



Students participate in international science program

What do our Grace Christian School science students have in common with their peers in Switzerland, Iceland, and Africa? Along with schools from 109 countries, GCS is working to improve the environment and promote stewardship and scientific discovery.

GCS elementary and middle school science classes and James Madison University (JMU) have formed a partnership to implement GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment), an international data collection program affiliated with NASA and NOAA. Students from around the world use inquiry-based, hands-on scientific protocols to record measurements of environmental parameters ranging from air quality to water to soils. Teachers choose components of the program to enhance their existing science, math, and technology curriculums. Students enter the data collected into an international database which is then used by researchers, teachers and students around the world.

A homework assignment in Mrs. Cindy Grant's 5th grade class had students spend a night under the stars with the goal of determining the extent of light pollution. Students measured ozone readings, recorded temperature and humidity, and observed cloud cover and star visibility right in their own backyards. Afterwards, they entered their findings onto the GLOBE database and were able to compare their data with that from within the United States and the rest of the world.

"What happened in class after their night of stargazing was amazing," remarked Mrs. Grant. "We viewed the satellite imagery that showed the whole world; then we zeroed in to our area, capturing the data that our students entered to the point

that we could see our school in the satellite pictures. The students were actually jumping out of their seats with excitement!"

The GLOBE Program also uses the Internet to introduce students to other young scientists. Mrs. Ellie Zullig's 6th grade students are Internet penpals with a 6th grade class in Argentina. Both classes are studying their respective biomes—specifically plants, weather conditions, and ozone—and have been comparing the differences and similarities of their seasons, weather patterns and scientific recordings.

Participation in the GLOBE Program is also opening the door for other hands-on opportunities. The 6th and 8th grade science classes will be visiting JMU to view the "Science on a Sphere" exhibit, and the 7th grade life science class will travel to the JMU animal lab to examine multi-cell and uni-cell creatures under high power microscopes.

"In order to fully implement this enrichment program schoolwide, a number of technology upgrades will be needed," said Mrs. Sharon Greeley, GCS GLOBE coordinator. "We were blessed to have received a few individual donations for this program to purchase computers and projectors for the participating classes. And JMU has provided portable GPS units, weather stations, and additional equipment for students to conduct the protocols."

"I'm excited about the long term impact of integrating this program into our existing curriculum," added Mrs. Greeley. "Our goal is to continue using the GLOBE protocols and increase our students' appetites for this wonderful new way of experiencing science."



Collecting Data.

Young scientists Joscelyn Seaton, Sarah Law, Keith Showalter, and Alex Weller, record information from the GLOBE weather center with Mrs. Sharon Greeley, their 8th grade earth science teacher. After collecting the information, findings were entered into the worldwide GLOBE database.

GCS keeping up with tech changes

By John Morrison, Administrator

Our front page article on the GLOBE program is a reminder that technology is drastically changing the way we go about the business of life. My generation, in particular, has had to adapt from the days of the typewriter (some of our youth have no idea what a typewriter is!) to where we find ourselves today. I can still remember, in the second year of our school, agonizing over whether or not to purchase our first computer. We finally broke down and purchased a used Kaypro (which utilized the old CPM operating system) and used the unit primarily for word processing. After several months of use, we couldn't image how we had ever lived without it!

And since that time, we have not looked back. By the grace of God, and through the generosity of many, we now have a fairly sophisticated network of approximately 155 computers operating on our two campuses, as well as another twenty or so computers not on the our students are learning the the workplace and higher education, Richmond technology curriculum program. We are greatly encouraged graduates, who tell us that the skills them well both at college and on the

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network. And in order to ensure that fundamental skills needed for both we are utilizing the University of throughout our entire educational with the feedback we receive from learned while at Grace have served job.

Last year, we jumped on software that allows parents and homework assignments, and other class related information simply by accessing their family account via the Internet. In addition, most school correspondence with the home is now being sent via email, and the GCS website (www.gcswarriors.org) was updated over the summer with lots of new, handy information available for parents and others interested in the school.

