



The Blue & Gold

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"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter 1:13

Achievement Tests April 26-30, 2021

It is time for our annual assessment of the academic progress of our students. Achievement tests will be administered in the morning during the week of April 26. Please help your student by providing a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast. Also, it would be appreciated if there were no planned absences this week. Tests given to the entire class under controlled conditions offer the best opportunity for success.

Benefit Chicken Barbeque Wenger Meats & Ice Saturday, May 1st

The annual Chicken Barbeque which benefits The Christian School of Grace Baptist Church will be held at:

511 E. Louther Street, Carlisle, PA

Yard Sale 7:00—11:00 AM
BBQ 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Come out and purchase a chicken dinner in support of the school.
Chicken Dinners \$10.00

A Special Thanks to our Fine Arts volunteer coaches:

Mrs. Joie Fitzpatrick
Mrs. Heather Leatherman
Mrs. Rachel Van Grouw

21st Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament Monday, June 14

Make plans now to participate in the 21st Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament at Mayapple Golf Links on Monday, June 14th, 8:00 AM, Shotgun start. The cost is \$75.00 per person (includes green fees, carts, prizes, and dinner) Deadline for registration is June 7, 2021.



In addition, you, your company, or someone else could sponsor the tournament. Information regarding our various sponsorship levels are included in the enclosed brochure.

All proceeds from the golf tournament benefit the Scholarship Fund of The Christian School of GBC.

Golf Tournament Gifts

Not a golfer? Your schedule doesn't permit you to participate in the golf tournament? Would you consider helping in another way? Gifts and door prizes are awarded at the tournament. Would you consider donating a gift card or baked goods? Or if you have a business, would you consider offering a credit or discount? If you are interested, please call the school office.

3rd Marking Period DISTRINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

7th Grade

Sophia Creason
Landis Leatherman
Ellie Newell
Brinn Stine
Kyle Wolfe

8th Grade

Tristan Auger
Parker Beardmore
Kathryn Miller
William Starling
Benjamin Van Grouw

HONOR ROLL

5th Grade

Asher Baker
Brayden Bookamer
Alainna Springer

6th Grade

Haley Auger
Bettie Bluman
Alexis Gauvry
Hannah Golightly
Allison Julias
Hannah Poe

7th Grade

Selah Yingling

8th Grade

Ashby Brummer
Silas Fertich
Nathaniel Murphy



APRIL SHOWERS BRING WHAT????

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Clocks

by Asher Anuszewski

In April, 2021 in Ticktockville, Poland, it rained clocks: small clocks, big clocks, all types of clocks. The clocks fell on houses. The people of Ticktockville made machines to catch the clocks so they wouldn't fall on houses or break. Every day more clocks would fall, so the people made more machines. Soon it stopped raining clocks, but it started raining sushi. So the people of Ticktockville used the machines to catch sushi and put it on plates. Yum! Yum! Yum!



Raining Elephants by Ashton Frascella

In 2013 Hudson and I wanted a pet elephant. We wanted to ride it. One night I dreamed that elephants rained from the sky. I was so happy that I thought I would explode! But the elephants were stomping on people and building! The people were frightened. The buildings were smashed! I woke up and it was over. I was so glad that it was only a dream!

Animal Town by Lydia Culver

One week in 2018, it rained animals all over the town. On Monday it rained monkeys, and the people were so afraid. On Tuesday more monkeys came, but the people weren't afraid anymore. They thought the monkeys were cute. On Wednesday it rained dogs and dog bones. The dogs ate all the bones. On Thursday it rained fish, and the people in the town made a giant fish bowl. Then on Friday, it rained giraffes, and the people rode on them. Would you like to live in Animal Town?

Ice Cream Rainbow by Lija Bitner

Once upon a time there was an ice cream rainbow. All the people screamed with joy! The problem was that they didn't know how to get the ice cream. First the people tried throwing cones to catch some scoops, but the cones fall on their heads. Next the people put bowls on their heads and waited for the sun to come out. When the sun came out, the ice cream melted into their bowls. Everyone was happy!

I Love Puppies by Leah Davis

Once upon a time in Boville, a puppy storm came. It was raining golden doodle puppies! Some golden doodles got stuck on top of houses, and the firefighters had to save them. A dog fell into my arms, and that's how I got my dog Roo. I love Roo! He is very fun to play with. We play fetch together, and he sleeps in a crate next to my bed. When he wakes up, I get to feed him. Roo loves everyone in my family, and we are very thankful for the puppy storm!

Chickenville Disaster by Camp Gordon

In 1111 in Chickenville, it rained CHICKENS! The chickens pecked at all the houses. They pecked the chimneys and the floors. They pecked the roofs and the walls. Then the houses fell down. The people of Chickenville chased the chickens. The chickens ran away, and the people built all the houses again.

1989 in Candyville by Evan Eisenberg

Once upon a time, there was a town called Candyville. In Candyville it rained candy. Lollipops, gumballs, and peanut butter cups fell from the sky. The children thought it was cool that it rained candy, but the grown-ups said that the children couldn't have any. The children were sad and started to cry. The grown-ups decided that each child could have one piece of candy every day for the rest of their lives.

The Huge Bouncy House by Lily Colby

Once in 1999 it rained a huge bouncy house! All of the people came and jumped in it. They jumped so much, that they had bruises, bumps, and boo-boos. Then it rained ambulances, and all the people were taken to the hospital. In a few days the people got better and went home.

Dinosaur Destruction by Matthew Hood

Once in a land far away back in time, there was a national park. It was called Jurassic Park. It wasn't just any kind of national park. It was unusual. There were dinosaurs in this park. When it rained, hot dogs fell from the sky. The dinosaurs went wild. They were trying to catch the hot dogs. They were running, but not looking where they were going. The park was getting destroyed. So people built a new, stronger park.

