

ACE Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 18

PTO Family Fun Day:
Saturday, September 21,
10:00 am–2:00 pm

GRYPHON NEWS

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UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 13:

- Assembly, MPR, 9:00 am, Parents Welcome
- PTO Pizza Lunch Starts

Sept 18:

Sept. 19: Home Soccer Game v Milton Gottesman Jewish School, 4:00 pm

Sept. 21:

- SSAT Practice Test (Grade 5), 9:00 am
- Family Fun Day, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Playground

Sept. 23:

- Girls on the Run Practice Starts, 3:15 - 4:15 pm
- ACE Classes Begin (Week of)
- Home Soccer Game v Woods Academy, 3:30 pm

Sept. 24: School Photo Day

Sept. 25: PTO Pizza Order Deadline

Sept. 26: Back-to-School Night, 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm* (*Please Note: Time Change*)

Sept. 27: Uniform Free Day!

Oct. 1: PTO Survey Deadline

Oct. 3: Home Soccer Game v British International School, 3:30 pm

Oct. 7-9: Echo Hill Outdoor Education (Grade 5)

Oct. 11: Parent Teacher Conferences, No School

Oct. 14: Columbus Day Holiday, No School

Oct. 18: Pep Rally for Grace, 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm

ACE Programs: Update/Registration Deadline, Sept. 18

- Yoga (Mondays) is full
- Futsal (Tuedays) is full

After Class Enrichment (ACE) programs are open to all students. Programs start the week of September 23. Extended Day Program fees include ACE programs on contracted days. For all other students, ACE fees are billed to your student's account in TADS. Click [here](#) to read about and register for our remaining fall semester offerings. Registration deadline is September 18. If you have any

Aftercare Update

- Early Childhood Aftercare (Preschool-Kindergarten) is at capacity Monday - Thursday with very limited space for drop-ins on Fridays.
- Elementary Aftercare (grades 1-5) remains open for registration and drop-ins.

If you have any questions contact Aftercare Coordinator Shalonda Newman at snewman@geds.org.

Girls on the Run (GOTR): Registration Open

Girls on the Run registration is now open for the Fall season! Girls in Grades 3-5 may sign up. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 23-Nov. 18, with our culminating 5K race at Westfield Montgomery Mall on Sunday, Nov. 24. Ms. Karen and Ms. Kelliher are our lead coaches. [Registration](#) is done through Girls on The Run of Montgomery County, and costs \$175 for the season (which includes all materials for the 5K). Financial assistance is available from GOTR -- please contact Ms. Karen for more information. We must have 7 students to field a team, so if your girl is interested, we encourage you to register soon. Questions? Contact head coach Karen O'Connor-Floman at karen@geds.org.

School Photo Day: September 24

Individual, grade, and school-wide photos will be taken. Please have your students arrive promptly as the school-wide picture will be taken at 8:50 am. **Students in Kindergarten - Grade 5 are expected to wear their Dress uniform which includes:**

- White collared shirt (polo, peter pan, or oxford collar)
- Grace Logo-Embroidered: Navy sweater, V-neck cardigan, crew-neck pullover, or Lands' End fleece. (Grace sweatshirts are not considered part of the Dress uniform).

Order information will be available in the "proof" packets that come home by backpack on October 4. If you have any questions please contact Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org.

Back to School Night (BTSN): Sept. 26, 6:00 pm-7:45 pm* (Please Note: Time Change)

Please plan to join us for this very important evening. Specialists will be set up in the MPR to discuss their programs. Parents visit their child's homeroom to learn

3-11 in the library. Children will enjoy pizza and a movie. The cost is \$20 per child. Space is limited and must be reserved in advance. If interested, contact Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org to register.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) News

Family Fun Day: Join the Grace community at our annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Pony rides, carnival games, face-painting and more will be part of the festivities on the playground. The ever-popular Grace Grill will be up and running to provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers to our guests. The event is free; tickets will be sold for activities and refreshments. Help make this event a success by volunteering to supervise an activity, loan a shade structure, or help setup or cleanup. Sign up [here!](#)

Gracewear: Do you need Dress uniform pieces for School Photo Day? Gracewear might be your answer! Contact the PTO at thegracepto@gmail.com.

Get Involved! We've planned many fun events throughout the year and we need you to make them successful. Whether it's an hour selling hot chocolate or an evening decorating for an event - we've got a job for you. Visit [SignUp Genuis](#) and search thegracepto@gmail.com to pick a job big or small!

Parent Survey: The PTO looks forward to making this year a fun and engaging year for the entire Grace Family, but we need your help! Please take a few minutes to complete our anonymous [parent survey](#). We will leave the survey open and active through October 1.

Box Tops Program - The program is easier than ever! Just download the app on your phone and register to our school. Scan your receipts up to 3 days after checkout and the proceeds automatically go to Grace! We are still collecting Boxtops in the front office for when you forget your receipts. We receive 10 cents per top.

Grace Goodies: Show your appreciation to the Grace faculty and staff and sign up for Grace Goodies! Held every other Wednesday, you'll provide and deliver a small selection of baked goods and other treats to the faculty room on Wednesday morning at drop off time. Sign up [here!](#)

Stay Connected!

Questions: Contact Jenny O'Brien & Tara Meadows
PTO Co-Chairs at thegracepto@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! 5th Annual Pep Rally for Grace: October 18, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Mark your calendars and book the babysitter! This is a fun, grown-ups only evening for the entire Grace community. Catch up with old friends and make new ones as we gather around the food truck and fire pits to welcome autumn (beer, wine, and soft-drinks provided). Invitations will arrive soon. Email Becky in the Advancement Office bmulholland@geds.org, to RSVP.

Save-the Date postcards for Grandparent and Special Friends Day are on their way!

We have sent a Save-the-Date for Grandparents and Special Friends Day to any grandparent or special friend for whom we have an address. If you are a new family (or returning family concerned that we don't have contact info for grandparents/special friends) and would like us to send a Save-the Date to your student's grandparents and/or special friends, please send their contact information to Becky Mulholland in the Advancement Office at bmulholland@geds.org.

Chapel

Chapel got off to a great start today for both our older and younger children. We are so lucky to have "Nana Susan" as our Chaplain. Here is her message about Chapels for this year:

The theme for our first Chapels was, appropriately, "What Is Chapel?" The short answer is that Chapel is a special time we set aside to be with God and each other, to be together as Beloved Community. We talk to God (in prayer and song), listen to God, and hear stories of God. Chapel is a holy time and space at the heart of our school. It takes place in the middle of the week, in a space in the center of the school, where we celebrate together and grow as a Beloved Community.

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Parents are always welcome at Chapel on Wednesdays. Kindergarten – Grade 5 chapel starts at 8:50 in the MPR. Early Childhood Chapel is in the Library at 9:30 a.m. Both Chapels last 20 minutes. Please join us!

Click [here](#) to read more about spiritual life at Grace.

Our Makerspace welcomes donations of:

- paper towel rolls
- toilet paper rolls
- berry containers

Due to space restrictions, NO other items are being accepted at this time. Please place donations in the bins outside the Makerspace. If you have any questions contact Christine Comas, ccomas@geds.org.

Handbook/Directory Addendum

A Directory Addendum will be published later in early October. Deadline for changes/corrections is September 30. Please email Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org.

Required Forms

[Uniforms](#)

[Lunch Information & Sign Up](#)



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