



We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. *Romans 12:5*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & 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.

Our school science fair is coming up in two weeks on Thursday, April 20. Students in Grades 3-8 are being asked to come at some point between 6:00-8:00pm to spend 20-30 minutes explaining their project. 7th graders will begin building spaghetti bridges at 6:45 and testing of them will begin around 7:15. Displays will be available for viewing beginning at 3:00pm.

Grandparent / Grandfriend Day is just two weeks away on Friday, April 21. Please help us be prepared for the day by making sure guests are registered by Tuesday, April 18. A Registration form can be found on the website.

Preparations for the walkathon are beginning. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact me as soon as possible.

The school calendar for 2017-18 has been set. You can find it [here](#) or on the school website.

Bill Koehne, Principal

April 7, 2017

Week of April 9-13

Sunday	Palm Sunday Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00 am, 5 th -8 th grade choir sing and Strike team rings at 8:30 service Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
Monday	Holy Week Chapel service, 8:30 am Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday	Holy Week Chapel service, 8:30 am Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday	Holy Week Chapel service, 8:30 am Early dismissal, 2:15 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday chapel service with communion, 8:30 am. Girls Basketball skills camp, grades 5-7, 3:00-4:15 pm Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Friday	No school, no extended daycare Good Friday worship services, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Two opportunities to benefit Grace Lutheran School

Ladies Night at JAYNE- Thursday, May 4, 7-9pm. 7423 Madison St. Forest Park. Enjoy beverages, hors d' oeuvres and 20% discount that evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. All proceeds benefit Grace School.

Get Set to Ride with Grace! Join CycleBar and Grace Lutheran School **April 27 at 8pm** as we team up to create a fun and highly energetic 50 minute experience, while raising money to support the Grace School. We provide the shoes, towels and water bottles...just bring yourself in your favorite workout gear and we will take care of the rest. This class is accessible to ALL fitness levels and FUN. We will celebrate our success with refreshments in the community room following the ride. At a Graceful evening we sold over half of the event spots but we have 25 more bikes open to YOU. **Join us April 27th at 8pm.** Cost is \$25 and 100% of the proceeds come back to Grace! Click the link to complete your registration! [Grace Cyclebar Registration](#)

Invoices for the first half of the materials fee for the 2017-18 school year are being mailed out today. Please take care of this bill by April 20. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 708-366-6901.

Grace School will again host SCAMP, our recreational day camp for children age 3-5. The camp will be Monday through Friday, June 19 through June 30. Campers must be three by June 1, 2017 and potty trained. Cost is \$150. The registration form can be found [here](#).

It is not too early for your student who will start kindergarten, second, or sixth grade next fall to have the examinations and receive the immunizations that are required by the State of Illinois when they enter these grades. All examinations need to be reported on state forms that can be found on our school web site. We will accept completed forms anytime this semester but they must be submitted by the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kindergarten- Children need to have a health examination with an updated immunization record (boosters), an eye examination, and a dental examination.

Second Grade- A dental examination is required.

Sixth Grade- A health examination and a dental examination are required. Proof of having received 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of Varicella vaccine, 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) need to be presented.

Grace Lutheran School's Grandparent & Grandfriend day will be Friday, April 21. We have a morning of fun activities planned for grandparents and their grandchildren or special young friends. Please find more information and the RSVP form [here](#). In order for us to prepare for the day, please RSVP by Tuesday, April 18.

Save the Dates- Vacation Bible School. June 12-16 8:30-Noon

Step back in time with the Apostle Paul and experience what life was like in first-century Rome.

There's lots that's new about VBS in 2017!

New time- VBS is in the morning, 8:30 a.m. to noon, with drop-off from 8–8:30 a.m.

New all-day option- An extended care option is available from noon–5 p.m. each day.

Expanded age group- VBS is for children from age 3 through current 5th graders.

Registration information will be available soon, online at gracriverforest.org and at the reception desk.

Current 6th and 7th graders- Save the dates for Confirmation Intensive Monday–Thursday, June 12-15, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Contact Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at jmodrich@gracriverforest@gmail.com with questions.