



# Amazing Grace



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## "What Grace Means to Me"



Everyone knows that feeling of the very first day of school — being scared, afraid and not wanting to leave your mommy and daddy. I was really scared to go to school. I cried and begged my mom not to go. The main thought going through my head was, "I want to leave this place!" Never would I have thought that now I never want to leave this school. Grace Christian Academy means to me memories that last a lifetime, Jesus, family, strength, education and a future.

Grace Christian Academy is not only memories but also the beginning of where I got to hear about our Savior Jesus. I'm thankful to have a wonderful, powerful and loving person like Him in my life. He is the most incredible person I know and is someone I'll continue to have in my life ... I'm glad and thankful for this school teaching me about Him. I have fun learning about Him and all He did for us. We are His children and together we stand

together united as a big family.

Grace Christian Academy means family to me. Here at Grace we have many bonds with one another which make us family. No matter who the person, Grace will accept anyone. At Grace you will always feel loved. The family we create is connected by love and Jesus. We are a family united that can not be divided because of our growing love and strength.

Grace Christian Academy means education to me. I enjoy coming to school to learn new things everyday. Education is really important to me, that's why I try my hardest to be smart and get good grades. Grace Christian Academy prepares me and others for our future — for high school, college and beyond. Grace is where your future will begin. Grace will prepare me for high school, college and the courses I want to take. Grace will help me set my goals and pursue my dreams.

Thank you ... for giving me a chance to tell you the meaning of Grace Christian Academy. Grace means the world to me and [it] is something I will cherish in my heart and life forever. GCA, thank you for everything you've done for me and my life — I love you! Thank you.

—Berenice Espinoza, 7th grade



What is home? The dictionary says it's a shelter for people to live in but I say it's a family united by Christ and friendship. I've only been in Grace Christian Academy for about three years, yet it has majorly impacted my life. I've made it my second home. Grace has helped me understand many concepts, especially faith in our Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

In a family there is always love. I've made many friends at Grace. My friends and I at Grace share love. ...We all look out for each other.

A family needs a spiritual leader. For Grace, it's Jesus Christ. This is what makes Grace a special place. All of the students here at Grace are bricks — but Jesus is the cornerstone. Grace helps us understand the Bible.

Grace is not just my school. It is my second home. It is also a place where everyone can exercise their Christian faith. The Lord has certainly worked through Grace reaching out to families and students. Thank you Grace, for always being there for me.

—Luis Dieguez, 7th grade

*The two articles on this page are comprised of excerpts taken from the student's speeches, given during Lutheran School's week.*

## Grace Notes Choir Returns!

Grace Christian Academy is pleased to announce the rebirth of the Grace Notes Choir under the direction of Ms. Sara King, our Kindergarten teacher. The "Grace Notes" was first formed in the 1990's. The choir was disbanded in recent years when a director could not be found to lead the group.

Our current Grace Notes choir is composed of 14 students in grades two through grade eight. Most of the children have never been in a choir before, and performing is a new and exciting experience for them.

The choir's first performance outside of the school was a visit to Prince of Peace in Palatine. They are a strong supporter of Grace and our choir jumped at the opportunity



to thank them with song during their Sunday services. The Grace Notes second performance was at Lord of Life, LaFox, another wonderful supporter of our school and its ministry. While the drive to LaFox was long, the students enjoyed the opportunity to perform.

Although this year's schedule is full, we hope to perform for more congregations next year. If you are interested in hearing the choir, here is their schedule through June.

**Sunday, April 28**  
 Cross Lutheran Church,  
 8609 State Route 47  
 Yorkville, Illinois  
 The choir will be at their 9:15 am and 10:30 am services.

**Sunday, May 5**  
 Concordia Lutheran Church  
 3144 S. Home Avenue  
 Berwyn, Illinois  
 Choir will sing at both 8:30 am and 11:00 am services.

**Sunday, June 2**  
 Trinity Lutheran Church  
 405 Rush Street  
 Roselle, Illinois  
 Choir will be at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services.

**Thursday, June 13**  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 4106 W. 28th Street  
 Chicago, Illinois  
 Choir will sing at the Eighth Grade Graduation service at 7:00 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND GEORGE'S GYM'S

## GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

### HOSTED BY

Katrina Tulloch, Financial Advisor, *Wintrust Wealth Management*  
 Richard Tulloch, Financial Advisor, *Wintrust Wealth Management*  
 Rachel Benson, Owner, *George's Gym*

### DATE AND TIME

Thursday, May 2  
 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Valley Lo Club  
 2200 Tanglewood Drive  
 Glenview, Illinois

Please join us to fundraise for an upcoming fieldtrip while enjoying appetizers and a cash bar. Prizes will be raffled off at 8:30. To learn more about Grace Christian Academy visit [www.graceonkarlov.org](http://www.graceonkarlov.org)

### PLEASE RSVP

To Katrina Tulloch at 630.590.2353 or  
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## First and Second Grade Students are Phil's Friends

Phil's Friends is a cancer support group that strives to provide Christian comfort and support to those battling this disease. In addition to providing prayer support, Phil's Friends delivers care packages free of charge to cancer patients and their families.

Grace was introduced to this organization in 2007, when Grace alumni and "Friends" volunteer David Benson presented a chapel talk about this ministry. This talk inspired Ms. Brown and Grace's First and Second grade students to get involved. Since then, the class has been creating encouraging cards, letters and pictures for inclusion in the Phil's Friends care packages. The students have the opportunity to help others in need while also practicing their reading and writing skills.

Phil's Friends can be found at [www.philsfriends.org](http://www.philsfriends.org).



First and Second proudly displays its pictures for Phil's Friends.