

THE CONVOCATION

The Unexpected Collective Noun for a Group of Eagles

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GIVING THANKS

*Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good.
His Love Endures Forever. Psalm 136:1*

By Sadie Whitt

November is a time to be thankful. GC students and staff take time to reflect on their many blessings.

On November 11, 2024, Mrs. Franklin's PreK3 class created some special art projects to express their gratitude for veterans and their service to our country.



GC students and teachers alike are anticipating the upcoming holidays with much gratitude. *The Convocation* newspaper staff asked several people about the blessings for which they are thankful.

Kindergarten student Abygail Watters is thankful for "Ninja Turtles," and preschooler Isaiah Henderson is thankful for "a pickle." Tyler Mitchell in third grade is thankful for "getting adopted."

Seventh grade student Cambrie Pollard is thankful for "family and friends." Sophomore Kylan Donnelly said he is thankful for "my dad." Ninth grader Ian Dierschke is grateful for "good friends."

Many people are thankful for the big Thanksgiving meal shared with their families. The Convocation newspaper staff also asked various students and teachers about their holiday

favorites. In the Pre-k class, Charlie Sprouse's favorite food is "Mac and cheese and Turkey." He also expressed that "I never had Turkey before but I want to try it this year." Sixth grader Zeke Williams said his favorite food for Thanksgiving is pizza. Secondary teacher Mrs. Ross said "pecan pie." Both Mrs. Dierschke and Mrs. Wrinkle said their favorite food is stuffing, but Mrs. Dierschke only likes her mom's stuffing because "hers is the only one that tastes right."

There are no classes at Greenville Christian School from November 25th to 29th so that everyone can enjoy Thanksgiving time with their families.



"Where is Tom Turkey?" projects from GC elementary students

FALL FESTIVAL ENDS WITH BONFIRE

By Jillian Nelson

On November 2, 2024 the Greenville Christian Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) hosted a fall festival in conjunction with other Homecoming activities. There were many opportunities for students to have fun. Every grade set up a booth with a game, and those who played could win a prize. The sixth grade hosted a cakewalk with many delicious treats. The ninth and tenth

grades offered a hayride with the help of GC father, Mr. Lee Adams. Second grader Amelia Audo said, "The hayride was the most fun of all. I went on it like 20 times!". At the back, near the baseball field, there were many blow up obstacle courses and bounce houses. Third grader McKenzie Johnson stated, "My favorite part was the bouncy houses". The PTF also cooked hot dogs and

hamburgers for visitors. The evening ended with a bonfire shortly after the fall festival. As a part of GC tradition, the senior class lit the bonfire. Abby Williams stated that, "The bonfire was so hot, but not scary". The cheerleaders performed a short dance and cheer to prepare the crowd for the homecoming game the next day.



Students Kole Reeves, Grayson Ross, and Tyler Mitchell compete in a sack race.



Three students dressed as T-Rexes made an appearance at the Fall Festival.



PreK student Teddy Lake enjoys throwing axes.



PreK student Will Money dresses up as Santa Grinch.



8th graders Allyson White and Ruthie Goodman enjoy some cotton candy.

PEP RALLY CELEBRATES SENIOR ATHLETES

By Landon Wilburn

On November 8, GC held a pep rally to honor senior athletes. The pep rally began with the sports teams running through the inflatable tunnel to the cheers of GC students and fans. The cheerleaders energized the crowd with some special routines. GC mascot Eddie the Eagle made an appearance in a skit as a lion tamer teaching the opposing team's Providence lion to jump through a hoop.

The senior athletes were also recognized and interviewed during the pep rally. Injured senior Austin Wilburn offered this advice to his fellow students: "Don't break your foot!"

The highlight of the pep rally was the dance routine performed by several seniors and their dads. The seniors also challenged some secondary staff members to an amusing game. Each person tied a balloon to his/her foot and tried to pop other people's balloons by stomping on them. Math teacher Mrs. Erin Galyean valiently represented the GC staff, but the seniors won the game in the end.



Fifth grader Cameron Dierschke gives the middle school cheerleaders "high fives" as he enters the pep rally.



The GC student body sang to senior Kenzie Gladden who was celebrating her birthday at the pep rally.



Senior Cheerleader Jenna Gilley dances a routine with her father as part of the pep rally.



