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JR CLASS DELIVERS VALOGRAMS

By Sadie Whitt

dOn February 14th, GC celebrated Valentine's day. The highlight of Valentine's day is definitely the junior class Valograms. The junior class got to visit pre-k 3 through 12th grade and deliver gifts from family and friends. Many people bought m&ms and popcorn, cupcakes, and stuffed animals, along with songs. The most popular item that was sold by far was the m&m's and popcorn, though a close second was the stuffed animals. "You are my Sunshine" was the most purchased Valogram song. Junior Sofia Wagnon said it was an enjoyable day with her classmates. It was a great bonding experience for them to get to spend time with their class. One of their favorite things was singing to the teachers and faculty. History teacher Lewis Smith said that every year he enjoys the "general fun of the day." Seventh grader Jacob Spurlock said "I like the songs they sing and seeing my classmates get sung to."



GC Class of 2026 delivering Valograms: Back row L-R Sean Holt, Owen Pittsinger, Gabby Lumby, Erica Adams, Alison Blaske. Front row: Sadie Whitt, Sofia Wagnon, Katie Bass

COMING SOON

March 3
TAPPS Art Competition

March 3-7
Missions Week
(Secondary Only)

March 3-7
Dr. Seuss Week and
D.E.A.R. Day

March 10-14
Spring Break

March 21-23
Spring Musical
Beauty and the Beast

March 24-26
TAPPS Academic and
Speech Competition
9th-12th grade

March 27
4th Grade Field Trip to
AT&T Stadium

GC COMPETES AT HISTORY DAY

By Ryder Brantner

On February 21, 2025 GCS students took part in the annual National History Day regional competition at East Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas. According to their website, National History Day is a nonprofit education organization which has been dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of history for the past fifty years. Each year, students create projects based on a given theme. This year's theme was "Rights and Responsibilities." Students can write and perform historical skits, or create exhibits, websites, research papers and documentary videos for the contest. The entries are divided into a junior division for grades 6-8, and a senior division for students in high school.

Thirty-seven GC students competed in the event. Eighth grader Alex Feezel said that he enjoyed History Day, and his group placed second in their division by doing an exhibit on the Voting Rights Acts of 1965. It was the first time to attend History Day for tenth grader Kylan Donnelly. Donnelly, with fellow tenth grader Joshua Horton created an exhibit about the Emancipation Proclamation. He said, "It was a good learning experience in creating the board and viewing all the other projects." He also noted that it was fun to see the college campus.

Several GC students won awards at History Day and will

advance to the State Competition which will be held in Austin on April 5, 2025. For the junior division, eighth graders Lauren Boss, Lindsey Boss, Allyson White, and Ruthie Goodman placed first for their exhibit about the Little Rock Nine. Alex Blaske, Jamison Smith, Dawson Stephenson, and Greyson Ellis also placed first with their video on the Thirteenth Amendment. Tenth grader Addison Pope placed first in the senior division with her paper about the Nineteenth Amendment. In the senior documentary division, eleventh

graders Sean Holt and Owen Pittsinger also received first place honors for their video on the Rights and Responsibilities of Roman Tribunes.

Elizabeth Galyean will also advance to state after placing second for her paper. Grant Bench and Rick Jackson similarly placed second with their group documentary. Middle schoolers Ellen Dierschke and Victoria Roscoe will also represent GC at the state competition with a second place finish with their group documentary.



L-R Lauren and Lindsey Boss, Allyson White, and Ruthie Goodman with their exhibit about the Little Rock Nine.



History teacher Lewis Smith poses with all the GC competitors

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

By GC Journalism Staff

GC students enjoyed a variety of holiday events in the month of February.

Groundhog day is celebrated on February 2nd. According to legend, if a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow on February 2 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, there will be six more weeks of winter. If no shadow is seen, spring is supposed to come early. Phil did see his shadow on Groundhog Day, but historically, his weather predictions are only about 39% accurate.

