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GRYPHON NEWS

September 5, 2019



UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 6: Assembly, MPR, 9:00 am, Parents Welcome

Sept. 11: Chapel, MPR, 8:50 am, Parents Welcome

Sept. 11: Pizza Order Deadline (for Sept. 13 lunch)

Sept. 12: PTO Meeting, Library, 8:45 am

Sept. 13: Pizza Lunch Starts

Sept. 21: Family Fun Day, Playground, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sept. 23:

- Girls on the Run Practice Starts, 3:15 - 4:15 pm
- ACE Classes Begin (Week of)

Sept. 25: Pizza Order **Final** Deadline

Sept. 26: Back-to-School Night, 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Sept. 29: (Rain Date) PTO Family Fun Day

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

The Enrolled Families section of our website is full of all the info you need: parent handbook, pizza and school lunch order forms, and more. Click [here](#). If prompted, the password is Gryphon1920.

ACE Programs: Registration Open!

After Class Enrichment (ACE) programs are now open for registration. ACE programs are open to all students of Grace from Preschool to Grade 5. Programs start the week of September 23. Registration closes September 18.

We are excited to be offering online enrollment. We encourage you to register soon as classes can fill quickly. Click [here](#) to read about and register for fall semester offerings. If you have any questions, please 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.

- Join us for the first PTO meeting of the year on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 8:45 am in the Library.
- Grace Goodies is a bi-weekly tradition that demonstrates our deep appreciation to the Grace faculty and staff. Families sign-up to provide a small selection of baked goods and other treats every other Wednesday. Treats are delivered to the faculty lounge during drop-off. If interested, sign up [here](#).
- Pizza Lunch Order Deadline: [Orders](#) (including payment) must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 11 for your child to receive pizza on the first Pizza Friday, September 13. Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, September 25. *Please Note:* the next opportunity to add or amend an order will be in January 2020.
- Family Fun Day: Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. A moon bounce, dunk tank, games, face-painting, cupcake walk, karaoke, and pony rides are the highlights of this annual event. The PTO will also sell hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. Tickets for food and activities are sold for \$1.00/each. The number of tickets required for an event and food varies. This is a community event so bring your neighbors! Volunteers are needed for this event! Click [here](#) to sign-up for a volunteer time-slot.
- GraceWear: We are taking GraceWear online! Keep your eyes out for an online form where you can send orders into our GraceWear closet. Once payment is received, we will fill orders and send them home with your student! This will be a trial period so please keep us updated on how it works for you.

Stay Connected!

[Instagram: @thegracepto](#)

[Facebook](#)

Questions: Contact Jenny O'Brien & Tara Meadows

PTO Co-Chairs at thegracepto@gmail.com

Back to School Night (BTSN): Sept. 26, 6:15 pm-8:00 pm

Please plan to join us for this very important evening. Parents visit their child's homeroom to learn more about our curriculum and goals. Specialists will be set up in the MPR to discuss their programs. BTSN is for parents/adults only. Childcare is available for Grace students or siblings (potty-trained, please) between the ages of 3-11 in the library. Children will enjoy pizza and a movie. The cost is \$20 per child. Space is limited. If interested, contact Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org to register.

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.

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). Email Becky, bmulholland@geds.org, in the Advancement Office to RSVP.

Handbook/Directory Addendum

A Directory Addendum will be published later in the fall. Send any changes/corrections to Noelle McHugh, nmchugh@geds.org.

Required Forms

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