of Doma. The couple, along with their newborn son, will begin a two year stint at the orphanage next summer. In the meantime, the family is traveling throughout the country sharing their plans and raising support for the ministry.

"We'll be leading a team of ten Johnson Bible College graduates," commented Heidi. "Our focus will be on sustainable agriculture and establishing a vocational education program for the orphans and members of the surrounding community. We also plan to organize and lead men's and women's Bible studies for the community and eventually hope to begin an Awana Program," she added.

Heidi, a 2006 GCS graduate, had a heart for missions even back in high school. She went on two summer mission trips to Panama and the Bahamas. "I studied Spanish at Grace, and always thought I would love to be a missionary in a country where Spanish was spoken," she commented. "I never thought I would end up living in Africa, but my years at Grace prepared me to be open to serve wherever God calls. I feel I was stretched at Grace, especially through the chapels and Bible classes. I was always encouraged to focus on God's leading in my life."

Heidi graduated with a Bachelors in English as a Second Language in May 2010. She is also certified to teach Kindergarten through sixth grade.

If you would like more information about Eden Children's Village or would like to find out how you can support Heidi and Ian, you can contact them through email at babweheartsbeat@gmail.com. Or, you can check out their website at www.edenchildrensvillage.org.



Ian and Heidi Mancini Fry with 5 month old Mikayah



Class of 2007. Five classmates were recently part of Jason Flower's wedding. Pictured above are Chad Gery, John Reid Weller, Jason Flower, Matt Coffey, Michael Hogsett, and Ben Miller.

Connecticut State University in New Haven, CT. He works as a Resident Advisor and as an office assistant under the Director of Student Life.

Ian Kelliher and Katie Williams were married in August. The couple reside in Lynchburg, where both are attending Liberty University.

Caitlin King is attending Discipleship Training School with Youth With A Mission in Minneapolis, MN. She will be heading to her outreach in Russia at the end of December and returning home in late February.

Karla Martin is a sophomore at Eastern Mennonite University, where she is majoring in Biology/Chemistry, and Psychology. She will be going on a medical missions trip to

Honduras in March through the MAMA (Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart) Project.

2010

Paul Stoneburner graduated from the School of Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton, California. He is now an official Rifleman in the Marine Corps and will continue on into his next phase of military training.

Molly Law is a freshman at Gardner Webb University in North Carolina, where she is majoring in English with a minor in Journalism.

Emily Masincup is a freshman at Messiah College where she is majoring in Music. This spring, Emily will be singing in the production of the opera *Die Fledermaus* and in the musical *Carousel*.



Barry and Martia Shower Hevener and Katie Summers Crews with their children - Luke, Sadie, and Wesley

Middle and high schools teach leadership

GCS Headmaster Rick Richards is drawing from his years of experience in the business world to teach both middle and high school students how to become leaders. At the high school, his leadership class functions as the Student Senate. And, at the middle school, he meets once a week with student leaders and helps direct them in ways that they can lead by example.

High school leaders meet once a week. They learn to use parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order to conduct Student Senate meetings. The group, which consists of one third of the high school student body, is divided into committees. The committees turn their ideas into written proposals. Once approved, students work through their committees on timelines and logistics.



"I try to focus on teaching the students how to plan and execute events that will benefit the school," said Mr. Richards. "I am very pleased with their level of responsibility and with the success of their efforts so far. They've really stepped up."

Some of the committees this year include Missions, Publicity, Fundraisers, Concessions, Community Service, and School Spirit. Events spawning from the various committees include playing soccer with a local Special Olympics team, serving weekly meals at the Valley Mission, coordinating "rooter buses" filled with GCS fans traveling to away basketball games, sales of GCS Spirit Wear clothing, and making brightly colored posters publicizing upcoming school events. Students also plan socials, including a coffeehouse featuring games and live performances by student musicians and the Autumn Affair dance for juniors and seniors.