The way we conduct business in our culture continues to rapidly change. It is important, if we are to remain relevant as an educational institution, that we work hard at keeping up with those technologies that our students will use in this ever-changing environment. On the one hand, much of the technology boom has created all manner of ethical issues and problems, from easy access to pornography to some of the social networking problems related to some forms of blogging. On the other hand, we believe that our students need to be taught not only how to use potentially constructive technologies, but to use them in a responsible manner. Indeed, that is a primary goal in terms of our educational emphasis here at Grace.

We praise God for enabling us to develop a solid technology program, and we pray that He will continue to guide us in this all-important aspect of our educational program. We appreciate your prayers and support to that end.

Gift-in-kind donations appreciated

Thinking "outside the box" is a welcomed practice when it comes to gift-in-kind donations to Grace Christian School. We are amazed and grateful for the generosity of individuals and businesses alike who support the school in so many creative ways through their gift-in-kind donations. From vehicles to computers, labor and materials to furniture, these donations are such a blessing to our school program. We would like to thank the following businesses for their recent gift-in-kind donations:

Ace Hardware & Marine of Stuarts Draft - For paint and supplies for GCS Fine Arts Camp

Callison Electric of Staunton - For labor and materials for electrical repair work

CiCi's Pizza of Staunton - For monthly fundraising opportunities and donations to GCS

Jack Clem General Contractor - For labor and installation of fence posts in sidewalk

James Madison University of Harrisonburg - For equipment and supplies for the GLOBE Program

Kiddie Amusement Rides, LLC of Staunton - For donation of amusement ride for Fall Jubilee

Protil and Sons of Staunton - For labor, materials and construction of storage units with countertop

Rocky & Brenda's Gold and Silver of Weyer's Cave - For computers and monitors,
and a security system with cameras and monitors

Staunton Augusta Health Department - For personal computers, printers, monitors and office furniture

Steve Fitzgerald General Contractor, Inc. of Staunton - For labor on framing work and sidewalk repair

Village Furniture & Ceramic Tile of Stuarts Draft - For labor and material for new tile work and repair work

Annual campaign underway

By Liz Middleton, Development Director

It's that special time of year again – GCS Annual Giving Campaign kickoff! Each fall we solicit financial support from those who believe in the ministry of Grace Christian School and want to support a program which is truly making a difference in the world today – one student at a time.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the many who participated in last year's campaign, which yielded \$217,500 in total giving. We are so grateful to those of you who make up our community of supporters – your giving has directly impacted the lives of the students at Grace Christian School.

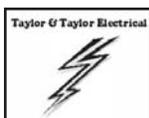
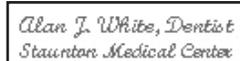
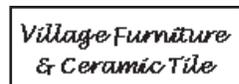
Within the next few weeks, you will be receiving this year's Annual Giving Campaign information, and we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting Grace Christian School as you are able. Our financial goals this year are to raise \$135,000 for our Annual Fund and \$65,000 for our Financial Aid Fund, as well as continue to grow our Endowment Fund. We thank you in advance for assisting us as we strive to provide excellence in an education which is rooted in the truth of Christianity.

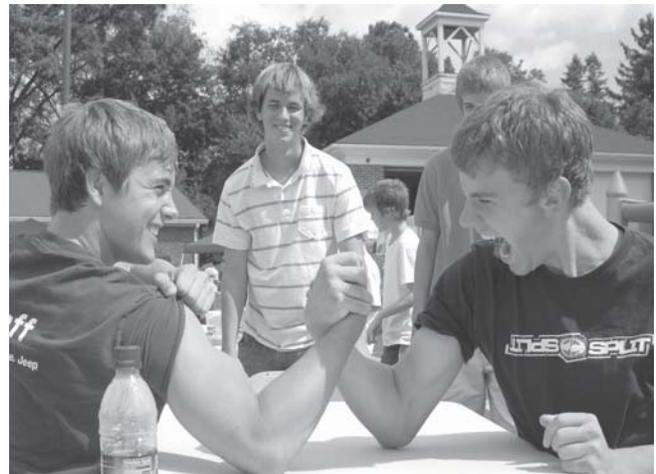
In Memory Of Tim Protil

Grace Christian School has lost a wonderful friend, husband, father, and loyal member of the school community. Tim went to be with the Lord on September 23, 2007. Our condolences to his wife Annette, and children Emylee, Caleb, and Joshua. Tim will be deeply missed by all. We rejoice that he is with our Lord.

