



## WEEKLY NEWS

January 9, 2026

**IN OUR PRAYERS** - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for Elle, Grace, and Titus. Next week will be praying for Malani, Evelyn, and Emmarie.

**END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER** - The end of our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to review your student's assignments in Educate and get your student caught up on any outstanding items. Set a goal to help them finish it strong!

**2026 - 2027 ENROLLMENT** - Mark your calendar for January 19<sup>th</sup>! We will open our enrollment this day for the 2026-2027 school year to our returning families. You can register your current student, and also any incoming siblings to guarantee their seat for the upcoming school year. We will open enrollment to new families on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SCHOOL CHOICE VOUCHERS** - Choice applications will also open February 1<sup>st</sup> as well. Choice families are required to complete their application and submit all required documentation by the end of the application period. The first application period is February 1 - 20 for ALL voucher programs. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to schedule your February appointment with the office to complete your application and turn in all required documentation.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** - We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week January 26 - 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be fun activities planned, and we also have assigned casual days. All of our students will be going on a field trip on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in which we will need volunteer chaperones. The permission slip came home this week and is due back by **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for all students.**

**DONUTS AT DAYBREAK** - Grace PTLs invites you to Donuts at Daybreak on Wednesday, February 4th at 8:00 am (should end around 9 am). Join us at Grace Lutheran School to start the morning off right by enjoying donuts, coffee, and juice at morning chapel. Each school family may invite 1 important adult male to join us for this event (ie: Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, etc) **Please RSVP by January 28th so we can plan accordingly by [CLICKING HERE](#)**. If you have any questions about this event or the volunteer opportunities, please contact the PTLs directly at [ptls@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:ptls@graceoakcreek.org).

**PTLS DINING OUT** - Come to Candy Cloud and make your day sweeter on Wednesday, January 21 from 4 - 8 pm to support Grace Lutheran School. A portion of all orders using code CC at checkout will be donated to our school field trip fund! A flyer came home this week for this event.

**HERITAGE DAY** - We are looking for volunteers who are able to share about different countries from around the world. Whether you or your family is from a different country, or you have studied abroad, if you have information that you can teach our children about a country - we would love to have you come and share with our students! Volunteers will need to be available for the entire morning on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (exact time will be determined once we know how many people we have presenting). Volunteers are each given their own room to set up artifacts, including, but not limited to, traditional foods, toys, clothing, maps and more. Every class will rotate through each room, where they will be able to explore the country being represented. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Pankow at [apankow@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:apankow@graceoakcreek.org).

#### **UPCOMING CASUAL DAYS or IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

- Friday, January 16 - Mismatch Day
- Friday, January 16 - END OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Monday, January 19 - NO SCHOOL
- Monday, January 19 - Enrollment opens for 2026-2027 school year
- Friday, January 23 - Shining Light Day
- Friday, January 23 - Heritage Day
- January 26 - 30 - Lutheran Schools Week



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