Athletic Director Thomas Dodson tries to pop the balloon of Dean of Students Todd Nivens during the pep rally game.

MRS. SHERMAN'S LITERARY CORNER

The Mythmakers by John Hendrix

You can not get very far in many Christian circles... or past Mrs. Pierce's 4th grade class without reading at least one C.S. Lewis book. And chances are the name J.R.R. Tolkien is at least vaguely familiar to many believers. Through their separate works, Lewis and Tolkien undoubtedly changed the landscape of modern literature. But did you know their friendship played a part in the books we have grown to love?

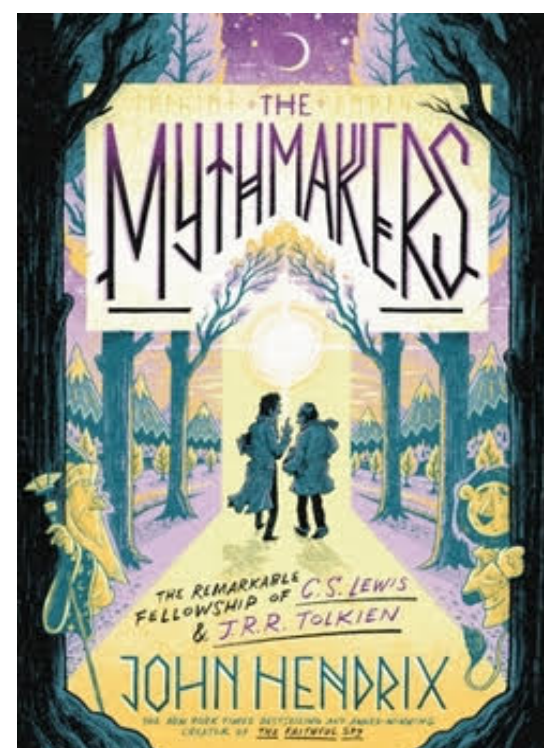
In John Hendrix's latest graphic novel, *The Mythmakers*, he explores Lewis and Tolkien's real life friendship. Set in the whimsical town of Oxford, avatars Mr. Lion and Wizard lead the reader through the ups and downs of their counterparts'

friendship. Hendrix does not shy away from sour attitudes or harsh criticism. Instead, he shows the reader how 'iron sharpening iron' worked itself out in this famous friendship.

I am ashamed to confess I had never really read a graphic novel before. Somewhere along the way, I picked up the lie that reading a graphic novel was not the same as reading the actual book. *The Mythmakers* forever changed this misconception. John Hendrix' masterful design adds a depth to the story that Tolkien would have vehemently disapproved of and Lewis would have absolutely loved. This book is for anyone who likes a good graphic novel, loved Lewis or Tolkien, or simply needs another

resource of dead authors for Mrs. Wrinkle's research paper. It will not disappoint.

The Mythmakers by John Hendrix is recommended for readers 7th grade and up and is located in our school library.



GRAND EAGLES DONATION

By Jillian Nelson

On September 27, 2024 GC hosted its annual Grandparents' Day program. However, the sound system malfunctioned, making it very difficult to hear. One couple at Grandparents' Day felt moved to help. Brenda and Jerry Speight generously started a fundraiser to purchase a new sound system for the school. They invited other grandparents to help as well through a group called the Grand Eagles. The Grand Eagles' mission is to foster a vibrant community of grandparents who nurture faith, family, and fellowship by supporting the spiritual and academic growth of GC students. Mr. Speight said, "It was obvious that the old sound system needed to be replaced when it kept going out during the program. We thought this would be an excellent opportunity to engage the grandparents to help provide funds for a new system, so that prompted us to initiate the Grand Eagle Sound System project!"

Thanks to the Speights and the Grand Eagles, over ten thousand dollars were raised to upgrade the school sound system. GC is very thankful for their efforts.

