



KNIGHTLY NEWS

JANUARY 2012
HIGH SCHOOL VOLUME 6

JANUARY EVENTS

30 CHAPEL

EARLY FEBRUARY EVENTS

1 8th Grade Shadow Day

6 Book Club

8 LUMINA & CHAPEL

For more details regarding any of the above-mentioned events, please check Blackboard Calendar.

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A FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

By Mr. Desmarchais, Superintendent

God, in His infinite power and wisdom, has created man in His image and yet all so very unique. Even within a family we see many family similarities with our children but also such obvious differences. Each child has their own unique gifts and talents and their own unique challenges. Student success often comes when a student begins to recognize their own uniqueness, including their academic strengths and weaknesses.

I remember having a discussion with one of my students several years back. He was complaining that the reason that he was not as successful as another student was that Lisa was just naturally smarter than him. Justin studied for an hour the night before the test and ended up with a B. I called Lisa over, and we compared how each prepares for a test. Lisa, who was so much "smarter," said that she studied for three hours the night before the test. I asked her why she didn't just study for an hour. She said that if she only studied for an hour she would have received a C or worse. I asked Justin what grade he thought he would have received if he had spent the same amount of time studying

as Lisa. He admitted that he would have received an A.

Justin thought that Lisa was naturally smarter than he. In some ways she was. She had learned what she needed to do to be successful. That is the key for most students. If a student learns what they need to do to be successful, they are on their way. Each child is different.

One way a parent can help their child discover what they need to be successful is to have "strategy" discussions. Discuss with your child how they plan to prepare for the next quiz or test. Following the test, discuss again how they prepared and the result. If it is a satisfactory result, your child can use the same strategy to prepare for future tests and quizzes. If the result is unsatisfactory, a new strategy needs to be implemented. Don't assume that your child is going through this analysis. Most students continue with the same test preparation strategy and simply accept the results. You can help your child discover their formula for success. ★

HONOR ROLL

On page 3 you will see the names of the students who earned placement on the Honor Roll. We have two lists. The Principal's List is composed of those students who have achieved a 4.0 or higher for the first semester. The Dean's List is composed of those students who achieved a 3.75 to 3.99 for the first semester. Congratulations to all our Honor Roll students for their exceptional work first semester!

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Λόγος

Announcing **Λόγος** (Logos) Book Club!! **Λόγος** translates into the "Word" in Greek and is a name picked by the students. They decided on a Bible verse to represent them: John 1:1. In general, book clubs are extremely popular nationwide (especially in the Northeast region of the US) and is a concept we have lovingly and prayerfully brought to the GCHS students. The students have developed and created the "look" and "feel" of their book club. Each Club meeting is facilitated and guided by Mrs. Susan Laabs (a GCHS parent). The Club concept is supported by our school champion/sponsor, Mr. Mike Paasch, as well as English Department Head, Mr. Jim Cunningham. We also received endorsement and encouragement to establish the Club by Mr. Jim Desmarchais.

Λόγος averages 20 members, and new members are always welcome. We meet up in the Student Union during Z hour about once a month. Our kick-off meeting was held on December 6, 2011, where the students established the general principles and foundation of their Club. Cameron Carver was named Secretary and Media Secretary went to Christy Gottschalk. An important role in **Λόγος** Book Club is Discussion Leader, which is a rotating role and shared between members. This role allows students the opportunity to learn leadership skills in guiding a discussion for a large

group of attendees (an important skill for college applications/entrance and beyond).

The first book pitched was *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* written by Richard Paul Evans. On January 6, 2012 **Λόγος** Book Club met and discussed the first half of this book.

We start our meetings with student-led prayer, enter into a student-led devotion, jump into guided book discussion, and conclude with another student-led dismissal prayer. At our first meeting, we had an interesting discussion touching on concepts about Tourette's syndrome, bullying, realities around cell mutation, the value of human life, and how important it is for leaders to be Godly. We also shared "funnies" and favorite quotes from the book.

What's next? At our next meeting on February 6, the students will have a unique and special opportunity to talk with (via Skype) the author, Richard Paul Evans, of their first book! They can pose any questions to the author, including how he got started in writing, as well as questions about the novel itself. Anyone who has read this book can feel free to join this discussion, even if you are not a member of **Λόγος** Book Club.

Future meetings are being planned, and books are being pitched. The next book selected is *The Hunger Games* written by Suzanne Collins, where we will tie in an excursion for all **Λόγος** Book Club members to go see the movie together after it's released in March and then compare the movie against the book.

Want more information? Call Susan Laabs at 480.208.8441.

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Back Row: Reid Gottschalk, Stefan Barzu, Mr. Paasch, Scott Gottschalk, Parker Johnson, Cameron Carver
Middle Row: Saile Daimwood, Karlee Vaughn, Sarah Collins, Christy Gottschalk, Jonathan Elley
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HONOR ROLLS

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Kiffer Dengler
Ashwini Dhas
Erin Geiger
Andrew Kauk
John Mansoor
Alec Morrison
Katelyn Moses
Ben O'Donnell
Connor Patterson
Annie Pinkerton
Rosemary Ramirez
Caroline Sossaman

JUNIORS

Paul Bishop
Dylan Bliss
Cameron Carver
Christopher Desmarchais
Kassi Eastin
Zach Gibson
Justin Hightower
Tyler Johnson
Ashley Kauk
Corbin Young

SOPHOMORES

Christiana Cullumber
Saile Daimwood
Luke Davidsaver
Megan Dengler
Carol Field
Mark Ford
Andrew Gregory
Elli Kim
Sean Kirmis
Lauren Malm
Alexandra Moffett
Hayden Moses
Cristina Ramirez
Colleen Young

FRESHMEN

Abi Anderson
Bailey Anderson
Caleb Barber
Alyssa Carr
Jonathan Elley
Hannah Gardner
Kim Harris
Hadley Landeryou
Emily Pinkerton
Ethan Roberson
Johnathon Svoboda
Meg van Rijn
Karlee Vaughn

DEAN'S

SENIORS

Max Amdahl
Garrett Carr
Logan Fougnes
Aria Grotenhuis
Alyssa Handy
Hannah Spehar

JUNIORS

Alex Yuan

SOPHOMORES

Nolan Cook
Robert Reyes
Brooke Sheldon

FRESHMEN

Savanah Brannan
Kris Miller

WINTER SPORTS @ HOME

FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE, CHECK THE GCS WEBSITE.

BASKETBALL | MEN'S | VARSITY

Jan 19	7:00 PM	Valley Lutheran
Jan 20	7:00 PM	Horizon Honors
Jan 31	7:00 PM	Williams Field
Feb 2	7:00 PM	Valley Christian

BASKETBALL | MEN'S | JV

Jan 19	4:00 PM	Valley Lutheran
Jan 20	4:00 PM	Horizon Honors
Jan 31	5:30 PM	Williams Field
Feb 2	4:00 PM	Valley Christian

BASKETBALL | WOMEN'S | VARSITY

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Jan 20	5:30 PM	Horizon Honors
Feb 2	5:30 PM	Valley Christian

BASKETBALL | WOMEN'S | JV

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Jan 20	5:30 PM	Horizon Honors
Feb 2	5:30 PM	Valley Christian

SOCCER | MEN'S | VARSITY

Jan 19	6:00 PM	Canyon State
Jan 26	6:00 PM	Veritas Prep

Please check the website for times and locations.

Please note: Dates and locations may change.

For the most up-to-date information, please check www.gilbertchristianschools.org/athletics/schedules/winter.