OCTOBER 9, 2026

EACH ISSUE INCLUDES:

- Ozzie's In the Know (Upcoming Dates)
- Eagle's Nest (Safety)
- Chapel Updates
- Eagle Announcements
- PTC Update (Parent-Teacher Committee)
- Eagle Athletics Information

OZZIE'S IN THE KNOW

- October 21st - Battle of the Schools @ Grace Church
- October 22nd - Dual Credit Parent Info Night
- October 26th - 30th - Red Ribbon Week
- October 28th - SAT for Juniors & Seniors
- October 29th - Fall Pep Rally
- November 9-13th - Book Fair & Homecoming Week
- November 11th - Veterans Day Chapel Service
- November 12th - Homecoming
- November 18th - Thanksgiving Feast
- November 20th - Early Release Day
- November 23-27th - Thanksgiving Break
- November 30th - Staff Development Day--No School for Students

EAGLE'S NEST-SAFETY UPDATES

See Something Say Something - Just a reminder to have important discussions with your children. When is the last time you had a talk with your family about:

- Sticking up for people who are being left out or picked on
- Inappropriate touch or comments that make you feel uncomfortable
- Exposure to vapes or other substances
- Online Grooming behaviors

CHAPEL

Reminder Thursdays are Chapel Days

- Elementary at 9:15 am
- No Secondary Chapel this week

Family is always invited to attend Chapel.

**Students must wear a GCA crested polo on Chapel days.*

PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

PTC had to be rescheduled. A new date will be sent soon.

EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOTS @ Grace Church - BOTS ("Battle of the Schools") brings together grades 6–12 for a high-energy night of community, competition, and worship. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Come help us represent GCA!

- **Dual Credit Info Night -** Is your high school student interested in taking college classes for dual credit? If so, join us on Thursday, October 22nd in the GCA cafeteria as our representative from Houston City College will be here to answer all your questions.
- **Red Ribbon Week -** The Red Ribbon Week theme for 2026 is "Make A Difference. Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free." We will have daily Drug-Free-themed activities for students at all levels. Prizes for students who participate during lunch! See the flyer attached for more information.
- **Book Fair** is coming November 9th-13th. We will use i55 Book Fairs this year. See the flyers for more information. We will need parent volunteer help. Sign-ups will be coming soon.
- **Homecoming Week** - Student Council is working on details for a fun Homecoming Week, November 9th - 13th. Once the details have been worked out, we will send out the information so that all families can help us celebrate.
- **Thanksgiving Feast** - All ELC & GCA families are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving Feast here at GCA on November 18th. Please see the flyers below. RSVP & Meal Ticket Required. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 1st.
  https://www.gcahtx.com/eaglestore/
  ELC & Elementary Students~$12
  Secondary Students~$14
  Adults~$16

THANKSGIVING FEAST TIMES

10:50 am Sibling Groups *(Students in multiple grades)*
11:15 am ELC PreK-4 & Kinder
11:30 am 1st & 2nd
11:45 am 3rd & 4th
12:00 pm 5th & 6th
12:15 pm 7th& 8th
12:30 pm 9th 10th 11th& 12th

Identity in Action: The Harmful Effects of Gossip

As we continue exploring our schoolwide theme of Identity, we want to challenge our students to consider an important question: Do our words reflect who we claim to be in Christ?

Gossip, rumors, and conversations that tear others down can quickly damage friendships, destroy trust, and create division within our school community. Whether whispered in hallways, shared among friends, or spread through group chats and social media, gossip is harmful—even when disguised as "just talking" or "sharing what happened." As followers of Christ, we are called to a higher standard. Ephesians 4:29 reminds us to speak only what is helpful for building others up.

We encourage parents to talk with their children about the difference between sharing a genuine concern with a trusted adult and spreading information that is hurtful or unnecessary. Just because something is true does not mean it needs to be repeated. Our identity in Christ should be evident not only in what we say about others but also in what we choose not to say.

Let's work together to cultivate a culture where students protect one another's reputations, demonstrate kindness, and choose words that reflect the character of Jesus.

Identity in Action: What Does Our Language Say About Us?

One of the ongoing concerns we are addressing at GCA is the increasing use of profanity, inappropriate jokes, and disrespectful language among students. As a Christian school, we believe our words should reflect the values we profess, not simply mirror the language and behaviors normalized by today's culture.

Our theme of Identity challenges students to recognize that being a follower of Christ is not just something we claim—it should be evident in how we live, how we treat others, and how we speak. Colossians 3:8 specifically calls believers to put away anger, slander, and filthy language.

We recognize that students are constantly influenced by social media, music, entertainment, gaming, and peer conversations, but exposure does not have to become acceptance.

We ask parents to partner with us by paying attention to the language their children hear and use, addressing inappropriate speech consistently, and modeling Christ-honoring communication at home. Our goal is not simply to teach students which words are unacceptable at school, but to help them understand why their words matter to God and what their language reveals about the condition of their hearts. True Christian identity should not change depending on who is listening.

EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAGLE EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

You've Been Flocked!

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Cheerleaders

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING SEASON IS HERE!

Flocking begins July 1st.

Be the first to show your love by selecting a family to be Flocked by the GCA Cheerleaders!

