



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## How to Develop Effective Communicators

**By Adam Rasmussen,  
Middle School Principal**

I read in the paper today that the world population has officially reached 7 billion. According to the U.N, the world's population will reach 8 billion in just 14 more years. As Christians, we know that the Lord is Sovereign over all of His creation so we are not alarmists like some in the media. But at the same time, the population markers are good reminders that the world in which our children are growing up is getting more and more complex at ***an accelerated rate.***

***How will we prepare our children for an increasingly complex world?*** At GCS we



**Gutenberg's press revolutionized Europe**

believe that the best way to prepare them during the middle school years is to transform them into effective communicators, critical thinkers, and servant leaders.

Just at Gutenberg's press revolutionized Europe in 1455, the internet has forever changed the way

people communicate. Come learn what effective communication means for these students growing up in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join us on Monday, November 7 at 7pm in the Bible room for a GCS middle school parents meeting. The workshop is entitled "*How to Develop Effective Communicators*".

**PARENTS MEETING  
Monday, November 7  
7 pm in the Bible Room**

**\*Active Reading**

**\*Six Traits Writing**

**\*Empathic Listening**

**\*Conflict Management**

## K8 Campus Safety and Security Upgrade

The K8 campus is undergoing a safety and security upgrade the first week of November. The upgrade involves two components. The first component is the installation of a paging

system that will reach the gymnasium, cafeteria, courtyards, and playground. The second component is the installation of surveillance cameras. The cameras will serve

as a deterrent to potential after hours trespass or vandalism.

Thanks to the generous contributions of several GCS families who made this addition to the Lord's campus possible!

## Mexico Trip

**By Quinn Anderson and Lindsay Johnson** (GCS Middle School Parents)

*From Quinn:* Muchas gracias, Gilbert Christian! With your tremendous help and support, a team of 43 people—20 from GCS!!—went to the colonias of Mexico during fall break and loved on some very dear families in God's name. The team was able to build two homes, open a women and children's medical clinic for two days, and hold two food outreaches for the community. We had a blast from beginning to end.

A stop for breakfast and coffee on the drive to El Paso, Texas...



Day one—meeting Veronica, the woman who's family would be getting the home from GCS families...



Hard at work on the walls



Then the walls go up



Day two—back to work. Drywall on the inside, paint on the outside. The next thing you know the house is finished.



SO many pictures and stories to share, but too little time and space. The team will be putting together a DVD of the experience to show you more of the journey. Stay tuned! Thank you for your gifts, your support, your prayers, and your encouragement.

Interested in joining the next trip? We'll be going back March 14-17, June 6-9, and October 10-13 and we'd love to have you join us! For more information, contact Quinn Anderson at [quincyjoyanderson@gmail.com](mailto:quincyjoyanderson@gmail.com).

*From Lindsay:* Thank You.. Thank You! It is so awesome to be a part of a school that goes above and beyond to help truly live out the gospel by helping those in need! It was overwhelming to see the abundance of diapers collected by the classes and even more overwhelming to see how they were used to bless the colonias. The verse that kept coming to my mind as we were building the home for the family was Matthew 22:37-39 "You shall love the Lord Your God with all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and love your neighbor as yourself." It is very clear that as Christians we are called to care for those less fortunate than us. It's about giving yourself to God and experiencing the great joy that comes from serving others! We realize that fulfilling God's calling to serve the less fortunate is a journey, but one worth taking and one that ALL of us are called

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### 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."*

## S.A.L.T.

S.A.L.T. stands for "Serve And Learn Together". Twice a year the middle school takes a day to serve our school and community. On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> the middle school teachers, administrators, students, and parents (Thank you, volunteers!) put on a day camp for the elementary students entitled "Who Will Be Your King?"

Kiddos wore special name

tags made by the middle school students, ate yummy snacks, made a craft, learned a cheer, participated in a sign language and fitness workshop, and had a lot of fun!



S.A.L.T. gives students and teachers an opportunity to build relationships outside of the classroom focused on Christian service. Our next S.A.L.T. day is **Tuesday, March 20, 2012.**

## Middle School PAT Team Forming

Our first Middle School PAT meeting for the 2011-2012 school year will be on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 in the Bible Room.

