

# GCS Middle School News

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## Middle School 2010-2011 AIMS Results

**By Adam Rasmussen,  
Principal**

The 2010-2011 AIMS testing results are in. We choose to utilize this standardized test every year at our Christian school for the purpose of measuring our academic results against other schools in the state. We have only begun our analysis but I wanted to share some great news with you. In 100% of all subjects and grade levels, GCS middle school students as a whole greatly exceeded the state average. When you dig down to the next layer of data you will discover 173 different strands and concepts covering the four



subjects of the AIMS test: reading, writing, mathematics, and science. In the 2010-2011 school year GCS middle school students met or exceeded

the state average in all but one area. 172 of 173 concepts equal 99.4%. All I can say is "Wow!" That is excellent work by our teachers and students. I am so encouraged by the academic progress of GCS middle school this year.

But we are not done yet. AIMS data helps drive decisions. For example, we are extending time in math and English this year to better prepare students for high school.

## GCS Post-Graduate Work

Congratulations to GCS! On May 24, 2011 Gilbert Christian Schools celebrated the commencement of our 100<sup>th</sup> graduate. This is a significant milestone for our college preparatory school. So where are the students now? This partial list of post-graduate institutions for GCS alumni is impressive:

Azusa Pacific University, Arizona Christian University, Arizona State University, The Barrett Honors College at ASU, Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Dordt College, Duke University, Grand Canyon University, Iowa State University, Mesa Community College, Michigan State

University, Midwestern University, Northern Arizona University, Oral Roberts University, Phoenix College, Texas A&M University, University of Arizona, University of California Irvine, US Military Academy at West Point, University of Wyoming, and Westmont College. We are proud of our graduates!

## 2010-2011 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Academic Achievement

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

All A's

#### Grade 6:

Anne Marie Chalmers  
Samantha Dengler  
Caitlin Handy  
Stephen Hightower  
Faith Johnson  
Brannon Redding  
Nicole Sluder  
Caleb Young

#### Grade 7:

Cierra Ammons  
Emmalee Barnes  
Olivia Hallaran  
Ryan Kirmis  
Jordan Painter  
Braxton Tennison  
Jordan Wagner

#### Grade 8:

Alyssa Carr  
Jordan Gass  
Ethan Roberson  
Meg van Rijn

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter "On A Roll"

All A's and B's

#### Grade 6:

Marissa Anderson  
Joshua Bailon  
Quint Barber  
Claudia Betz  
Claudia Bock  
Zachary Burkholder  
Sarah Dempsey  
Alexander Dorsten  
Braeden Ferguson  
Jamie Fleischer  
Devin Garcia  
Rhea Johnston  
Karli Kingdeski  
Lexy Londagin  
Rebekah Miller  
Adam Pape  
Brianna Parisian  
Megan Perkins  
Annika Rasmussen  
Savannah Ratay  
Amanda Reiley  
Wyatt Reinke  
Jordan Schumacher  
Hunter Thomason  
Jordan Weiss  
Logan White

#### Grade 7:

Riley Custer  
Steven Desmarchais  
Savannah Flora  
Madison Hall  
Grant Hendrix  
Heather Husbands  
Joshua Kinslow  
Jacob Lacy  
Mckenzie Lorenzo  
Gabrielle Messer  
Rachel Moses  
Kaitlyn Patterson  
Madison Perkins  
Logan Pinkerton  
Brian Rogerson  
Zayn Tewart  
Sarah Tichenor  
Raquel Valliere

#### Grade 8:

Bailey Anderson  
Caleb Barber  
Olivia Betz  
Kyle Carver  
Mattie Cranick  
Alyssa Field  
Ella Galloway  
Mika Moore  
Hayley Normoyle  
Trae Still  
Johnathan Svoboda  
Justin Tullis  
Emily Zahn

### **The Mission of GCS Middle School**

*"To transform students into effective communicators, critical thinkers, and servant leaders who will impact the world for the glory of Jesus Christ."*

## KidLead: Student Leadership Development

Our first KidLead module is about to begin soon. Here are some key dates to remember:

**August 9-** Parent

"Koach" Applications due

**August 15-** Student Social Influence Survey is due

**September 12-** Session #1  
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## Pie and Praise and the First Day of School

**Monday, August 8** *Pie and Praise* for all PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

**Wednesday, August 10** *First Day of School.*



## KidLead (continued from page 2)

For those not familiar with KidLead, this excellent program develops young influencers when they are most moldable. Current research shows that a full 10-20% of the general population consists of natural leaders and people who have the aptitude to greatly increase their leadership potential if shown how. The problem is most leadership training programs don't begin until after college. We feel that is far too late! KidLead brings quality leadership training materials to middle school students in a way they can relate.

Each 90 minute club focuses on one of the 16 most sought after leadership qualities in a fun, interactive, "learn-by-doing" atmosphere. Our first eight week module will begin on Monday, September 12. Athletes,

you don't have to worry. The GCS athletic department has kept KidLead club meetings clear from games and practices. That means you can belong to both.

The cost of this program is \$250 per participant per module. This covers the cost of the materials, t-shirt, notebook, and 12 hours of training. However, to get this excellent program started **we are offering a \$100 scholarship** to every student who qualifies for the program. That brings the cost down to \$150 per module for the 2011-2012 school year. For parents wanting to be a KidLead Koach there is a one-time cost of \$50 which covers the nice polo shirt, book, and training materials.

To be a part of KidLead you must fill out a free

SIS survey. (The deadline is August 15.) All GCS middle school students are encouraged to complete the Social Influence Survey at <http://isite157254.web08.intellisite.com/374945.ihtml> The website for KidLead is [www.kidlead.com](http://www.kidlead.com). In the section that asks for trainer information, please put my email address [arasmussen@gilbertchristianschools.org](mailto:arasmussen@gilbertchristianschools.org) so the results will be sent to my office. While you are at the website check out all of the helpful tools and information.

Remember, the deadline for the SIS survey is August 15.