BUSINESS PARTNERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We appreciate the financial support of our Business Partners in Education. These 28 community business leaders have joined together to help provide the necessary funds for this year's financial aid needs. What a blessing these partners have been to the many children who receive financial aid throughout the school year. We encourage everyone to support these businesses and when you do, make a point of thanking them for their generosity and commitment to Christian education and to their community. 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.





Fall Jubilee 2007

Clockwise: (1) Senior Evan Post takes his turn in the dunking booth; (2) Melody Stoneburner paints Anna Clem's face; (3) Janelle Miller Greenmun, Class of 2000, introduces daughter Aubrey to the Jubilee; (4) David Hrovat and Albert Ullrich arm wrestle while Michael Leo looks on; (5) Karl Protil and grandsons Caleb and Joshua entertain the crowds; (6) GCS parents Scott and Ann Seaton perform a skit; (7) Alexandria-Elizabeth Eason performs in the talent show; (8) Elementary students enjoy the "Tubs of Fun"; (9) Defending Chili Champion Wil Reid serves up some "Big Daddy's Chuck Wagon Chili."



Elementary and Middle School News

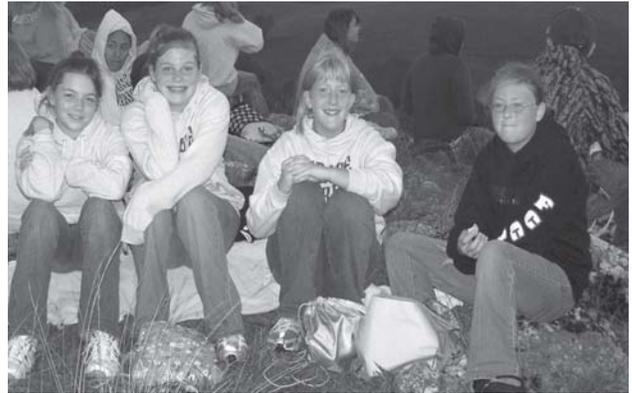
GCS hosts summer camp

Thirty-one elementary and middle school students participated in the second annual GCS Fine Arts Camp this past summer. Students enjoyed many activities, including sculpture, pastels, mural painting, music, and drama.

“Our goal was to have fun while learning the arts in a Christian environment,” stated Mrs. Kim Mancini, GCS art instructor and camp director. “We invite everyone to stop by the elementary school building to see the amazing murals that the campers created,” she added. Other instructors and assistants included Marie Masincup, Donna Kocka, Jill Keister, Teresa Rich, Cameron Driver, and Anna Kocka.



6th grader Becca Kime paints a mural.



Middle School Retreat. Elizabeth Thurston, Morgan Hevener, Emily Williams, and Katie Ullrich rest atop a mountain after a sunrise hike. Seventh and eighth graders traveled to Highland County for the annual back-to-school retreat. “The retreat allows the students to spend time with each other outside of the classroom and see God’s hand in creation, as well as encourage each other in their spiritual walk,” commented Mrs. Joanne Kinder, Principal.

History springs to life

Students in Mrs. Rebecca Mallory’s 4th grade class are using a creative technique to make history come alive. They are creating “lap books” as they focus on history from the Civil War period through modern times.

“History comes alive when students research, remember, and recreate. The lap books allow them the opportunity to use each of these learning aspects, along with their own creativity and imagination,” remarked Mrs. Mallory. Lap books are created using a basic manila file folder. Students then add layers of panels and extensions that include timelines, facts, pictures, and other points of interest.

Students witness ceremony

Mr. Bill Renton’s American History class attended a naturalization ceremony at the Frontier Culture Museum in late September. The eighth graders observed as 40 people of all ages and nationalities took the oath of citizenship.

“Years ago, becoming an American citizen was a simple process. Now, in addition to residency, applicants must have a knowledge and understanding of U.S. government and meet many requirements,” Mr. Renton said. “This was a very special event and was great for us to witness.”

“I never realized how important being an American citizen is for people from other countries and how much I’ve taken the freedoms I have for granted,” observed Alex Weller.