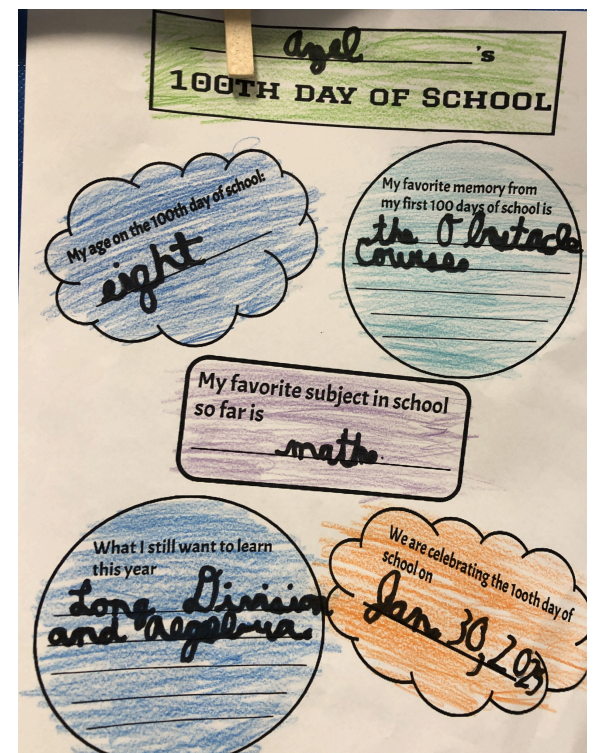
On February the sixth, the elementary classes celebrated the 100th day of school with a variety of fun activities. The kindergarten classes created posters of with 100 items of their choice. The first grade classes used a phone app that edits their face to make them look 100 years old. According to teacher Carrie Adams first grader Raylund Elvington said he wanted to be a "grumpy old

man" one day, so he posed accordingly. She added, "It was super fun to see their reactions to the photos."

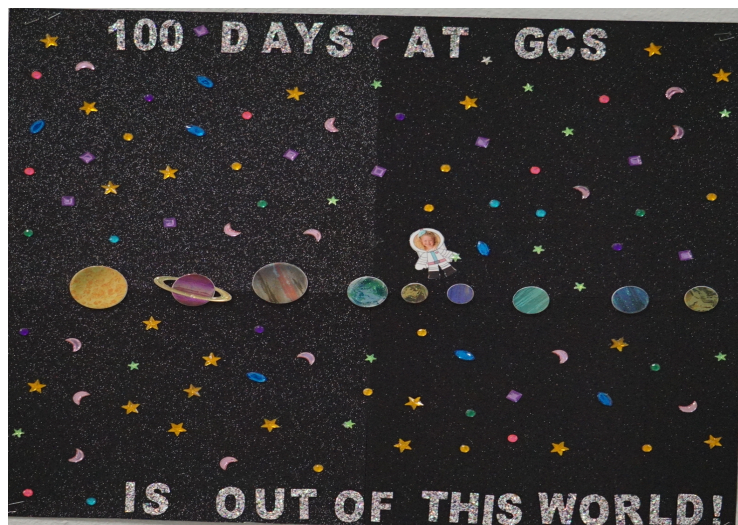
GC students were excited to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. Many elementary classes had parties, and the junior class delivered "Valograms" as part of their traditional fundraiser.

On Monday, February 17th, GC observed President's Day with a school holiday. President's Day has been held every third Monday in February since the 1970s. February was selected because it is the birth month of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Greenville Christian School was closed on Wednesday, February 19th as well because of inclement weather. While this was not an official holiday, students and staff alike enjoyed an extra day away from school responsibilities.



Pre-Kindergarten students John Lay and Eliana Camacho enjoy their class' Valentine's Day party.



