



N E W S L E T T E R

1425 Co Rd 134 St. Cloud MN 56303 ~ ~ granitecitybaptist.org
320-251-2801 Fax: 320-251-4997 ~ ~ info@granitecitybaptist.org

December

2012



ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

Pastor Dennis D. Campbell
D. Min., M. Div., Central Baptist
Theological Seminary
B.S., South Dakota State Univ.
Bob Jones University 2 years

The school year is passing quickly, and we are pleased with the overall spirit and attitude of the children in the Academy. We have a homeschool teen starting to attend the physical education program this week.

We are looking forward to the Academy **Fall Program** at 6pm Sunday Dec. 9th (flyer enclosed). There will be special vocal and instrumental music along with the play, **“Good Kings Come in Small Packages.”**

The Academy Christmas Caroling & Banquet will be Friday Dec. 21st. The students will be going to a number of Nursing Homes and Independent Living facilities.



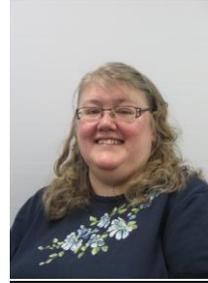
The older boys are co-oping with Tech High School this year in wrestling. Our Academy is the only school in the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools that offers wrestling.

We are trusting that this will prove to be an outreach into the community, and an inroad into the public school. The school has really cooperated – there is NO rock music, plus we have had many opportunities to witness to wrestlers and coaches.

The National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) had an article, “Playing Multiple Sports Offers Many Benefits.” The article started out by saying,

“The values of participating in high school activity programs are well-documented. Generally speaking, these students have higher grades and better attendance, are more disciplined and self-confident, and have better chances for a successful

Continued p. 2



Mrs. Angela Sullivan

Home Economics Teacher

At GCBA, all girls from 6th-12th grade take Home Economics. This is a subject that many public schools are dropping from their

curriculum. With so much focus on academics, why do we require the girls to take a class that, in public opinion, is old-fashioned and not in line with the current liberal agenda?

The Christian Teaching of Home Economics, published by Bob Jones University, states:

The Christian teaching of home economics is especially crucial in a society increasingly disdainful of traditional family roles. Because the home is the primary environment for the development of godly character, it is imperative that home economics be taught so that students can grow in Christ-likeness in their present homes and learn to establish thoroughly Christian homes of their own in the future.

The Biblical mandate for teaching our young women comes from Titus 2: 3-5. The Bible says, “The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

King Solomon spoke frequently about women. In Proverbs 14:1 he said, “Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.” His most famous passage on women, however, has to be Proverbs 31. In this passage, he described a virtuous woman as one who does good, not evil; worketh

Continued p. 2

Administrator Agenda continued

career than those students who do not participate in sports or performing arts.”

The article pointed out that there is a tendency today to specialize in a single sport all year long. This is true with athletes and coaches. It was better in the past when students would participate in multiple sports. The four top students in the National High School Hall of Fame all participated in multiple sports.

Today the emphasis appears to be that one must specialize in one sport to compete or to receive a college scholarship, but athletes would benefit so much more from participation in many sports. The article closed by giving the benefits,

“The benefits of multiple-sport participation include better leadership and teamwork skills from cross-training, reduced risk of burnout in one sport, a variety of experiences from involvement with different sports and teams, reduced risk of overuse injuries in one sport, and exposure to a variety of coaching styles. When a student-athlete specializes in one sport, he or she loses “the socialization with a slightly different peer group, a different coaching model, and seeing things in a different context than if the individual played a variety of sports each year.”

Granite City Baptist Academy has had this philosophy from the beginning (1979). That is why we have soccer, wrestling, basketball, and track for the boys, and volleyball, tumbling, basketball, and track for the girls. All students must participate in all sports, in addition to vocal/instrumental music, and speech/drama, providing for a balanced education and preparation for service.

COMING EVENTS	
Pee-wee & Patch Clubs every Wed., 7pm (age 3 thru grade 5)	
Wrestling Practice at Tech H.S., 3:30pm M-F	
Willmar Wrestling Invitational	Dec 3
Wayzata Wrestling Triangular	Dec 6
Dassel-Cokato Wrestling Invitational	Dec 7
Fall Program, “ <i>Good Kings Come in Small Packages</i> ”, 6pm Sun	Dec 9
Christmas Caroling & Banquet	Dec 21
Christmas Recess	12/24-1/4
School resumes, Monday	Jan 7
Academy Reward Activity: Ice-skating	Jan 11
Second Quarter Ends	Jan 18
2nd Qtr Reward Activ: Tubing, Eagle Mountain	Jan 21
Parent Orientation, 7pm	Jan 21
Set Free Program: overcoming habits/addictions Every Friday 7-9pm	

Mrs. Sullivan continued

willingly with her hands; prepares food for her household; clothes her household; gives to the poor and needy; is wise; is kind; looks after her household; and is not idle. Verses 30-31 say, “Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” In his commentary Matthew Henry stated, “Her heart is full of another world, even when her hands are most busy about this world. Above all, she fears the Lord.”



At GCBA, our home economics class is divided between sewing and cooking. In sewing, the girls have learned to make modest clothing, quilts, and needle crafts. In cooking,

they have learned basic techniques for canning and food preservation, as well as preparing family meals and organizing dinners for large groups.

The girls spend one semester on cooking. We have a theme each year, which have ranged from hospitality, to missionaries, to food preservation. The girls have learned to make sauces, spice mixes, and even bread. We finish up the school year with a Parent Dinner.

One semester is spent on sewing. The girls complete projects for Regional and International Student Conventions. Their projects adhere to A.C.E. guidelines. This means that clothing is modest and is to bring glory and honor to God – skirts, blouses, jumpers, dresses, culottes, tops, or formals. Quilts and needlework are to honor God as well. Matthew Henry states, “The children of God should differ from the sons of men. The more perverse others are, the more careful we should be to keep ourselves blameless and harmless. The doctrine and example of consistent believers will enlighten others, and direct their way to Christ and holiness.”

The entire A.C.E. curriculum teaches morals and character traits of Christ. We strive to teach each student those traits. Character and morality are rooted in the Bible and result from a proper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Cooking and sewing, alone, do not make a virtuous woman. Traditional family values are under attack from every sector of society. Divorce rates are skyrocketing. Marriage is being redefined. Parental rights are being eroded. As Christians, we need to raise our daughters to be moral and upright women. We need to train them in the admonition and fear and the Lord. And, we need to declare like Joshua that, “as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15b.