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The Big Storm by Afton Humbert

Once in 2014 there was a BIG storm coming to Humbertville. Everybody in town hid. It was so scary! But instead of water, it rained puppies. The people liked the puppies, but they didn't have food for all the puppies to eat. Then brussel sprouts fell from the sky. The puppies were so sad. They didn't like brussel sprouts. They liked dog food. Next it rained dog food, and the puppies loved it. Then all the people took a puppy home.

Bats and More Bats by Barrett Richwine

I found a terrific book to read. Here it is. Once upon a time there was a town called Battyville, Canada. In Battyville it rained bats all the time. The people liked that the bats ate all the bugs. The people didn't like that the bats flew everywhere. The people were afraid of the bats. They would run into their houses and lock the doors. So the people of Battyville built bat houses by the ocean at the end of town. Now the people are safe from the bats.

Books! Books! Books! by Cecelia O'Mahony

Once upon a time in 2018 in Libraryville, it rained books. The books fell on the houses in the town. The books were everywhere! There was one girl named Cecelia who had a hole in her roof. Cecelia went to the roof to fix it, and she saw all the books on the roof. She got the books and put them on her bookshelf. That night it rained again. She went to the roof to see if there were any more books. There were! Cecelia put those books on her bookshelf. It rained again and again and again, and Cecelia had enough books to start her own library.

2019 in Bunnyville by Sophia Kelley

Once upon a time in Bunnyville, it was raining bunnies. It rained bunnies for two hours. There were hundreds and hundreds of bunnies. The bunnies were so soft, but Bunnyville was crowded. There were too many bunnies, and they all needed a home. The people of Bunnyville had a plan. The whole village took a bunny home as their pet, and there were enough bunnies for everyone.

The Day It Rained Smiles by Janie Schuth

In 2010 in Smilestown, it rained smiles again and again and again. Everyone in the town was smiling, but someone was not. That someone was Mr. Dark. He was not smiling. He always had a grumpy face. Then a big gust of wind came. It blew Mr. Dark over, and his frown was upside down. So now his frown turned into a smile. Now everyone in Smilestown was smiling.

Cats! Cats! Cats! by Grace Tuckey

In 2016 in Cat World, there were cats falling from the sky. Three girls in the town wanted a cat. They each got a cat, but the cats scratched the three girls. "Oh, no! The cats are scratching us!" the girls said. Then there was cat food falling out of the sky. The cats got distracted, and the girls ran home.

The Story of Ratville by Frankie Yocum

One day in Ratville, there was a storm, but it rained rats instead of water. The people did not like the rats because they were gnawing through their houses. A few days later it rained rat snakes. The rat snakes ate the rats, but then the people were scared of the rat snakes. So the people of Ratville ran to New York where the snakes and the rats couldn't find them.

Pillow Town by Gabriella Smith

Once there was a town called Pillow Town. It was in Pennsylvania. In Pillow Town it always rained pillows, and it made the people sleepy. After the rain stopped, the people would bring out their sleeping bags, beds, sofas, and recliners. In 2017 it rained pillows for a week. The town was covered with pillows. It looked like one gigantic pillow. It made the people so sleepy that they slept for 100 days!



FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Loving “No”

It's certainly not a fair question to ask such thoughtful readers, but which of these faces - ☺ or ☹ would you pick as being representative of the word “yes”? It seems pretty obvious, right? Most people likely associate “yes” with the positive face because it is a response that implies agreement or permission. How many times do we ask questions wherein “yes” is the preferred response? However, what if “yes” is tied to permissiveness, but permissiveness does not bring about lasting joy and holiness? Wouldn't it really be ☺ to say “yes”?

Certainly the “no” to a parent is sometimes as disappointing to say to a child as it is for the child to hear from the parent. As parents it can be tempting to give permission to something based largely on the perceived happiness of the child. However, this is short-sighted, for true happiness is rooted in holiness. And where in the scriptures do we find the things that God has prescribed to bring about holiness and happiness? The 10 commandments – a list of “no's”!

Seen in their true light, the ten commandments should not be viewed as a list of joy-bursting restrictions, but rather a God-ordained prescription of how we are to love God and our fellow man. This is a list of *loving “no's”*. Some people suggest that the ten commandments are an old covenant remnant that has been replaced by a life to be lived “in the spirit”. However, the truth is that the unchanging God who wrote His law by His own hand has given us the Holy Spirit in order to *keep* the commandments of the Lord – *not just for His honor, but also for our joy*.

What is often so hard about “no”, either for the one giving it or the one receiving it, is the implicit denial of oneself. With each commandment you can see how saying “yes” instead of “no” is a temptation to indulge or elevate self, placing man over God or self over others. Even the serpent in the garden tempted Adam and Eve with permissiveness in a situation of loving prohibition; the Lord lovingly said “no” to the eating from a certain tree and the serpent urged a self-gratifying “yes”. The self-denying “no” often requires self-control, self-sacrifice, and selflessness – hallmarks of the Christian faith that we do not possess without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Following the commandments of God is certainly not up for debate, but undoubtedly there are decisions of liberty and conscience in parenting that are worth evaluating in terms of spiritual fruitfulness. Some things are permissible, but not all things are beneficial. Therefore, a loving “no” is often best.

No, you may not: eat another... wear that... watch one more...stay up that late...but that...go there... participate in that ...go out with them...have the keys...

...because I love you too much to say “yes”.

Christian Education Corner



Featured Resource: This month's featured resource is the *newly updated school website*! Visit the same URL www.gracebaptistchristianschool.org to see the newly minted site. While there will be minor updates in the coming months, we trust you will enjoy the new look and find it easier to find the information you find valuable.

Let us know what you think!