First graders Merab Yeomans and Allison Miller learn to use an old-fashioned apple peeler during their traditional “Apple Day” activities.



Kristen Knight and fellow kindergartener, Anna Burkholder, make friends with a lobster on a recent field trip to the Red Lobster restaurant.

High School News

Student Senators to attend ACSI Leadership Conference

Members of the high school Student Senate will attend the ACSI Leadership Conference November 4-6. This year's conference is focusing on Biblical roles of masculinity and femininity. John Stonestreet, a professor at Bryan College, is keynote speaker.

"The conference helps students develop goals for the school year and learn how to practically implement those goals," commented Jason Bailey, Student Senate Instructor. "Last year's conference was extremely positive and helpful."

High schoolers offered an array of electives

To accommodate the growth in numbers, students at the high school were offered a wide variety of options to complete their elective requirements.

Those who are interested in fine arts had several options this year, including three praise and worship teams, chorus, art, drama, and arts and crafts. Other electives include leadership/Student Senate, mock trial, public speaking, auto mechanics, advanced auto mechanics, computer programming, mentorship, and ministries.

In addition, Latin, Creative Writing, and SAT Prep are also offered through the Virginia Education Department. "These online courses have opened up so many opportunities for our students," said Mrs. Debbie Harper, high school principal.

Students participate in mentorship program

Four high school students are enhancing their learning this year with on-the-job training through the GCS Mentorship Program.

Callie Middleton, a senior, spends two afternoons a week at Augusta Medical Center in the Radiology Department. She rotates between ultrasound, MRI, oncology, and nuclear medicine. "I've especially enjoyed learning about nuclear medicine," said Callie. "It's fascinating and something I'm strongly considering going into as a career."

Junior Liz Ullrich reports to Blue Ridge Pediatrics twice a week. She, too, has rotated through several departments and feels her training will help her as she decides on future career options. "This opportunity has opened my eyes to the multiple health care needs in today's society. It's something that I definitely plan to pursue."

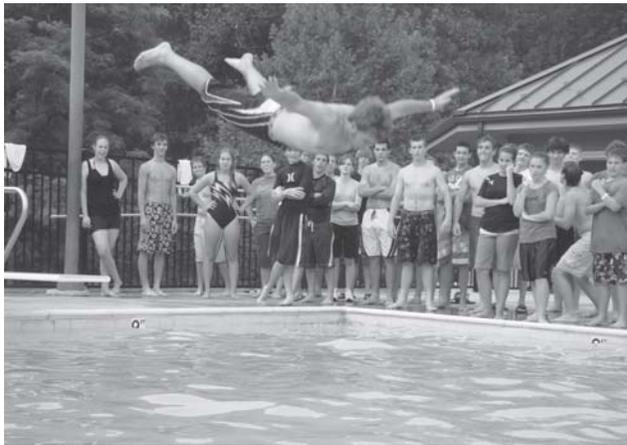
Charlie Rimel, another senior, is performing his mentorship with the City of Staunton, where he is working in the real estate appraiser's office. He is learning about real estate and how to assess home and land values. "Going to City Hall everyday is something I never would have experienced in a classroom!"

Finally, senior Todd Fitzgerald, who is considering a career as a youth pastor, spends several hours each week with Pastor Larry Barrett. In addition to observing during church music practices, he helps lead youth group on Sunday night. "This will help him decide whether he really wants to be a youth pastor," commented Mr. Barrett.



Class of 2008 "Lifers"

This year's senior class has 37 members, which is the largest senior class ever! Pictured at left are eight GCS "lifers" - seniors who started their academic careers as kindergarteners at Grace. (Top) Joel Elmore, Nathan Stiteler, Todd Fitzgerald, Daniel Shifflett, Stephen Marshall (Bottom) Tory Fix, Mary Masincup, and Betsy Barrett.



Outdoor Challenges. High school students enjoyed the sunny weather and the outdoor challenges at this year's retreat. At left, senior Joel Elmore competes in the "belly flop" contest. At right, seniors Jenna Swett, Leslie Rada, and Logan Combee get ready for a thrill ride on the giant swing.

