

Grace Home Schoolers, Inc.

GHS, Inc. was formed by Bible-believing Christians who desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ while teaching their children at home

December/January 2005-06

“Every **good** and **perfect gift** is from above...”

James 1:17

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Dec. 5	9:45 am	“Under the Bridge” – ORT
Dec. 5	7:00 pm	Parents Dinner
Dec. 9		Yearbook Staff Meeting
		Deadline for T-Shirt Design
Dec. 7-17		Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 17		Borders Gift Wrap
Dec. 20		RSVP - Presidential Physical Fitness
Dec. 31		Last day for \$15 yearbook!
Jan. 13		RSVP - Bio/History Fair
Jan. 27	9:45 am	Presidential Physical Fitness Day

Looking Ahead

Feb. 3	7:00 pm	Biography/History Fair
Feb. 8	9:45 am	Presidential Physical Fitness Make-up
Feb. 13	9:45 am	“The Miracle Worker”
March 17	7:00 pm	Fine Arts & Science Fair
April 3	9:45 am	“Sideways Stories”

Grace Activity Information

“Under the Bridge”: Monday, December 5, meet at 9:45 am

Orlando Repertory Theatre. For those with reservations, please be on time as we meet at 9:45 am to see this highly acclaimed musical. For further questions, contact Susan at Coulter6@cfl.rr.com.

Parents Dinner: Monday, December 5, 7:00 pm

Join us for a night of food and fellowship as we eat and enjoy a relaxing time together during the Christmas season. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Cisa for further info at msimmermacher@earthlink.net.

Scholastic Book Fair: Starting Tuesday - December 7-17

If you have never been to a Scholastic Book Fair it is quite an experience! You will receive 50% off your total purchase. It is located at 200 Technology Park, Ste 120, Lake Mary. You may go to bookfairs@message.scholastic.com for more information, or call 1-800-327-1894.

GHS Student Picture Day: Thank you to each of you who came out and had your picture taken for the GHS Yearbook!!! It was a big success!!! Pictures are in from the Make-Up Day, they will be delivered at Creative Learning Days, Thursday, Dec. 1 and at Friday Classes on Dec. 2. If you need them earlier, please contact Cindy Beach at CBeaches5@yahoo.com to make arrangements to pick them up.

Yearbook Staff Meeting, Friday, December 9: Our next yearbook meeting will be Friday, December 9, immediately following the last class.

Yearbook Fund Raisers: Open to all GHS Members

Ads: This year we are offering something new to our GHS families! If you would like to help support your GHS Yearbook by purchasing an **AD**, You can choose to feature your business, or your family! You can use this space to make a memory that will last a lifetime! If you have a short message you would like to share with a friend, our **CHAT LINES** may be what you are looking for, a line 25 words or less is \$2.00. Please fill out the form from the GHS website to choose the ad size you wish to purchase. Mail your completed form and check to Dawn Harper 508 North Central Ave. Apopka, FL 32712. Yearbook Staff please bring your AD forms and payment with the business card or artwork with how they would like their AD to look in the yearbook to the Yearbook Staff Meeting, Friday, December 9.

Chick-fil-A Calendars:

We are selling Chick-fil-A calendars for \$5. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see a Yearbook Staff Member. Yearbook Staff, if you have not already picked up your calendars to sell from Mrs. Harper, please do so this Friday, December 2. Bring the money for calendars to the meeting Friday, December 9.

Borders Gift Wrap: Friday, Dec. 16: We have an opportunity to wrap gifts for Borders Book Store. Borders supplies the gift wrap, we just have to go and wrap presents for donations from 10 am to 10 pm! Mrs. Harper will have details at the meeting. Please have a time slot in mind for when you will be able to participate. This opportunity is also open to anyone who enjoys wrapping presents and would like to help support the **GHS Yearbook!** For available time, please contact Dawn Harper at 407-886-0402.

GHS T-Shirts: Deadline for T-Shirt Designs is Friday, December 9. Please bring your ideas to the meeting. If you are not on the Yearbook Staff but would like to submit a design please email it to Mrs. Harper, by Thursday, December 8 or give it to Mrs. Harper on Friday, December 9.

GHS Yearbook: The price of the yearbook is \$15 or \$25 for two. Please mail in your check and the order form on the website to: Dawn Harper 508 North Central Ave. Apopka, FL 32712. The price will increase on January 1 to \$20 each.

