

SEPTEMBER 25, 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



- September 30 - School Picture Day
- October 6th - Kinder & 1st Grade Field Trip
- October 5th-7th - HLSR Ag Education Presentations to Prek-5th
- October 9th & 12th - No School
- 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



EAGLE'S NEST-SAFETY UPDATES

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

As our students navigate the pressures of adolescence, academics, friendships, social media, and an increasingly complex world, we encourage parents to stay closely connected to their child's **mental and emotional well-being**.

Pay attention to significant or lasting changes in mood, sleep, eating habits, friendships, academic performance, motivation, or interest in activities they once enjoyed, as well as increased isolation, anxiety, hopelessness, or withdrawal. Make time to ask questions, listen without immediately trying to fix the problem, and remind your child that they can come to you—even when the conversation is difficult.

If something doesn't seem right, take it seriously and seek appropriate support rather than waiting for the concern to resolve on its own. Above all, remind your child that they are **deeply loved, valued, and created by God with purpose**. Our students need to know that struggling does not mean they have to struggle alone, and as a school community, we are committed to partnering with families to care for the whole child—body, mind, and spirit.



CHAPEL

Reminder Thursdays are Chapel Days

- Elementary at 9:15 am
- Secondary at 11:30 am

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





PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

The next PTC meeting is October 8th

Lunch Bunch Volunteer SIgn-Up

Attendance - We have recently seen **an increase in student absences** and want to emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance. We understand that illness, medical appointments, and unavoidable circumstances occur; however, regular attendance is essential to academic success.

Missing instructional days—*even when assignments are completed later*—means missing direct instruction, classroom discussions, collaboration, and learning experiences that cannot always be recreated.

We ask families to make every effort to schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible and, ***particularly, to plan family vacations and trips during scheduled school breaks rather than during instructional days***. Our school calendar provides several breaks throughout the year to allow families opportunities for travel and time together while protecting valuable classroom learning.

When students are absent for extended periods, catching up places an additional burden on the student and can significantly impact their progress. Thank you for partnering with us by making attendance a priority and helping students understand that **being present, prepared, and engaged** is an important part of their responsibility as learners. ***Every school day matters!***



EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found - Missing that fleece jacket already? Our Lost and Found is located in the gym. Please make sure to put student names or at least initials on the jacket tags.

Identity in Action: Our Words Matter

As we continue encouraging our students to understand their **identity** in Christ, we also want to remind them that who we are should be reflected in the way we speak to and about others.

Recently, we have seen ***an increase in concerns involving foul language, profanity, inappropriate comments, and unkind speech***, both in person and through online communication. While some of these interactions may occur outside of the school day, they often carry over into school and impact relationships, friendships, and our overall school culture.

We are asking for your partnership at home. Please take time to talk with your child about the words they use, the conversations they participate in, and the way they communicate with others online. We also strongly encourage parents to remain actively involved in their child's digital world by regularly monitoring text messages, social media, group chats, gaming platforms, and other forms of online communication.

Our goal is not simply to teach students which words they should avoid, but to help them understand the power their words have to encourage, influence, heal, or hurt others. As a Christian community, we want our students' communication to reflect kindness, self-control, respect, and ultimately Christ.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." — Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Thank you for partnering with us by having these important conversations at home and helping us hold our students to a higher standard. When school and home work together, we can help our students develop the wisdom and character to choose words that build others up rather than tear them down.

