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Administrator / Principal's Up-Date

Greetings,

One of the things that make GCS special is the participation of our students and faculty in worship. I wish all of our parents could see and hear our students as they worship the Lord. For instance, let me comment on the Chapel for the upper grades. We have gone this semester from no music (or just some music) to having two worship bands. Last week, another group told me that their group would also like to participate. One of our students even writes songs for their worship time. Indeed, God has given us some wonderful students. As I am writing this, one student came to ask if the worship band could practice during their lunch break. Can you imagine teens giving up lunch? Wow!!!

One of my responsibilities as the Administrator is to formulate policies that help things to run smoother. The goal of policies must never be just to have another policy, but to make sure that we have an effective program of education. Attached to this issue of the Gate, is a new Tardy Policy. Some of our teachers have experienced considerable frustration with an excessive number of tardies. This Tardy Policy is written so that you will understand the importance of all students being on time for their classes. Having students serve detention for being late to school somehow does not seem right to me. Since it is the responsibility of parents to get the student to school, I could not in good conscience, keep punishing the students here for a problem at home. We also have adopted a new policy that is meant to reduce absenteeism. In California, attendance at school is not optional. Even home-schoolers are required to keep attendance records.

Allow me to take a moment to encourage you in reading your Bible. There is a saying, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." That should apply to the Bible as well. The following words should be familiar to any Bible reader: "These things I have written to you so that you may know…" Though the last book of the Bible is called "Revelation," the whole Bible is a revelation from God. No wonder one of the song writers said, "Your Word I have hid in my heart so that I do not sin against God." If you are not a Bible reader, I recommend that instead of starting in Genesis, that you start with the Gospel of John and then maybe read Philippians a dozen times so that there is one book that you really know and can talk about anytime.

Rejoicing in Him,
Doc Beale
Administrator, GCS

No School Days:

March 21-30

Easter Vacation

Minimum School Day

Friday, April 4

(End of 3rd Quarter)

*Extended Day Service will be available from 12:00-5:00pm

*Students staying in Extended Day must bring their own lunches

Spring School Picture Day Tuesday, March 18

Life touch photography will be coming to both campuses to take spring pictures of all GCS students.

Send no money. You will have the opportunity to view your portraits first and then purchase a picture package and pay. Students may wear appropriate dressy clothes in accordance with GCS dress standards or school uniforms (no jeans). They may wear picture clothes for the remainder of the day or change into their uniform.

In Memory

Marilyn House, our former librarian at GCS recently passed away. Marilyn worked very hard here at Gateway cataloging all of the books for our library. She did a wonderful Job!

Cards can be sent to:

Jerry House c/o House Family
1031 Stimel Drive
Concord, CA 94518

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

New Mission Systems International
P.O. Box 547
Fort Myers, Florida 33902
Aylard Family, in Memory of Marilyn House

Note regarding donation: Her daughter is going into missions and she will be in Africa

GCS 2nd Annual AUCTION

A Tropical Evening In Paradise!

April 12, 2008 /Dinner-6:00pm /Auction-7:00pm-9:00pm

At Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood

*Contact Cindy Edwards at 382-7879 to purchase tickets

Cost: $25 per person (An Adult Event)

*Table Hosts needed-contact Cindy Edwards

*We are now collecting donations!

All proceeds from this event go directly to supporting daily student learning in the classroom.

For more information, Call Debbie Sharp at 354-6890

Parents-In-Prayer

Meets every Tuesday at 8:45 after Chapel at the LH Campus.
Call Terry Ketchel at 321-2973 for info or just come.

Welcome New Students!

We extend a warm welcome to the following new and returning students:

Jacob Merideth 1st Gr — Gabriel Espinoza 2nd Gr.
Shaleen Espinoza 6th Gr. — Joshua Espinoza 8th Gr.

VOLUNTEER THANKS & NEEDS:

- ☐ K-2nd Grade Parent Lunch Duty Helper
  Some Wed. needed 11:30-12:10 at LH –
  Contact Linda Contreras
- ☐ 3rd-5th Grade Parent Playground Helpers
  M-T-W-T-F at GH 12:00-12:30 – contact Mrs. Collins

Job Posting:

Occasional Extended Day Substitutes needed

Hours: 3:00-5:00pm (on reg. school days)
12:00-5:00pm (on min. school days)

Pay: $10:00 per hour - Contact Peggy Collins at 634-0493

Coming Events

March	
13	4th Gr. Field Trip- California Museum, Sacramento
17	Board Meeting – LH Campus
18	*Spring School Picture Day (at both campuses)*
19	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
19	Pizza and Float sale at GH (HS)
21-30	No School- Easter Vacation
31	School Resumes
April	
2	K-5 Recognition Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
2	Pizza and Float sale at GH (HS)
4	Minimum School Day-End of 3rd Qtr.
8	PTF Meeting, 7:00pm at LH
9	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
9	Pizza and Float sale at GH (HS)
12	GCS 2nd Annual Dinner/ Auction, 6:00pm at Resurrection Ministries, Brentwood
14-18	*SAT 10 Testing for K-12th grades*
16	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
16	Pizza and Float sale at GH (HS)
19	*ACSI Band Festival, Santa Rosa (Sat.)*
23	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
23	Pizza and Float sale at GH (HS)
24-25	Field Trip: 4th Grade 49er Camp
28	GCS Board Meeting, 7:00pm at LH

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3 NIV