HOW IT WORKS

- Make a donation and use the attached form to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members', or neighbors' front yard!
- The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house (by paying a suggested donation fee of $15–$30).
- The recipient is not required to make a donation.
- The flock will be moved to the next house after 3 days regardless of a donation.

FLOCK PRICES

15 FLAMINGOS	$20.00
30 FLAMINGOS	$25.00
40 FLAMINGOS	$35.00
45 FLAMINGOS	$40.00

FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer FLOCKING INSURANCE for a donation fee of $30.

Questions? Contact

Mrs. Brown: tbrown@gcahtx.com OR Mrs. Daugherty: tdaugherty@gcahtx.com

Scan to Pay!

Thank you for supporting the GCA Cheerleaders!

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DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, October 22nd

5:00 - 7:00 pm

GCA Cafeteria

For all high school students
(freshman with administration approval)

More Opportunities Brighter Futures

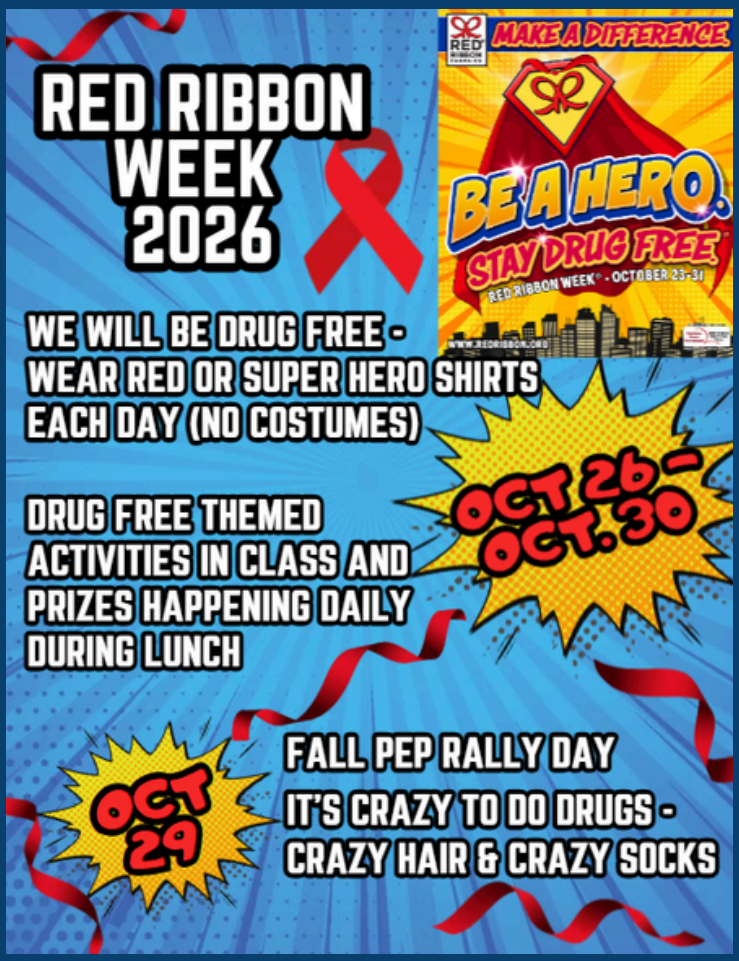
WANT TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PRIDE OR BUSINESS AD DISPLAYED IN THE GYM?

SPONSORSHIP BANNER OPPORTUNITY

GCA SPONSOR- $500

- Sponsors Banner (3 x 5) to be displayed in GCA gym
- Business or Family Advertisement
- Design coordination with Administration

EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Feast Tickets:

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MISSION

GCA is a Christ-centered environment that empowers students to pursue academic excellence, ignites a passion for God, strengthens gifts and talents, cultivates a heart for service, and prepares transformational leaders.

EAGLE ATHLETICS

GCA VOLLEYBALL: VARSITY IS GOING TO THE PLAYOFFS!

With a win on Tuesday (10/13), Varsity will secure a 3rd place finish in district (loss would mean 4th place in district). First round of playoffs is Oct. 24th, join us on the road as we try to take a win and keep this season alive!

Last home game before playoffs is this Thursday (10/15), give us the home court advantage and come out to support our Eagles! in their last game of the season. All 3 teams are set to play:

- JH(B): 4:30pm
- JH(A): 5:30pm
- Varsity: 6:30pm

Youth Sports Camps Begin this week (10/12-10/16):
Flag Football & Golf camp begin this Wednesday (10/14) at 3:45pm. Last minute sign ups are still available for those who are interested in participating or joining. If there are any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to Coach Chris (cdowdy@gcahtx.com)

Basketball Tryouts will be in the Eagle Gym:

- JH Girls (6th-8th grade): Tuesday (10/12) 7:45-9:00am
- JH Boys (6th-8th grade): Wednesday (10/13) 7:45-9:00am
- Varsity Girls (9th-12th): Monday (10/19) 3:45-5:15pm
- Varsity Boys: Tuesday (10/20) 3:45-5:15pm

If your student is interested, please have them come out on the designated date and see how we can get the ball rolling for this basketball season! All athletes must have a physical on file before they can play in any games (the first game is in November).

Go Eagles!