Students enjoy retreat at Rockbridge Alum Springs Young Life Camp

Over 170 GCS high school students, staff, and parent volunteers kicked off the 2007-08 school year with a trip to Rockbridge County. This is the sixth year that Grace has used the Rockbridge Alum Springs Young Life facilities for the traditional back-to-school retreat.

Students were challenged in many ways during their two night stay. Teams competed against each other to earn points on the ropes courses and by creating skits based on "oldie" television shows and movies. In addition, several local pastors, including Todd Brown, Rick Miller, and

Christian Schilling challenged the teens to be strong in their faith. The high school Performing Arts Club led the students in praise and worship both nights.

There was also plenty of time to relax and renew friendships. Young Life facilities include the blob, a zipline into a lake, a giant swing, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a hot tub, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, and a game room.

Thanks to all the parents who served as the "kitchen crew" and helped make this retreat a success!

Grace welcomes new staff

Once again, the Lord has brought just the right people to fill the staffing needs for the 2007-08 school year.

Elizabeth Campbell serves as the 9th grade physical science teacher, as well as a registered nurse at AMC. She graduated from Sanford University in Alabama. Elizabeth and her husband have three children at Grace.

Lisa Cullinan, who has a BS in accounting, recently moved to Staunton from the Richmond area. She is teaching middle school Bible and math. Lisa and her husband have two daughters at Grace.

Sharon Greeley, who relocated to Staunton from Indiana, is teaching several science classes at the middle school. In addition, she is coaching two volleyball teams. Sharon and her husband have three children, including two who attend GCS. She is a graduate of Bob Jones University.

Cheri Kahrs, who has a Masters degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida, is teaching second grade. She and her husband have two children.

Barbara Knopp, a seasoned math teacher for Grace, has returned to teach the Algebra 1 classes. She and her husband have had four children graduate from Grace. In

addition, they currently have a son and grandson enrolled.

Shelia Lenker has an English degree from Virginia Tech and teaches English at the middle school. She and her husband hail from North Carolina, where she taught at a Christian school for 12 years. They have three grown children.

Rebecca Mallory, who is teaching 4th grade, is a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky. She and her husband have four children at Grace.

Holly Ruble is a Teacher's Aide in the 1st and 3rd grade classrooms, and helps lead worship each week in the chapels. Holly is a graduate of Ferrum College. She and her husband have two children at Grace.

Libby Shortt is a full time English teacher at the high school. She graduated from Cedarville College in Ohio with a degree in English and a Masters in Library Science.

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Sports News

Lady Warriors welcome new coaches to GCS

Sue Leonard took over the reins as the head coach of the varsity volleyball team in early August. Coach Leonard, who spent 10 years coaching at the high school level and 15 years as head coach at Elon University in North Carolina, is just the third coach to fill the head coaching position at Grace since the inception of the program in 1991.

"I am excited to be coaching at Grace," said Coach Leonard. "The program has had a high level of success and has a strong volleyball tradition."

Seven of this year's varsity squad members are returners. "The team is highly skilled. So it was fun as a new coach to walk into a situation where the girls understood the fundamentals about volleyball," she added.

"Coach Leonard has so much energy and enthusiasm. We have learned so many new things," commented Betsy Barrett, who has played volleyball for the Warriors for six years. "We love all of her new ideas."

"The biggest difference between coaching in public schools and at Grace is the long road trips," commented Coach Leonard. Grace is a member of the Blue Ridge Conference, and the travel schedule includes schools in Lynchburg and Roanoke, in addition to trips to Chatham and Martinsville.

Coach Leonard has an undergraduate degree in Physical Education and Health from James Madison University. In addition, she has a Masters in Education and Science. She teaches physical education full time at Fort Defiance High School, where her husband Larry is head coach of the boys' basketball team.

Coach Leonard is not the only new addition to the coaching staff. Sharon Greeley, who recently moved to Staunton from Indiana, has taken on the dual position of head coach of both the junior varsity and middle school teams. She has a B.S. in Science from Bob Jones University, and played volleyball, basketball, soccer, and ran cross country at both the high school and college levels. In addition to coaching, she balances her time between teaching middle school science and caring for her husband Doug and three small children.