First grader Raylund Elvington poses as a "grumpy old man" for a photo app

BASEBALL FIELD

By Landon Wilburn

During the basketball season, the baseball fields were redone by Texas Yard Pros and Mr. Pletcher. They first leveled the entire field with their equipment. Then they put granite under the sand and 30 rolls of sod down. After they put two truck loads of granite, they put four truck loads of sand. After the field was done, they put new bases down and the GCS got a movable mound. Then they painted the dugouts and Mr. Pletcher put up the windscreen. Coach Lowe said "I'm excited for this upcoming baseball season. We are very appreciative of all the time spent on the new field by Mr. Pletcher and Texas Yard Pros. Looking forward to the continuation of an amazing program!"

SUPERBOWL LIX

By Ryder Brantner

On February 9, 2025 an estimated 127 million people watched Superbowl LIX. The championship game was between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs.

This year was a historic run for the Chiefs because if they were to win they would have been the first team to win three Super Bowls in a row. The Chiefs led by coach Andy Reid and quarterback Patrick Mahomes were expected to dominate the game. However, the Eagles, led by coach Nick Sirianni, were ahead 24-0 at halftime. This is the second highest point deficit in Super Bowl history. The Eagles went into the half with more points than the Chiefs had total yards (Eagles had 24 points and the Chiefs had 23 total yards).

The Chiefs did not score a touchdown until the very end

of the third quarter. Despite the Chiefs being one of the best teams, the Eagles shut them down with a final score of 40-22.

The Super Bowl was the talk of GC the next day with many people happy with the results. Second grader Amelia Audo was cheering for the Chiefs, and despite the loss, she was still happy to watch the game. Second grader Cora Robbins was cheering for the Eagles, and her favorite part was the Eagles winning. Sophomore Link Brown was also cheering for the Eagles and his favorite part was the Chiefs not scoring in the first half. GC teacher Mrs. Melissa Wrinkle was cheering for the Chiefs as well. However, her favorite part of the Superbowl was the Glen Powell commercial.

BMW MISSIONS WEEK

By Jillian Nelson

This school year, the new head of school, Mrs. Laura Smith decided that GCS needed to go on a mission trip. She said that we would start small, but maybe one day even go out of the country. So, during the week March 3-7, GC secondary students will have opportunities to serve in many ways. This year, Mrs. Smith has scheduled a mission trip in Arkansas for students 10th-12th grades. They will be going to work in a warehouse, to a youth group, The Dream Center, and visit apartments with The Dream Center. This is a great opportunity for students to go out and share their passion for Jesus and spread his word to others. Students 7th-9th grades will be doing all kinds of community service. The freshman class is doing a VBS style event for elementary school, where they will be teaching about geography. They will be doing what students usually do on a normal BMW day, but they will be serving all week. Even though they're staying in Greenville, the work they are doing is still very impactful. Students are anticipating what is to come and are excited to serve those who need some extra love.

GC PROVIDES GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

By Jillian Nelson

GC has been working on a special project to show appreciation to the teachers and staff who give so much time and effort to our school. Parents and grandparents have been donating money for the past few months. On February 14th, GC presented the teachers with checks to show their support. The GC teachers would like to thank everyone who donated. Secondary teacher Mrs. Erin Galyean said it was a "really fun surprise," and that her gift helped to pay for her children to attend youth camp this summer.



VALENTINE BAGS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

By Ryder Brantner

On Wednesday, February 5, 2025 the GC sophomore class packed Valentine bags for oncology patients at Children's Hospital in Dallas. The bags were sponsored by the Trevor Wade Daniel Be Brave Foundation. The bags included things such as slime kits, crafts, stickers, books, and stuffed monkeys. These bags were given out to show support and let the kids know they are not alone. The GC students packed about 50 bags in all.

The GC class of 2027 has a special connection to the Be Brave Foundation. Trevor Daniel was a member of this class before his passing in 2021 due to T-cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma cancer. It was very meaningful for them to prepare these gift bags in his memory. Sophomore Rick Jackson said that he enjoyed being able to organize the bags and that overall he had a fun time. He also enjoyed being able to help stating, "Be Brave is a good cause."