COMING SOON

"Sing a Song of Christmas"

GC Christmas Program

Thursday Dec 5 6:30-8 pm

Greenville Municipal Auditorium

State Cheer Competition Dec. 9-10

School Picture Retakes Dec. 11

A Charlie Brown Christmas
(Middle School Play)

Thursday, Dec. 12th @ 7:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 13th @ 7:00 PM

Saturday Dec. 14th @ 3:00 PM

Saturday Dec. 14th @ 7:00 PM

PTF Christmas Shop Dec 9-12

Daddy-Daughter Dance Dec. 21

VOLLEYBALL TEAM EARNS MANY AWARDS

By Ryder Brantner

The GC Lady Eagles volleyball team had an amazing year, finishing with a record of 28-11 and becoming district champions. They made it to the regional finals before their season ended. Many of the volleyball players won individual awards in district. Seniors Kenzie Gladden and Kaitlyn Boss were named to the First Team All-District along with

junior Gabby Lumby and sophomores Grace Long and Addison Pope. Seniors Mylie Wrinkle and Trinity Epley were named to Second Team All-District along with sophomore Khloe Montenegro and freshman Ava Lowe. Kenzie Gladden earned honors as District Most Valuable Player, and Gabby Lumby was the Offensive Player of the Year. Addison Pope was

named Defensive Player of the Year, and Ava Lowe earned the title Freshman of the Year. Finally, Coach Ricky Basye was named the District Coach of the Year. Sophomore Grace Long said, "We had an exceptional season this year. The volleyball team wasn't just a team, but a family filled with Christlike women. I can't wait for next year."



7th grader Kade Nelson cheers for the volleyball team at the "send off" parade through the halls before regional games.



2024-2025 GC Lady Eagles Volleyball Team

GC EAGLES' BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

By Landon Wilburn

GC is excited to announce the beginning of the 2024-2025 basketball season. This year GC has even more players than in previous years, fielding both varsity and junior varsity squads for the boys. Sophomore Jack Feezel said "I am so excited for this year's basketball season as we have almost a completely

new team from last year. I am also very excited to play for our new coach, Coach Smith. I'm looking forward to playing this year and can't wait to improve." Sophomore Khloe Montenegro is also looking forward to the new season. She said "I am so excited for this 24-25 season. We have a great team with tenacity and

drive. We have great coaches who pour into us physically and spiritually. I'm so ready to build my relationships with my teammates and coaches."

The first high school varsity games for both girls and boys began on November 19th at Alcuin.

LITTLE EAGLES SOAR AT HOMECOMING

By Sadie Whitt

On Saturday, October 26, the GC cheerleaders held a cheer clinic called Little Eagles for pre-k through fifth grade students. In total there were about 57 girls in attendance. The youngsters learned a cheer, a dance, and how to tumble. After practicing more during the week, they performed their routines at the Homecoming pep rally on Friday, November 1. The Little Eagles performed again during the halftime show on November 2 at the homecoming football game. Fourth grader Addison Hudgeons said "I liked Little Eagles. My favorite was the stunts."



Margot Garcia cheers during the Homecoming pep rally.



Emmy Lowe and Eleanor Feezel lift Livia Atteberry for a cheer.



(above) Fifth grader Jessica Adams and (below) PreK student Opal Franklin cheer with the Little Eagles at the Homecoming game.



GRADES 3-4 VISIT CREATION MUSEUM

By Landon Wilburn

On November 19, GCS third and fourth grade classes went on a field trip to the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) Discovery Center in Dallas, Texas. The ICR Discovery Center is an interactive science museum which has educational movies, engaging exhibits and fossils. The students seem to have enjoyed the field trip. Third grader Gus Pate said that the

interactive sand map was his favorite part. Mckenzie Johnson enjoyed "making dinosaurs" on a computer program.

The Fourth grade class seemed to prefer the educational films. Zeke Robbins said, "I liked it when we watched a movie." Eli Killgore also said his favorite part was "the movie on the ceiling."



Kadie Pierce and Zeke Robbins look at a dinosaur exhibit.



Nevaeh Gonzalez and Livia Atteberry explore the interactive sand map.

EXAM AND CALENDAR CHANGES

ROBOTICS TRIP

By Sadie Whitt

Semester exams for secondary students will be taken from December 17-20. The scheduling format has changed significantly from past years to include two full days of review and four half days of exams.

Friday, Dec. 13 and Monday, Dec. 16 are designated review days. First and second period exams will be given on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Third and Fourth period classes will give exams on December 18, and periods 5-6 will give exams on Dec. 19. Finally, seventh and eighth period exams will be on Friday, December 20.