"It's a challenge coaching two teams because of the amount of time I spend in the gym. However, I thoroughly enjoying coaching both," said Coach Greeley.

It didn't take Coach Greeley long to catch the "Warriors spirit." On game day, she sports ribbons with school colors in her hair. And, the Greeley family car is easy to spot - it's the one covered with blue and orange bubble magnets and "Go Warriors" painted on the back windows!



Emily Campbell, Coach Sharon Greeley, Joscelyn Seaton, and Hannah Shawver pose after a middle school match.



Varsity Volleyball Team. (Bottom row) Jenna Swett, Dell Sprouse, Natalie Showalter (Manager), Betsy Barrett, and Mary Masincup. (Top row) Asst. Coach Vince Hinkle, Karla Martin, Rachel Hrovat, Rachel Smith, Lindsey Whitesell, Alora Wilson, Jolene Miller, and Coach Sue Leonard.

Canfield returns to coach the Warriors for another year

Coach Verne Canfield begins his third season as head varsity coach for the GCS varsity boys' basketball team and his fifth year as director of the GCS basketball programs. Under his direction, the program has grown to include eight basketball teams, an elementary winter league, year-round basketball open gyms, summer camps (attended by over 50 GCS boys and girls), and a fall strength and conditioning program.

Coach Canfield came to Grace at the end of a long career of coaching. This year, he begins his 51st year of coaching, which included 41 years at Washington and Lee University in Lexington. In addition, thousands of basketball players throughout the area have attended Canfield Basketball Summer Camps. He and his wife, Fran, have "retired" and live Verona. And, if working with eight basketball teams isn't enough, he exercises regularly at the AMC Wellness Center. He and Fran, who attends every home game, also stay busy keeping up with their nine children and 21 grandchildren!

Coach Canfield says he is really looking forward to this year as varsity head coach. Although the Warriors lost six seniors last year, he has high expectations for this year's young squad. "We are basically starting over with a very young and inexperienced team," remarked Coach Canfield. "These young men have a lot to learn about each other, the game of basketball, and about commitment. But, they have a willingness to work hard. I look forward to teaching these young men on and off the court."

Coach Canfield is also looking forward to working with two new assistants. Sam Campbell and Don Heishman, both veteran GCS junior varsity coaches, will step up to the varsity level this year.

"It's going to be a great year. We just need to find the right combination!" Coach Canfield added.



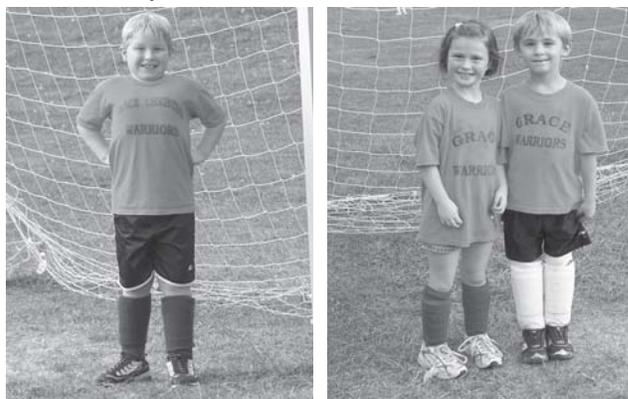
Soccer Coaching Staff. Coach Bill Renton has returned to coach the Warriors for the 2007-08 school year. He is assisted this year by (left to right) Jason Bailey, class of 2000, Matt Hochstetler, class of 1997, Brian Fitzgerald, class of 2003, and Mike Mallory, GCS parent and last year's junior varsity coach. "With all the experience and talent on our coaching staff this year, it's been easy to work with each player individually on their skills. Each coach brings different talents to our squad. We have no 'head' coach! It's been a pleasure to work with them!" commented Coach Renton.

Eleven seniors on soccer roster

This season's Senior Game presentation may take a bit longer than usual. The 2007 varsity soccer squad boasts ten GCS seniors - most have played for the Warriors throughout their high school career. The list includes Joel Elmore, Todd Fitzgerald, Dylan Grant, David Hrovat, Wes Knopp, Jacob Kocka, Stephen Marshall, Michael Leo, Caleb Mallory, Josh Baker, and Albert Ullrich.