*Left side: Audra Atteberry, Rachel McClain, Grace Long, Elizabeth Galyean, Khloe Montenegro, Ryder Brantner, Jack Feezel, Kylan Donnelly
Right side: Addie Pope, Rick Jackson, Grant Bench, Joshua Horton*



GC Class of 2027

TAPPS ART

By Sofia Wagon

On March 3rd students will be participating in the TAPPS art competition where students will submit art pieces of all types. There are many different categories to submit art to, a few examples are digital art, photography, and paintings. Many students will be submitting arts of all kinds into the competition. Freshman Jillian Nelson states that "art is fun and I enjoy it. I have enjoyed preparing for the competition and I am looking forward to it." We wish the students luck at the competition and we thank them for representing our school!



Grace Long and Khloe Montenegro examine a snow fox pelt.



Allyson White and Ruthie Goodman look at a fox pelt.

PHYSICS EGG DROP

By Sadie Whitt



L-R Anabella Wagon, Austin Wilburn, Kaitlyn Boss, and Taylor Mahan

Mrs. Dierschke's physics class conducted an egg drop experiment on Friday, February 21. The four seniors in the class made contraptions to protect their egg from breaking when dropped from the football bleachers. All of their eggs were protected, but Taylor Mahan's egg did crack. According to Mahan, "it was a great learning experience and it was really fun to build and design a device to keep the egg safe."

MR. HANS AT CHAPEL

Friday, February 14, Mr. Hans Meinardus visited GC to speak at the secondary chapel. Mr. Meinardus is the director of Frontier Camp in Grapeland, Tx. He brought a variety of animal pelts for students to examine. The GC students really enjoyed seeing the animal skins. Eighth grader Nathan Hamilton said, "it was interesting." Samantha Nickell and Brynna Atteberry agreed that the white fox was their favorite from the animal skins

he brought. The main point of his lesson for students is that humans are unique creations of God because they were formed in God's image. Cambrie Pollard said, "His preaching was really good. He encouraged us to keep the identity that God gave us." Sophomore Kylan Donnelly agreed, saying, "The animals were a good demonstration for teaching how we are created in God's image."

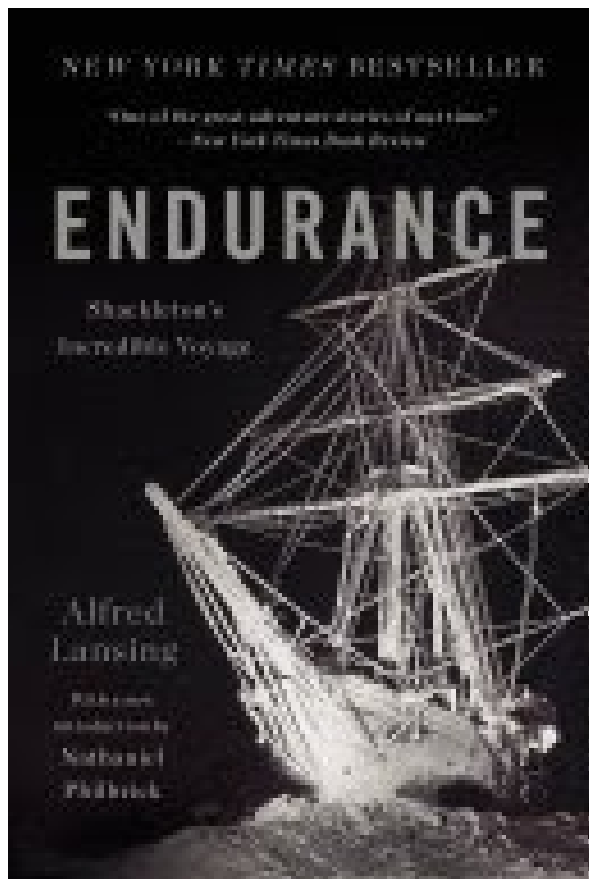


Aiden Hudgeons enjoyed seeing pelts.