Presidential Physical Fitness: Friday, January 27, 9:45 am

It's time to start getting in shape! Friday, January 27 is the big day to test your fitness level. You may refer to the blue pages in the back of your GHS notebook for the proper exercises you will need to do. Don't forget to RSVP with Cisa Simmermacher by December 20 @ msimmermacher@earthlink.net or 407-923-9571.

Parents of Seniors: Now is a great time to start looking into the Florida Bright Future Scholarship program as well as other scholarships available. Also, check with your local high school for the dates and times of the SAT and ACT tests.

A Special Thanks to Kristie Snyder for all her efforts in putting together our Mom's Night Out! Even though the groups have been small in number, those who have attended have always had a positive experience. Thank you, Kristie!

GHS Biography & History Fair: Friday, February 3, 7:00 pm

Families are encouraged to take this opportunity to expand and share their knowledge by studying either an interesting event or person in history and use creativity to share what was learned. Many great projects were submitted last year and we look forward to another wonderful event!

Note - Students in the American Government and Church History Friday classes are REQUIRED to participate in this Fair. American Literature students may be too. See your teachers for further details.

Each participating family or student should consider:

- Offering a suitable project or craft
- Preparing display board
- Wearing a related costume or outfit (if possible)
- Composing and presenting a report that answers the questions listed below:

Students in grades K-4 should answer questions 1-3.

Students in grades 5-8 should answer questions 1-4.

Students in grades 9-12 should answer questions 1-5.

Biography Questions:

1. Who was this person and why was he or she selected for study?
2. Describe what life was like during the period in history this person has lived.
3. What has this person accomplished during his or her lifetime?
4. What difficulties has this person encountered in trying to reach his or her goal?
5. What special character qualities does this person have that you admire and why?

History Questions:

1. When and where did this event occur?
2. Who were the people or countries involved in this event?
3. What is the historical importance of this event?
4. What was taking place during this time in history that caused this event to occur?
5. What impact has this event had on your life and your country today?

On the evening of the event, February 3, the Display Area will be open from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm to set up and register participants. The Fair will begin at 7:00 pm and close with Awards by 9:00 pm. For planning purposes, please reserve your preferred topic as soon as possible. That will allow us to determine how large the event will be. Also, please let us know if your family will be attending even though you will not be presenting a display. **Please RSVP by Friday, January 13** to Gail Bartell at tgbartell@cfl.rr.com or 407-862-9479.

The Miracle Worker: Monday, February 13, arrive at 9:45 am

Orlando Repertory Theatre- This stirring dramatization of the story of Helen Keller is one of the most successful and warmly admired plays of the modern stage. Blind and mute, nobody knows what Helen's fate might have been had she not come under the tutelage of Annie Sullivan, an Irish girl who was born blind. *The Miracle Worker* is principally concerned with the emotional relationship between the lonely teacher and her blind charge. Little Helen, trapped in her secret world, is bitter, violent, spoiled and almost animal like. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind waiting to be rescued from that dark, tortured silence. Annie's success with Helen comes only after some of the most turbulent and emotion-packed scenes ever presented on the stage. Ticket costs are \$7.00 each. Seating is limited. RSVP to Susan Coulter, Coulter6@cfl.rr.com, or 407-290-8770, with **payment due by January 10**. Make checks payable to Susan Coulter, and mail to 5736 Springmonte Ct., Orlando, FL 32810.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School: Monday, April 3, arrive at 9:45 am

Orlando Repertory Theatre - Adapted from the "Wayside" novels by Louis Sachar, the award-winning author of "Holes," *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* is a delightful comedy about zany classroom fun in an unusual school accidentally built 30 stories tall. Where else would you find students being turned into apples and rodents wearing raincoats? As befits such a strange school, these tales are a bit strange, too. There's the teacher who turns students into apples, the student who can't count but always comes up with the right answer, or the phantom 31st floor. You never know what's in store at the Wayside School but you can count on lots of fun! Ticket costs are \$7.00 each. Seating is limited. RSVP to Susan Coulter, Coulter6@cfl.rr.com, or 407-290-8770, with **payment due by February 27**. Make checks payable to Susan Coulter, and mail to 5736 Springmonte Ct., Orlando, FL 32810.

*The Steering Committee would like to wish you and your family
a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*