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Grace Academy

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# Grace Weekly

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## New Year, New Look

The Grace Weekly is getting a makeover! We've updated the format and look forward to sharing news and updates as they happen each week. Parents be sure to check your inbox on Mondays for the latest edition.



## Upcoming Events

**September 16**  
Volleyball vs CCA

**September 23**  
2nd, 3rd & 5th Grade Field Trip

**September 24**  
Progress Reports Emailed

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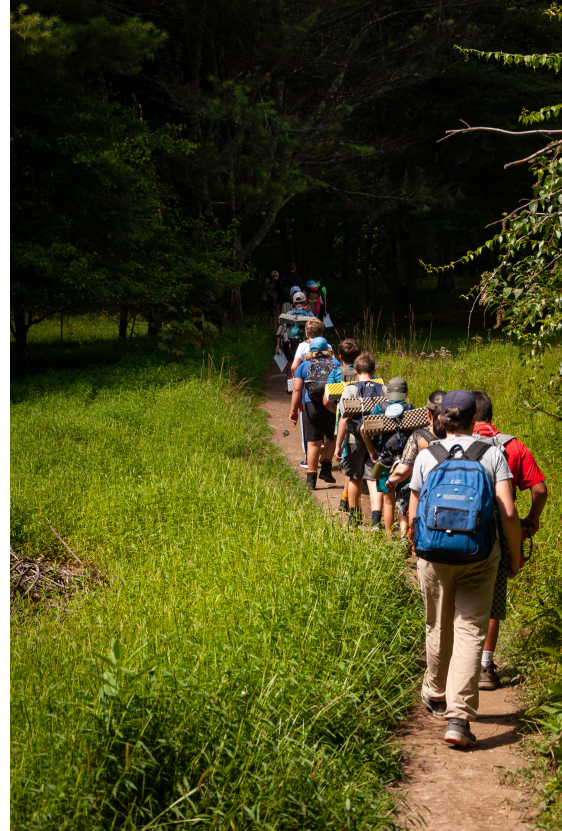
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# News Around Campus

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## Back to School

On August 23rd we welcomed 146 students to campus for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited about the year ahead!



## Middle School Retreat

Students in grades 6 and 7 kicked off the school year with an all day retreat hosted by Appalachian Mountain Leadership. ALM is a non-profit organization that uses adventure programming to foster and inspire servant leadership. Students were able to reconnect, learn new navigational skills, and set the tone for a great school year.





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## Middle School Chapel

Our Middle School Chapel was started during last year's Spring semester as a way to set our Middle Schoolers apart and to help them build a sense of community. The forty-five minute session each Thursday has grown into a time of prayer and worship for our 6th-7th graders. Each week the students hear from a teacher, administrator, or community member about a topic the speaker is passionate about or has experience with. This year, we would like to open up the chapel experience to Middle School parents as well. You are welcome to join us Thursday mornings from 8:00 -8:45 am in the Mt. Vernon sanctuary. The planned speakers for the rest of the quarter are as follows:

September 23: Scott Stewart, Pastor of Crosspoint Church

September 30: Jason Powers, Youth Pastor at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

October 7: Tina Owen, Vice President at Wine to Water



Captain Bobby Creed with Boone Police Department speaks to middle school students about servant leadership.

## Fundraising Challenge!

Last week, Drs. Andrew and Amy Chidester gave a special chapel presentation to our 3rd through 7th grade students about their family's summer mission trip to Kenya. The Chidester's daughter, Harper, is in

5th grade at Grace Academy and their son, Zeke, is in 3rd grade. In addition to highlighting the medical work that the couple performed at Kapsowar Hospital, the Chidester's told the students about a children's home in a neighboring village. While the children there are able to attend school, they don't have the money to purchase school uniforms like the rest of the students. Amy Chidester spoke with the lady who ran the children's home and found out it would take \$250 to buy school uniforms. Would the students at Grace Academy be willing to raise money to help? The students enthusiastically accepted the challenge and began brainstorming ideas to raise money for the school uniforms. Be on the lookout for ways you can help support us in our fundraising challenge!

