



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Middle School
Aug/Sept 2011

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Parking	1
Jaurez, Mexico	1
Student Handbook	2
Student Council	2
Carpool	2
New Families Reception	3
Parent Meetings	3
Athletics Update	3

Where to Park?

**By Adam Rasmussen,
Principal**

Where to park? Maybe this sign is a little more like real life than we want to admit. →

It's really funny! (That is, in an article.) But it's not so funny and can be downright frustrating when signs and directions are unclear in real life. Hopefully this article will clarify some parking lot issues on the preK-8 campus.

First of all, thank you to everyone for their Christian kindness and patience this year. **The parking lot decorum has really been outstanding!**

Second, Middle School parents can help with the congestion a bunch if you would pick up your kids a



few minutes later. Even just coming to the parking lot between 3:30 or 3:35 would alleviate some pressure. This is especially true if you have only Middle School kids. If that is the case, you might want to adjust your pick up time to 3:45. As a bonus, the kids will have more time to finish out the day with teachers and socialize a bit with friends.

Be sure to select a rendezvous point that doesn't stop traffic. If

there is a parking space available, we ask you to take it instead of stopping the flow of traffic as you wait for your child to come out of class.

Please remember not to park anywhere on the school property or in Agritopia where there is red paint on the curb.

Promenade Lane (the street onto which you turn when exiting the school parking lot) is a two-way street. Thank you for not parking there.

The residents of homes on Hobart Street (directly across the parking lot exit) have indicated to us that it can be very difficult if not impossible for them to access their driveways when vehicles are parked there, so we ask you to please refrain from parking along that section of Hobart Street.

Mexico Trip Update

**By Adam Rasmussen,
Principal**

On October 12-15 several GCS families will be serving the people of Juarez, Mexico. In this whirlwind trip we will build two houses, consult with the head of the local school, host a food outreach, and service

those who have medical needs.

I went with the Anderson family on this trip last March and was very impressed. **We need your help this October.** Please get involved through prayer and support.

Find out more through www.eightythreehundred.org. The Lord has provided a matching gift of \$4000 through a GCS family so every dollar you give to this trip is like giving two! We will also be bringing down diapers and formula. There may be space available for your family to make the trip. Let us know!

Student Handbook

It is expected that all middle school students and parents familiarize themselves with the student handbook before the school year begins. The GCS K-8 handbook is online. You can find it on our website. Navigate

middle school/handbook. From there you can save the pdf file to your computer or print off a copy. Please refer to the handbook throughout the year.

Go Knights!



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."

STUCO

By Michael Kinslow

Praise God for the start of a great beginning for Gilbert Christian Schools! Middle School just completed our election process and we are very excited to start serving the student body. For the first time, we also had 5th grade run which resulted in having two student representatives from each class. Our first financial fundraiser will be to assist with the Juarez mission's trip.

We will be placing the Change for Change jars in each classroom this week. All funds collected during the first quarter will go directly for this project. If you haven't heard yet, the crew will be leaving during our October Break, so any assistance will be greatly appreciated. We will be holding our Student Council meetings Monday mornings 7:15-7:45. If you have any questions about our student council, please feel free to email me at mkinslow@gilbertchristianschools.org.

2011-2012 MS Student Council Representatives

President-Kaitlyn
Patterson

Vice President-Bekah
Miller

Secretary-Jacob Lacy

Treasurer-Dillon
Breseman

Spirit-Georgia Mason

8th Grade Rep.-Heather
Husbands

7th Grade Rep.- Rhea
Johnston

6th Grade Rep.-Jordan
Trembath

Carpools



Becky Hinds (Parent of 6th grader, Jeremy) would like to carpool 4 afternoons per week, Monday – Thursday. They live next to Mission Community Church where they also

attend. The cross roads are Elliot and Recker. Call 480-619-1602.

GCS Middle School
1424 S. Promenade Lane
Gilbert, AZ 85296

Phone 480-279-1366
Fax 480-279-5433
E-mail
office@gilbertchristianschools.org

Champions for Christ



We're on the Web!
www.gilbertchristianschools.org

Conference Food

Angela MacCatherine (GCS Parent) will be coordinating food for the staff during conferences each quarter. She is seeking help from families of both campuses. Her contact information is 480-213-9015.

New Families Reception- Sept 9

If your family is new to GCS and you have a middle school student you are invited to a morning reception in the K8 cafeteria on **Friday, September 9** at 7:45am. Drop off your student and at the same time escape the morning rush into the parking lot. ☺ We should be done by 8:45 so you can be on your way. Topics we will cover include: Daily and weekly schedules for middle school, Preview the academic year, Navigate the details, Meet other families, Q&A. See you then!

Parent Meetings- **SEPTEMBER 12!**

Excellent communication is central to our educational philosophy. We want parents to be informed of the direction and details of school life. We have parent meetings once a quarter to share valuable information. Please mark your calendar for these important gatherings.

~~August 8~~ 7:00pm

~~Pie and Praise~~
~~-Servant Leaders~~

February 13 7:00pm

~~-Science!~~

September 12 7:00pm

-Critical Thinkers

April 16 7:00pm

~~- Sneak Peeks into Next Year~~

November 7 7:00pm

~~- Effective Communicators~~

Athletics Update

Sports are a big part of our school. Our student athletes the fans great joy to watch them compete. The following sports are offered at the Middle School for the 2011-12 school year:

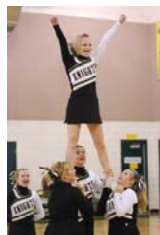
Fall (Aug. - Oct.)

- 6 - 8 grade coed soccer
- 7 - 8 grade girls volleyball
- 6 - 8 grade boys football

Winter (Nov. - Feb.)

- 7 - 8 grade boys basketball
- 6 - 8 grade girls softball

Fall & Winter: 7 - 8 grade cheer



Spring (Mar. - May)

- 6 - 8 grade girls basketball
- 6 - 8 grade boys baseball
- 6 - 8 grade golf

For more details, please visit our Athletic Handbook located on our website under athletics. You can also contact our Athletic Director, Janet Oitzman at joitzman@gcs-hs.org.