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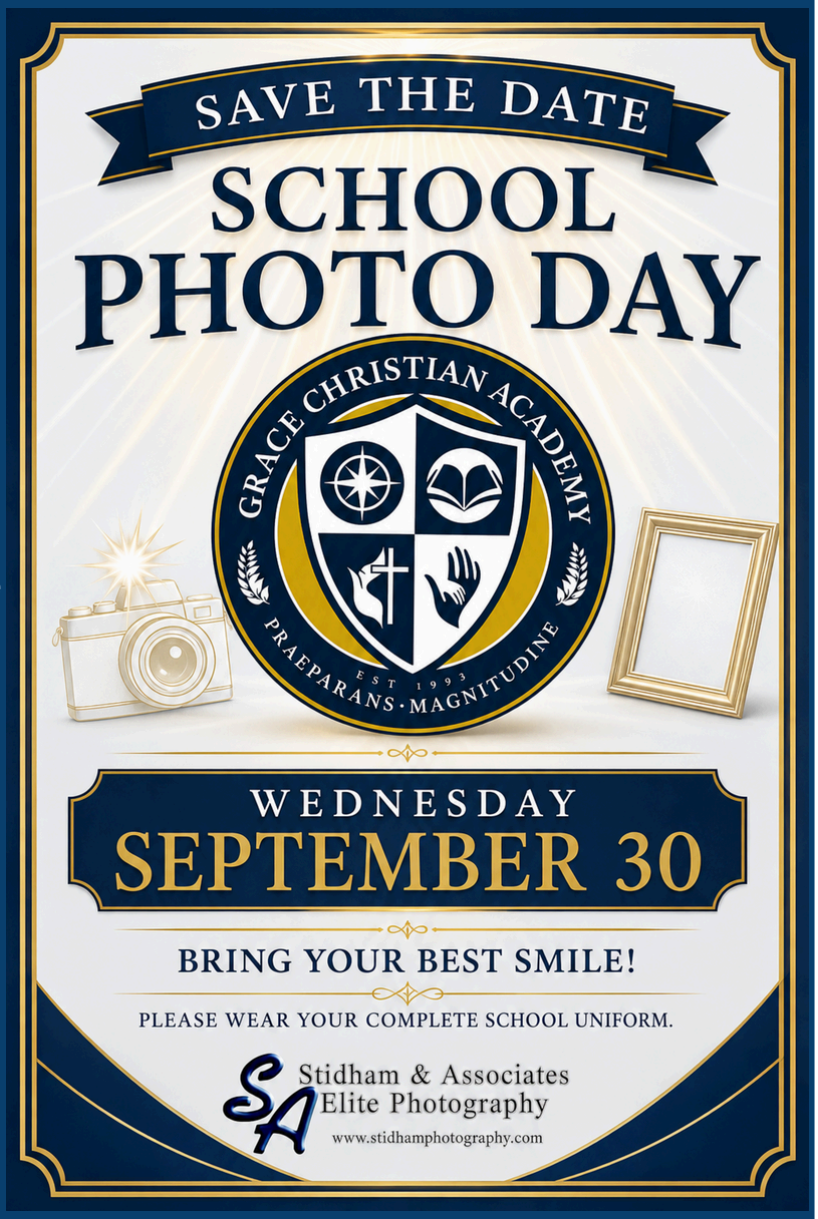
SAT -College Board allows high school students to take the SAT test at their home campus.

GCA will be giving the SAT on Wednesday, October 28th to any 11th- and 12th-graders who are interested.

The cost is $68.00 and can be paid by check made out to Grace Christian Academy or by credit card at https://www.gcahtx.com/eaglestore/

If your student would like to take the test, email mccallon@gcahtx.com so he can get them registered.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026-2027 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Karolina Vasquez
Vice President: Eileen Fernandez
Treasurer: Jazlyn Hicks
Secretary: Nicolas Gallagher
12th Grade Reps: Mycah Moshay & Robert Thompson
10th Grade Rep: Maddox Gil
9th Grade Rep: Penny Hernandez

Staff Favorites List - For those requesting the updated Staff Favorites List, here is the link. This will give you ideas if you would like to surprise a GCA teacher or staff with a treat.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Bgm4kQH7BjPYLDwwmDjq74TWfPIt2f0wNPzMrvBGg1c/edit?usp=sharing