"Even with all this experience, we're facing many challenges. We had several injuries early in the season. We've also been challenged with more travel due to restructuring of divisions in the Virginia Independent Conference," commented Coach Renton.

Other members of this year's squad include junior Alex Moore; sophomores Colby Pegg Joplin and Ethan Grow, and freshmen Ben Grant, Frankie Leo, Matt Royals, and Aaron Mallory.



Elementary Soccer League. Over 70 elementary students are involved in the elementary league this year. The teams play each Thursday afternoons at the VSDB fields. Players Caleb Ruble, Marina Clarke, and David Michael proudly display their Grace Warrior uniforms.

Graduates In The News

Class of 1993

Mandy Hockman Wells and her husband Andy are the parents of newborns Patrick Lee and Clark Hockman. The twins were born July 18. They join sisters Molly, 3



years old, and Lucy, 1 year old. "We go through about 25 diapers a day, and trips to WalMart are a real challenge!" remarked Mandy. Even

though she and Andy have their hands full, Mandy says that having twins has been a wonderful blessing.

Hayley Renton is currently residing in Orange, Florida with her 10 year old daughter Riley. She is licensed by the state of Florida to sell insurance.

Amanda Foster has been doing a great deal of traveling lately. She recently returned from a cultural exchange program with the State Department in Beijing, China. While there, she discussed U.S. - Chinese relations with government officials. In addition, she traveled as part of a staff delegation to Brussels, Belgium to visit the European Union and Headquarters. Finally, Amanda's latest trip was with her church to Indonesia through a partnership with Compassion International. Amanda is a senior legislative assistant for a U.S. Representative in Washington, DC.

Darren Hinkle and Stephanie Veney have announced their engagement. The two plan to wed on November 3. Darren works as a project manager for Shenandoah Towers in Staunton.

Class of 1995

Sam Hickin has announced his engagement to **Hannah Knopp**, class of '05. The couple plan a December wedding in Rome, Italy. The two will reside in Edinburg, where Sam is a financial analyst for ShenTel.

Becky Morrison Fields is studying Interior Design in the Adult Degree Program at Mary Baldwin. She is also working as a kitchen design consultant for a local cabinet company. She and her husband Kevin reside in Staunton.

Class of 1996

Gratia Showker Bobbit and her husband Miles welcomed Olivia Jane into the world on June 13. She joins brother Bowen, who is two years old. The family resides in Raphine.

Christy Knopp Robson is currently breeding and training horses and teaching riding lessons. In addition to raising two sons, ages 3 and 9, she also spends her time

with her thoroughbred stallion and mares. She and her husband Jason reside in Staunton.

Class of 1997

Brianne Diggins Morris has three children - Brandon, 4; Christopher, 2; and Selah, 1 year old - and another on the way! She and her husband Steve run a Tae Kwando studio called "Kids Kickin' for Christ." They also own a landscaping business in Stuart, Florida.

Class of 1999

Michele Diggins Nelson and her husband Brian are the new parents of baby Caden Brian who was born September 14. The Nelsons moved to Hobe Sound, Florida on August 1. Brian is currently Worship/Student Ministry Director at a new church in Palm Beach.



Class of 2000

Ali Bell Bailey and husband **Jeremy** (Class of 2001) welcomed Charles Jackson into the world on September 4. After a month's stay in Oakland Children's Hospital in California, Charlie is now at home and doing fine!

Class of 2001

Laura Knopp spent part of this past summer teaching in Alaska and Thailand. She will graduate from Lee University in December with a degree in Elementary Education.

Class of 2002

Will Renton, who graduated from JMU, is working at Digico, a company that makes commercials, advertising videos, and tapes wedding. He also works at Plan 9. In his spare time, he dabbles in theatre.

Emily Koska Barrett is studying for her Masters in Library Sciences at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland. She and her husband live in Limerick, Ireland.

Class of 2003

Peter and **Katie Quillen Santana** currently reside in Waynesboro. Katie is working on her Masters in Education and student teaching this year. Peter is an analyst for Dupont Credit Union.

Brian and **Jenny Watson Fitzgerald** (Class of 2004) are calling Staunton home. The two married July 14. Jenny works at Augusta Medical Center and Brian works for Fitzgerald Construction. He is also assistant coach on the Grace varsity soccer team.





