

Grace Community School

Frequently Asked Questions

Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00pm in the Chapel, for parents only.

First Day of School: Wednesday, September 7th.

School Hours:

Elementary classes start promptly at 8:15am and are dismissed at 3:10pm.

Junior High classes start promptly at 8:00am and are dismissed at 3:15pm.

How may I contact my child at school?

Children may be contacted through the school office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. All visitors must sign in at the school office and receive a visitor's badge. Office phones are available to the students only in case of an emergency. Please call the office if you would like to leave a message for your child; it will be delivered to your child's teacher.

May I pick up my child before class is dismissed for the day?

Yes. Please come to the school office to sign-out your child; the office will contact the teacher to send your child to the office.

What is the best way to contact my child's teacher?

You may either email the teacher directly through www.gracecommunityschool.org or leave a message with the school office.

If my child is absent , how do I pick up his/her homework?

You may contact the GCS office, PRIOR TO NOON, if you would like to pick up your elementary child's homework. The work will be available in the office after 3:00pm. Please note: We are unable to collect homework for Junior High Students. JH Students may collect their homework upon their return. (For extended absences, please contact your child's teacher).

If my child is absent, what do I need to do upon his/her return?

GCS requires a written excuse for each absence. The written excuse should include the reason and date(s) of your child's absence, and should be signed and dated by you. Elementary students are to present written excuses to their teachers. Junior High students are to present written excuses to the GCS office. The receptionist will give your JH student an admit slip for class.

Will my child need a uniform for PE?

Junior High students purchase a PE uniform (shirt—\$10, shorts-\$10) on the first day of PE class. Elementary students attend PE in their regular school uniform (We recommend that elementary students wear shorts on PE days.) All students must wear athletic shoes for PE (NO casual canvas shoes, boots, etc.)

How will I know what is going on at school on a regular basis?

Visit www.gracecommunityschool.org for regular school calendar updates and information about GCS. All elementary teachers will send home weekly newsletters with class specific information. Please have an email address available to which your child's teacher can send these newsletters.

What if my address or phone number changes during the school year?

Please notify the school office with your new contact information; we have a form for you to complete just for this purpose. In the event of an emergency, it is very important that the school office be able to reach you.

If my child wears the wrong clothing to school, what will happen?

We will handle this on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the child's age. If the violation warrants, we may ask you to bring you child the proper clothes before he/she may attend chapel or class. Please check you child's clothing before you leave home for school every day to make sure that your child is wearing the right clothes for school.

How can I get more involved in the overall success of Grace Community School?

This is a simple one. Join and support the PGA (Parents of Grace Associated). This hard working group of parents is a principal's best friend. They raise funds for many important projects at GCS (thus keeping the tuition as low as possible). They also plan exciting programs for all GCS families, and help in too many other ways to mention. By becoming active in our PGA, you can help make GCS a better school for all our students.

How can I make sure that I receive important GCS information on a regular basis?

Make sure that both the GCS office and your child's classroom teacher have your email address. GCS weekly updates, and even teacher newsletters are all sent electronically via email.