Hans Meinardus displays a pelt.

MRS. SHERMAN'S LITERARY CORNER



There is something about winter, its freezing winds and gloomy days, that always triggers scenes from books in my imagination. Waking up and having to get out of a warm bed is never fun, especially when the house is still cold...

but at least there isn't a layer of snow on my bed like Laura's in *The Long Winter*. Moments when it's 15 degrees outside and I'm walking as quickly as I can from the car into school is

something everyone would agree is just miserable... but at least I have a huge winter jacket unlike anyone on the death march in Elie Wiesel's *Night*. One of the best things about stories is their uncanny ability to help give perspective to our own story. Stories help put life in perspective.

This winter I added to that literary memory bank with the incredible story of *Endurance*. The book starts in 1914 and follows a group of 28 explorers who set out to walk across Antarctica. Their leader is a man named Ernest Shackleton. Shackleton had made the journey to Antarctica several times, but almost none of the other men in the crew had spent any time in Antarctica. Their ages ranged from 18 to 56, and most of them were simply going for the adventure. Through a series of events, their magnificent wooden ship named *Endurance* became completely trapped in a sea of ice . . . and a two year journey back to civilization began.

I can not begin to understand what would possess a person to willingly sign up for this adventure, but let me tell you, their tale is thrilling. As the ice pushed and shoved the sailors all across the bottom of the world, I could not put this book down. When the sea lion leapt out of the ice and began to chase the men, I had to Google 'how big are sea lions?'. And when part of the crew climbs into a tiny boat and pushes off into open, arctic, violent water, I thanked the Lord for the solid ground I am on.

Stories help give us perspective. They help put us in other people's shoes for a bit. Adventuring to Antarctica will never be a bucket list item for me. However, I will probably never again think of my cold runny nose and not be grateful that at least it doesn't have icicles hanging off of it.

Where can you find *Endurance*? In our library! Come check it out!

MEET GCS EVENT HELD

On Monday, February 24, GC hosted a preview day for prospective families called "Meet GCS." During this event, parents could tour the school and speak with GC administration and voice any questions about the school.

Fourteen families from Greenville and the surrounding areas attended the event. Director of Development, Sherry Holland reported that the majority of these families heard about GCS online, and that they were interested in a variety of

grade levels from preschool to high school.

Because of the success of "Meet GCS," another preview event is being planned for Monday, April 28 at 10:00 am.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

By Sofia Wagnon



TAYLOR MAHAN

Taylor Mahan has been attending GCS since she was in kindergarten. Something that Taylor is looking forward to this year is going on the senior trip, and making some more memories. One of her favorite memories while here at GCS is receiving a stuffed animal from Mrs. McCullough in the first grade. Many things can impact you over the years you attend high school however according to Taylor, “Mrs. Brown has impacted me the most because she has been such an awesome director, and she has given me the confidence to perform and supported me over the past several years. I am so thankful for her time and dedication to the theater program at GCS.” After high school Taylor is planning to attend law school with an undergraduate degree in engineering at Baylor University.

AVERY ROCKY

By Sofia Wagnon

Avery Rocky has been attending Greenville Christian School since the sixth grade. During her time at GCS, she has grown physically and spiritually. One person that has helped her along the way is Mrs. Fields. According to Avery, “The teacher who has impacted me the most in high school would have to be Mrs. Fields. She is always ready to listen and help you whenever and with whatever you need.” While in high school Avery has grown in her faith and is more sure of who she is and how God has worked in her life. Many memories were made during her journey throughout high school; however, one of her favorite memories is the 8th grade trip and visiting Sea World. Avery is looking forward to decorating her dorm room at college later this year. After graduation Avery plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in Large Animal science, and minor in Agronomy.