Derek and **Carianne Marinelli Murray** were married July 28. The couple currently resides in Lynchburg, where Derek is completing his nursing studies at Liberty University.

Nathan Kinder is engaged to Cammie Spruance of Connecticut.

Nathan completed his Candidate Officers Training this summer in Alabama and began his first year of medical studies at VCOM in Blacksburg. He and Cammie are planning a July 2008 wedding.

Class of 2004

Holli Mancini has announced her engagement to Josh Pool. The couple are planning a June 27 wedding. Holli is a senior at Bryan College, where she is majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in Spanish.

Krista Whitson is working as a skin specialist at Hi Tech Salon in Verona. She is interested in plastic surgery and plans to start taking courses in the spring.

Class of 2005

Hayley Corns is working at Byers Street Housewares and studying horticulture at Blue Ridge Community College.

Philip Masincup spent the summer working with Paul Montgomery Studios painting and installing murals in Florida and Texas. Philip is currently a junior at Messiah University, where he is studying art, and is planning to

study in Germany in the spring.

Sunny Hickin is serving with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Brisbane, Australia. She spent seven months “down under” last year and has just returned for a two - year commitment. She will help lead two DTS’s, as well as coordinating a dance program for YWAM outreaches.

Class of 2006

Anna Hrovat and **Lindsay France** are spending the year in Chicago with Mission Year, a Christian outreach program. Anna is living in an Hispanic neighborhood in the heart of Chicago. She spends her days volunteering and assisting her neighbors, tutoring in an after school program, and helping with the drama club at the local high school. Lindsay is also living in downtown Chicago in an African American community. In addition to being an advocate for her neighbors, she works in a women’s homeless shelter.

Emily Knopp is interning at an animal clinic in Lexington. She plans to join Youth With A Mission in Montana in January. Emily hopes to begin her studies in veterinary technology when she returns.

Sara Quillen is a sophomore at Grove City College, where she is playing on the Grove City Wolverines volleyball team.

GCSAlumni - Please submit updated information, address changes, etc. and encourage your classmates to do the same, by logging onto our website - www.gcswarriors.org - and click on the Alumni tab, where you find an Alumni Update Form.

It’s all in the family for GCS brothers

Grace Christian School alumni and brothers Matt (Class of ‘97), Jason (Class of ‘99), and Gabe Hochstetler (Class of ‘02) all work together - along with their older brother Raymond and their father Jonas - at Appalachian Woods, a family owned and operated business in Staunton. The company salvages wood from old buildings and barns and makes both traditional and antique wood floors, which are shipped all over the country.

Leadership runs in the family. All three brothers were elected to serve in the Student Government Association their senior year at Grace. Matt served as treasurer, Jason was vice-president, and Gabe served as president.

After graduation, Matt spent four years in youth ministry with YWAM in Norway. He currently splits his time between working at the family mill, where he is a project manager specializing in making furniture, and working with the varsity soccer team at Grace.

Jason works full time at the mill as manager. He is married to Jenny, and the couple have two children - Madeline and Abraham.

Gabe, the youngest of the three, also spent several years in the mission field overseas before starting his studies at JMU. He holds the title of Safety and Compliance Manager at Appalachian Woods. Gabe is responsible for keeping up with safety policies and working with insurance and inspections.

The business started out serving the local market, but has steadily grown throughout the years. “The Internet has changed the way we do business,” remarked Jason. “We now ship all over the country and even overseas.”

“For me, working in the family business is a unique opportunity to be with my family. Because we grew up together, we all have the same mindset,” commented Matt.

“It’s a privilege to work together to produce a product that we feel is a witness to our faith. We strive to make our interaction with customers be that same witness,” added Gabe.



Jason, Matt, and Gabe Hochstetler pose outside of Appalachian Woods.

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GCS receptionists greet students, answer phones, welcome visitors, put bandaids on “boo-boos,” handle correspondence, oversee transcripts and school records, and manage “minor emergencies” on a daily basis. (Left) Karen Brown and Laurie Richards serve at the high school. (Right) Patti Campbell and Candace Combee work in the elementary office.