First exams will begin at 8:20 for those with accommodations, and 9:00 for everyone else. Exams will last for a total of 80 minutes and will conclude at 10:20. There will be a twenty

minute break between exams. The second exam will be from 10:40-12:00 pm. Students with accommodations may stay until 12:40.

Students are not required to come to school if they do not have an exam scheduled.

Most elective classes are not required to give an exam. Dual credit classes will give exams as scheduled by the professor according to university or college requirements.

If a student misses an exam due to illness or pre-approved travel plans, he/ she may come on Monday, January 6th to take a make up exam.

Christmas break will follow semester exams. Please note that students return for the new semester on Tuesday, January 7 due to recent calendar changes.

By Sofia Wagnon

On November 4, 2024 the GC robotics class went on a field trip to East Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas. They got to drive robots and learn more about them. The students got to further their knowledge about robots and how they work. According to Addie Pope “The robotics field trip was so fun and I learned a lot. I loved getting to see the campus, process, spend time with time with my team and drive some other robots.”



Students Addie Pope and Rick Jackson drive robots at East Texas A&M.

<i>Tues. Dec. 17</i> <i>Per. 1 9:00-10:20 (acc. 8:20-10:20)</i> <i>Per. 2 10:40-12:00 (acc.10:40-12:40)</i>	<i>Thurs. Dec. 19</i> <i>Per. 5 9:00-10:20 (acc. 8:20-10:20)</i> <i>Per. 6 10:40-12:00 (acc.10:40-12:40)</i>
<i>Wed. Dec. 18</i> <i>Per. 3 9:00-10:20 (acc. 8:20-10:20)</i> <i>Per. 4 10:40-12:00 (acc.10:40-12:40)</i>	<i>Fri. Dec. 20</i> <i>Per. 7 9:00-10:20 (acc. 8:20-10:20)</i> <i>Per. 8 10:40-12:00 (acc.10:40-12:40)</i>

SPANISH CLASSES STUDY DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

By Jillian Nelson

On November 1 in Spanish culture, they celebrate the death of their ancestors, and eat a whole bunch of yummy foods. It is called Dia De Los Muertos. Mrs. Alvarado's Spanish classes recently learned about this holiday. The Spanish I class celebrated on October 31 while Spanish II held their event on November 1. Every student brought a traditional hispanic dish. The students brought some familiar Tex-Mex foods such as taquitos, salsa, sopapilla cheesecake, and chips. Some of the foods, like churros, tamales, and conchas, were new to many

students. Freshman Landon Wilburn says that his favorite part was “the chips and hot sauce”. The classes watched many videos about Hispanic celebrations as well. Members of the classes report that it was a great time of fellowship and learning about new cultures.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Sofia Wagnon



Mylie Wrinkle has been attending GCS since PK4. According to Mylie “My favorite memory is Sophomore Spanish, no explanation needed.” After high school Mylie is planning to attend Tarleton State University and get a degree in elementary education specializing in Early Childhood. Something Mylie would tell her freshman self is to “chill out and focus on making memories instead of my grades. Yes, grades are important, but memories last a lifetime and in about 10 years I won't remember what I made on a spanish quiz.” The teacher that has impacted Mylie the most is Mr. Ables because he has taught her how to interpret the Bible in different ways. Mylie has grown in her faith throughout high school. Now she is more willing to share about what Jesus has done for her.

SENIOR WILBURN INJURED

By Ryder Brantner

The GC football team recently suffered a great loss when Team Captain Austin Wilburn broke his foot during the October 25th game against Texoma Christian School for a spot in the playoffs.

The GC Eagles were down by six in a close game when the injury occurred late in the second quarter. The only senior on the GC team, Austin Wilburn found himself at the bottom of a dogpile of players after making a tackle. He did not get back up right away, and had to be carried off the field. The next day x-rays revealed that Wilburn's lesser third metatarsal was broken.

Wilburn recently had surgery to repair his foot and is expected to have his stitches removed on Friday, November 22. Within the following 3 weeks he will be able to start putting weight on his foot. Wilburn is expected to make a full recovery by the new year.



Austin Wilburn attended the Senior Pep Rally with his leg in a cast.

HIGH SCHOOL HIJINKS

By Lewis B. Smith