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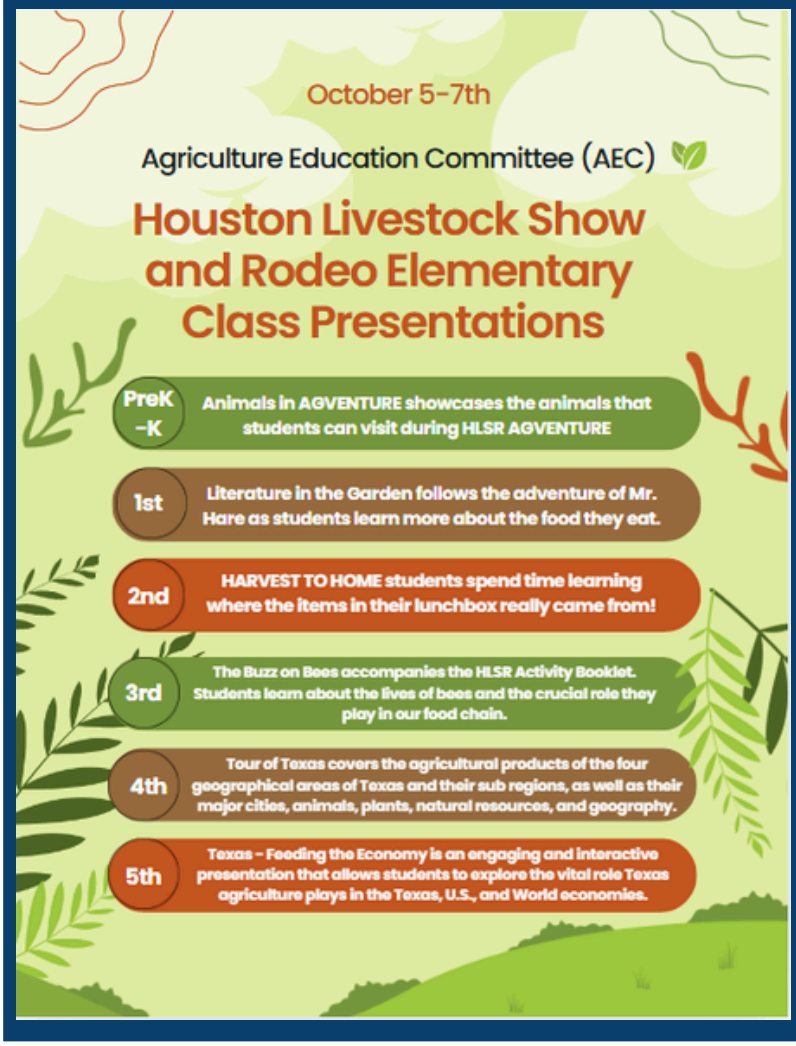
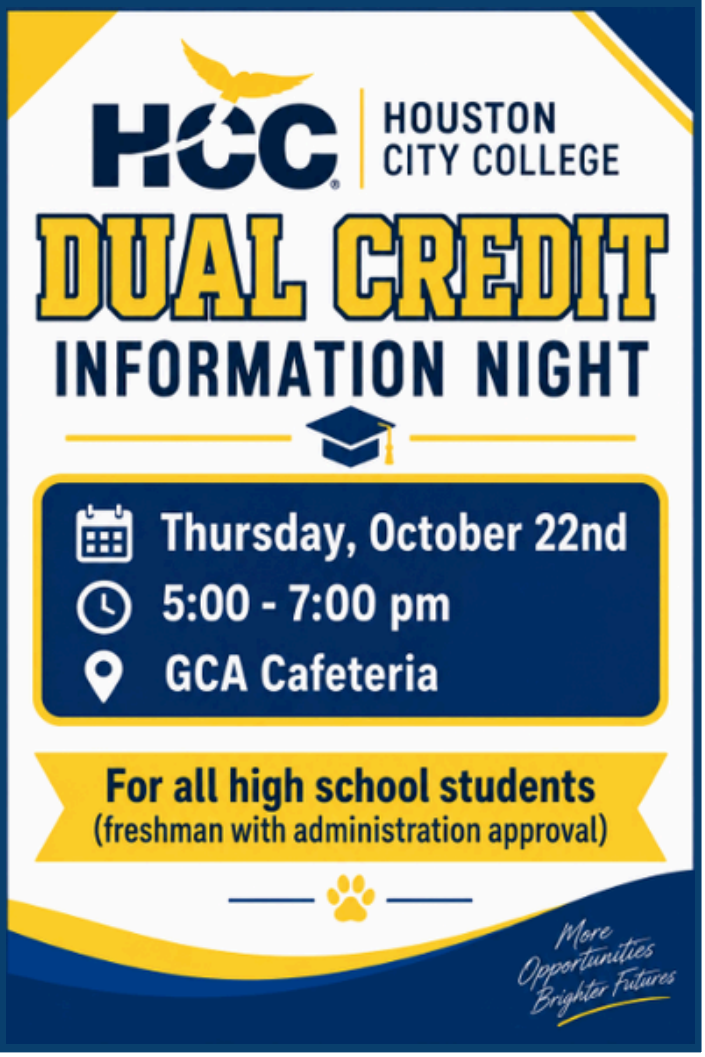
Grace Church Houston invites all women to join us Oct. 2nd-3rd for the Together Conference https://subspla.sh/pxh9xjs





EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!







EAGLE EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

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

Identity in a Digital World

Our students are growing up in a world where social media has a powerful influence on how they see themselves, view others, communicate, and determine what is valuable or acceptable. While technology and social media can provide positive opportunities for connection, creativity, and learning, they can also expose children and teenagers to unhealthy comparison, inappropriate content, negative influences, cyberbullying, harmful trends, and messages that conflict with the values we are working together to instill in them.

As we continue focusing on **IDENTITY** this year, we want to remind our students that their identity is not determined by followers, likes, comments, trends, or the opinions of others. Their identity is rooted in who God says they are.

We encourage parents to remain actively involved in their child's digital life. Know which apps and platforms your child uses, follow or periodically review their accounts, talk openly about what they are seeing and hearing online, and establish healthy boundaries for screen time and device use. We also encourage parents to pay particular attention to private messages, group chats, disappearing-message apps, gaming communication, and accounts that may not be immediately visible.

Most importantly, keep the conversation going. Ask your child: What are you watching? Who are you following? What messages are influencing you? How does what you see online make you feel about yourself and others? Does the content you consume reflect what you believe and who God has called you to be? Scripture gives us a helpful standard for evaluating the influences we allow into our hearts and minds: *"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." — Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)*

Our children need adults who will help them learn to navigate the digital world with wisdom, discernment, self-control, and confidence in their God-given identity. Thank you for partnering with us as we help our students become thoughtful consumers of technology rather than allowing technology and social media to define who they are.



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

Volleyball-Our Lady Eagles are in the middle of a great season. Our Jr. High and Varsity teams are making GCA proud with their hard work and team spirit. Check out the Volleyball Schedule Here: https://www.gcahtx.com/athletics/volleyball.cfm

Varsity Volleyball is 3-2 in district play, sitting in 3rd place (out of 9) in their race to make the playoffs!

Westlake is this Thursday (09/24) in the GCA gym; Join the cheer squad in the stands and give our eagles the home-court advantage! (game @5:00pm).

Basketball Season is around the corner!

All athletes must have a physical & medical history report on file. Please email Cdowdy@gcahtx.com to receive info of the clinic GCA is partnered with; Physicals are $25.00 for GCA students. All documents must be printed and physically turned in (no e-files).

Youth Sports Camps will begin in October! Sign-ups start next week (09/28)

- **Flag Football**: Wednesday's & Friday's from Oct. 12th - Nov. 13th, 3:45-5:00 pm - 3rd/4th/5th/6th graders
- **Golf Camp:** Monday's & Wednesday's from Oct. 12th - Nov. 13th, 3:45-5:00pm - 3rd/4th/5th/6th/7th/8th graders
- **Soccer Camp:** TBD - Working out the schedule