Our "Parent Administrator Teacher" team will be a place to foster communication, share ideas for school improvement, and support special events on the campus.

The team will meet for about an hour a total of three times this year. Some topics of interest in our first meeting will include: S.A.L.T., middle school chapel, Student Council, the Science Fair, web site updates, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation.

We are so very proud of our GCS parents. Please consider being a part of our PAT Team. If you

would like to RSVP to the first meeting or if you want more information please contact Adam Rasmussen at the school via email: [arasmussen@gcs-hs.org](mailto:arasmussen@gcs-hs.org).

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation- May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Mark your calendars for a special event on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at GCS!

This year we have a superb 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Our graduation ceremony will be a special time to celebrate their accomplishments.

So far the plans for the 45 minute assembly will involve special music, blessings, a time capsule, and a reception in the cafeteria.

Save the date!

## Mexico (from Page 2)



This trip was life changing for our family. Our perspective on life isn't the same. Our lives are now viewed through the lens of thankfulness and an understanding that our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Our selfishness will creep in and our busyness may consume us at times, but as we journey with God and seek first His kingdom, we will be able to fully experience the joy that comes from serving others. This is a trip worth the investment of your time and resources! Take the journey with GOD!

Blessings,

Lindsay Johnson

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

### “On a Roll”

#### All A's and B's

##### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Boehmer, Jacob  
Cappellano, Angelina  
Cullumber, Christian  
Dawkins, Mackenzie  
DeBree, Andrew  
DeJong, Ryleigh  
Erickson, Caleb  
Hakes, Tyler  
Hinds, Jeramy  
Johnson, Carter  
Lacy, Hope  
Langer, Anna  
Mason, Georgia  
Mominee, Samuel  
Morton, Andrew  
O'Hair, Sean  
Sadler, Gabriel  
Sage, Susannah  
Sharkey, Taylor  
Sutherland, Brooke  
Trembath, Jordan  
Wang, Wesley

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bailon, Joshua  
Barber, Quint  
Betz, Claudia  
Brannan, Kaden  
Charvat, Paige  
Debnam, Jacob  
Dynes, Alexa  
Ferguson, Braeden  
Garcia, Devin  
Johnston, Rhea  
Kennedy, Jeremy  
Miller, Rebekah  
Morain Daniels, Bryce  
Olivera, Jordan

Parisian, Brianna  
Sticca, Tyler  
Stimac, Trent  
Vandruff, Sarah  
White, Logan

##### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bierer, William  
Brooks, Brendan  
Hall, Madison  
Lacy, Jacob  
Langendorf, Kaylee  
Mason, Micah  
Messer, Gabrielle  
Patrick, Shae  
Porter, Brett  
Rogerson, Brian  
Valliere, Raquel  
Wall, Alexandria  
Zierer, Devyn

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anderson, Marissa  
Bock, Claudia  
Chalmers, Anne Marie  
Dengler, Samantha  
Fleischer, Jamie  
Ford, Amy  
Handy, Caitlin  
Hightower, Stephen  
Johnson, Faith  
Portonova, Hailey  
Redding, Brannon  
Reiley, Amanda  
Reinke, Wyatt  
Sluder, Nicole  
Thomason, Hunter  
Vaughn, Naomi  
Young, Caleb

##### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Caprisecca, Krista  
Desmarchais, Steven  
Erickson, Kari  
Fougnes, Elijah  
Husbands, Heather  
Ingegneri, Caleb  
Kinslow, Joshua  
Kirkpatrick, Alexis  
Mason, Micah  
Moses, Rachel  
Painter, Jordan  
Patterson, Kaitlyn  
Pinkerton, Logan  
Tennison, Braxton  
Wagner, Jordan

### Honor Roll

#### All A's

##### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Condit, David  
Gargan, Kyler  
Gregory, Kathryn  
Krahling, Ambria  
Swingle, Sean  
Wagner, Kennedy