



GRACE
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& SCHOOL

Our mission at Grace Lutheran Church and School is to bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ. Our school prepares children for a life of discipleship by helping them to grow in faith, knowledge, and character.

March 15, 2013

When I read the Mission Statement above I am reminded of Proverbs 22:6 which states, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." It is our prayer that through the training we provide here at Grace, the training provided at home, and the work of the Holy Spirit each of our students and graduates will live out Proverbs 22:6 through a life of discipleship. Below you will see some great accomplishments that give evidence of knowledge and character in our students. We are proud not only of those named below, but all of our students. All Praise be to God!

Bill Koehne, Principal

Schedule for week of March 17-22, 2013

Sunday Church services, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday 5th-6th basketball home game vs. Burr Ridge, **boys only**
Tuesday Scrip orders are due to the school office on Tuesday, March 19
Wednesday Chapel service, 8:40 a.m.
1st & 2nd gr. choir at Lenten service, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Last after-school Video animation and Tae Kwan Do classes
Friday 3rd gr. field trip to Portage Theatre
Hot Lunch
Last after-school chess and jewelry classes
GPO Dad's Night Out

We are in the process of finding a replacement for Mrs. Dorsey who is retiring at the end of the school year. If you know of someone who fits the description below and you believe would be a good fit for Grace, please pass the following information on to them.

Grace Lutheran School in River Forest, IL is seeking a certified teacher for a 4th grade predominantly self-contained classroom. The teacher will be an active participant in the Grace Lutheran Church and School community. Experience within the Lutheran educational system is preferred. Experience in coaching is beneficial. More information on the school is available at www.graceriverforest.org. Resume and cover letter should be e-mailed to application@graceriverforest.org by March 25.

Congratulations to the Boys 7&8 basketball team on their 5th place finish at the Lutheran State Basketball tournament last weekend. Cameron Lewis was named MVP of the tournament and Oliver Maciak was named to the All-Tournament Team. We are also very proud of the fact that the boys were awarded the *Sportsmanship Award* for the tournament. Great job guys!

Congratulations to our 5th-8th graders who did very well in the Walther Math and Social Studies competitions this winter.

Math competition results: Grace finished 5th overall out of 11 schools

7th grade: tied for 3rd place

8th grade: 1st place.

Individual leaders for Grace were:

Grade 5: Kyle Becerra Grade 6: Kersten Brayton

Grade 7: Ella Niermann Grade 8: Marisa Morella.

Marisa placed 1st overall for all 8th graders from the 11 schools that took the test.

Social Studies competition results: Grace finished 2nd overall out of 9 schools

7th grade: 3rd place

8th grade: 3rd place

Individual leaders for Grace were:

Grade 5: Dan Kibler Grade 6: Cayla Weaver

Grade 7: Sam Dahlstrand Grade 8: Meg Whalen.

Sam finished 3rd overall for all 7th graders taking the test.

Meg Whalen was the overall champion in 8th grade.

Congratulations to Ethan Southfield (1st Place) and Dan Kibler (2nd Place) for doing a great job at the recent Walther Chess Tournament.

Congratulations to Ms. Holm on recently completing her Master of Science in Educational Technology.

Recognizing Grace- OPRF students were honored with Human Relations awards at a special ceremony last week. Administrators, faculty, and staff at Oak Park River Forest High School honored students they had nominated for Human Relations awards, which celebrate students who make a difference in our classrooms, hallways, teams, and activities. One of the recipients was Nate Koetke, a Grace School student through fourth grade and the son of Grace teacher Ramona Koetke. Congratulations!

Attention Menfolk! It's time to socialize with your Grace cohorts! Join us for Dads Night at 7:00 on Friday, March 22 for some March Madness at O'Sullivan's Public House (7244 Madison in Forest Park). Bracket not required. (<http://www.marchmadnessaction.com/march-madness-bracket.pdf>, if you need one.) RSVP not necessary, but appreciated!

Questions or RSVP, contact Carrie Douma at carriedouma@gmail.com or text/call 773.807.3624

Grace School is now accepting applications for early childhood programs in the 2013-14 school year. Grace offers programs for children who are three, four, and five years of age by September 1. Children who are Grace members or who are siblings of children already in the school receive preference in enrollment. Applying to the preschool or junior kindergarten program is a simple process. Call the school office and talk with Eileen Maggio for more information.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION- SPRAY MR. KOEHNE'S HAIR VIKINGS RED & WHITE

Mr. Koehne has agreed to let us spray his hair Vikings red and white IF we reach our Box Tops for Education goal for this year of \$1600 by the end of May. The class that brings in the most Box Tops in March, April and May will have the honor of doing the spraying should we reach our goal. Please help your student out by clipping Box Tops, asking friends, family and co-workers to clip Box Tops, and shop the Box Tops Marketplace (via www.btfe.com) so we can earn e-Box Tops. We can do it!

You can find the March Box Tops Update [HERE](#).

Sydney Tzeng, one of our 8th grade students, is collecting used/old towels and newspapers for use at the Oak Park Animal Shelter as her confirmation service project. If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off in the collection basket out Mrs. Schnack's kindergarten classroom, (lower level). The collection will continue through April. Thank you.

Adult Education, Sunday March 17

The Longevity Seekers, presented by Grace member Ted Anton, professor of English at DePaul University. We'll take a behind-the-scenes look at the scientists working at the frontier of longevity science, covering the state of the research and the impact it might have on global public health and on ourselves, our families, and our faith communities

The *Sunday Morning Bible Study* continues its discussion of the Book of Daniel, led by Bob Jandeska.

I will be taking a personal day on Monday, March 18 for a family funeral, so I will not be at school. Please make sure anything left at the school office has your child's name on it and they know to expect it.
Eileen Maggio

The 5th-8th Grade Boys and Girls Choirs will sing for the 8:30 service on Palm Sunday (March 24), and Easter Sunday (March 31). Students will robe and meet in the choir room at 8 a.m. both weeks. If your child will be unable to sing either Sunday, please email Janel Dennen jdennen@graceriverforest.org or Pastor Costello, mcostello@graceriverforest.org. as soon as possible. Thank you!