This year's Student Senate officers, elected each spring, include Holly Wenger, president; Joscelyn Seaton, vice-president; Katie Shifflett, treasurer; Rebecca Cullinan, secretary; and Frankie Leo, chaplain.

At the middle school level, the junior leadership classes take on a different format. "I teach our middle schoolers basic leadership skills so that when they come up to the high school, they can hit the ground running," commented Mr. Richards. "This year our projects focus on how to honor and serve elementary students. We are also honoring our servicemen and women by writing and sending them care packages."

"I hope that the skills that I am learning through my participation in leadership will help me not only in school, but also in other areas - including work, church, and life in general," stated senior Kaitlyn Hughes. "I've enjoyed the challenges and responsibilities Mr. Richards has given us and it's been fun to work with and get to know students outside of the senior class."



(Above left) High School leadership class volunteers, including Joanna Waltz, former GCS student, Belinda Miskell, Andrew Ullrich, and Mary Hrovat serve meals at the Valley Mission.

(Left) Middle School Boy's Leadership class members include George Fitzgerald, Pavel Rich, David Wagoner, Nicholas Whisman, Mr. Richards, Adam Clem, Micah Mallory, Timothy Grow, Jackson Lohr, David Heishman, and Ben Elliott. (Not pictured Cooper Yowell)

Fall 2010 Sports

Varsity Volleyball



(Bottom row) Joscelyn Seaton, Tessa Fitzgerald, Kati Martin, Sarah Hrovat, and Mary Hrovat. **(Top row)** Head Coach Vince Hinkle, Jordan Lohr, Angelena Blagg, Stephanie Beverage, Katie Shifflett, Elizabeth Goodloe, Kaitlyn Hughes, and Asst. Coach Beth Hinkle

Varsity Soccer

(Bottom row) Frankie Leo, Nick Grow, David Botkin, Andrew Wilson, Aaron Mallory, Caleb Scott, Ben Stoll, Matt Royals. **(Top row)** Student Assistant Ethan Grow, Manager Chris Knight, Alex Wilson, Micah Mallory, Andrew Ullrich, Seth Robbins, Chris Kime, Tucker Roberts, William Koenig, Phil Seaton, Ryan Herbert, Isaac Grant, Joshua Flower, Head Coach Mike Mallory. **Not pictured:** Asst. Coach Sam Kirchman



Middle School Volleyball



(Bottom row)
 Kristen Broce, Erin Stern, Madi Sandy, Peyton Brown, Jami Hebert. **(Middle row)**
 Allyson Clawson, Shannon Jenkins, Loren Karicofe, Tori Eller. **(Top row)**
 Asst. Coach Patti Hrovat, Abigael Glover, Devon Boyers, Morgan Boward, Paige Spencer, Kelsie Wheeler, and Head Coach Jody Lohr.

JV Volleyball

(Bottom row)
 Becca Kime, Hannah Shawver, Katie Ullrich, Kelsey Fitzgeald. **(Top row)**
 Asst. Coach Sharon Greeley, Ashley Wagoner, Courtney Botkin, Hannah Middleton, Kendra Fitzgerald, Molly Lilly, and Head Coach Beth Hinkle.



Middle School Soccer



(Bottom row)
 Ben Callison, Jasmine Duff, Micah Mallory, Hope Campbell, Nathaniel Grow. **(Middle row)**
 Mari-grace Grow, George Fitzgerald, Tyler Jesse, Thomas Muselman, Ricky Yeomans, Averi Hebert. **(Top row)**
 Asst. Coach Danny Campbell, Artem Rich, Molly Ullrich, Noah Hebert, Jackson Lohr, Daniel Royals, Pavel Rich, Timothy Grow, Head Coach York Grow.

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Fall Festivities



Eighth grader, Noah Hebert gets creative as he paints the face of third grader, Carter Atkins during the GCS Family Social.



A group of high school students participates in a team building activity during the back-to-school retreat at YDI camp in Highland County.