

THE EAGLE EYE

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Question and Answer with Mr. Burse

By: Becky Brinkley



Becky: How many years have you been at Grace?

Mr. Burse: Since 2004

Becky: What job positions have you had while working at Grace?

Mr. Burse: Athletic Director, Administrator, and Headmaster

Becky: What was the most fun job you have had at Grace?

Mr. Burse: They have all been fun, but if I had to pick one I'd have to say *Athletic Director, Administrator, and*

Headmaster!

Becky: What are you looking forward to happening this year?

Mr. Burse: This year I am looking forward to seeing more children coming to know the Lord, and raising our overall SAT scores even more than last year.

Becky: Anything else you'd like to share with the students at Grace?

Mr. Burse: Students, Do the right thing! Serve Christ, Honor your parents, Obey the rules, and Work hard! **SHOW** your Worth!

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Question and Answer with Mr. Burse Cont.

Becky: If you were stranded on an island, what movie character would you bring with you?

Mr. Burse: Somebody like a James Bond or Jason Bourne who would figure out a way to GET ME OFF OF THAT ISLAND!!!

Becky: What is your favorite utensil? Fork, Spoon, Knife, or Spork.

Mr. Burse: Spork

Becky: What is your favorite TV show and/or movie?

Mr. Burse: Matlock/
Planes, Trains, and
Automobiles

Becky: What's the best cartoon to watch on Saturday mornings?

Mr. Burse: I don't know about now, but I used to enjoy watching Fat Albert & the Cosby Kids, and Speed Racer.

Becky: Did you think Gilligan should have ever made it off the island?

Mr. Burse: No!

Jenny L. Cote



On August 23, 2011 our school was blessed to hear Author Jenny L. Cote talk to the students about her new book series and share her inspiration and ideals about creative writing. She was born in Norfolk, Virginia on February

fourth. Jenny obtained two degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. Jenny lives in Roswell, Georgia with her husband, Casey, and her son, Alex. She has a three book series Max and Liz the epic order of the seven consisting of The Ark the Reed and the Fire Cloud, The Dreamer, The Schemer and the Robe, and her latest book The Prophet The Shepherd and the Star. All of the books were inspired by her pet Scottish Terrier Max and her French cat Liz. The book The Ark, The Reed, and The Fire Cloud will soon become a major motion picture.
By: Jordan Houle/Abby Jones

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Lady Eagles Volleyball

By: Becky Brinkley /Candace Cole

Recently the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams had their first games. Candace Cole, a JV player said, "Both teams played with a lot of effort and did a wonderful job. They may have lost, but we will win next time!" Carly Brown and Madison Wood are two lucky students that get an opportunity to play on both the JV and Varsity teams. When Carly was asked how she liked playing on both teams her feedback was, "It's exciting and fun. I'm happy I have that privilege." and Madison's response was, "It's a struggle but it helps me to get better and I love both teams with my heart and soul." It's not just those two girls that have a big opportunity this year, Crystal Cochran, a senior, is a player on the Varsity team



and also helps coach. Crystal's thoughts on the subject were, "It makes me want to work harder 'cause it is my last year playing and it gives me a new insight into the sport because I see it from a coaches stand point now." The girls' volleyball Coach also has experience playing Volleyball. Coach Gamblin played the sport for eleven years at various places, including: Calvary Christian Academy, Military Co-ed Team, and

Trinity Baptist College. With all the background knowledge into the sport, Mrs. Gamblin revealed, "My main goal this year is to have a team that will play as one." She loves volleyball, and has a great passion for it. Mrs. Gamblin is receiving help this year from former player, and assistant coach, Cayla Wood. Cayla played Volleyball at GBCS for 5 years and loved it. Cayla stated, "It's fun coaching with Mrs. Gamblin because it reminds me of what she taught me and I get to teach it to the girls. I also have a passion for the sport." Coach Gamblin also

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Girls Varsity Volleyball Schedule 2011

Lady Eagles Volleyball Cont.

had some positive remarks about Cayla, "Working with Cayla is exciting because she is a former player and it's nice to have her as assistant." Since last year, the coaches have decided that they really need to buckle down on passing and that the game will improve in doing so. The Volleyball teams do not have a championship game this year, however, they do have an end of the year tournament on October 29 and they are hoping that all of the school can come out and show support for our Lady Eagles.

Varsity:

Crystal Cochran
Haleigh Sams
Brooke Wilkerson
Holly Cannan
Kristen Hutcheson
McKenna Leapley
Kirsten Hess
Myra Prather
Kaylyn Carruth
Carly Brown
Kayla Foster
Kaylee Montcalm
Madison Wood

Junior Varsity:

Carly Brown
Kayla Foster

August 23 **Cumberland Christian Academy** 4:30 PM
September 1 **Youth Christian School** 4:30 PM
September 5 **Heritage Christian School** 5 PM
September 6 **Horizon Christian Academy** 4:30 PM
September 8 @ North Georgia Christian School of Gainesville 5 PM
Colonial Hills Christian School 4:30 PM
September 16 Tri-Match @ Youth Christian of Powder Springs 5 PM
September 20 @ Horizon Christian Academy of Cummings 5 PM
September 22 @ Cumberland Christian Academy of Marietta 4:30 PM
September 27 **North Georgia Christian School** 5 PM
October 4 **Unity Christian School** 4:30 PM
October 13 @ Colonial Hills Christian School of Lithia Springs 6 PM
October 17 @ Heritage Christian School of Sharpsburg 5 PM
October 18 @ Unity Christian School of Rome 4:30 PM

Girls Middle School Volleyball Tri-Match Schedule 2011

August 20 **Grace & Trinity** @ Heirway Christian Acad. of Douglasville 10 AM
August 27 **Grace & Trinity** @ Colonial Hills Christian of Lithia Springs 10 AM
September 10 Colonial Hills & Cumberland @ **G.B.C.S** 10 AM
September 17 Midway & **Grace** @ Heirway Christian of D'ville 10 AM
September 24 **Grace & Cumberland** @ Midway Covenant of P. S. 10 AM
October 1 Midway & Trinity @ **Grace Baptist Christian School** 10 AM
October 6 Middle School Tournament
October 8 Middle School Championships



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By: Haleigh Banks

GO EAGLES GO!



Bailey Lee. This was his opinion about the season “I think that it’s going to be a winning season. It’s going to be way better than last year.” So now that we have the motivation, GO EAGLES GO!!! So far this season our football team is 3-2. Come cheer our team on this Friday night as they take on Heritage Academy.

Boys Varsity Football Schedule 2011

Grace Baptist Christian School
 Friday, August 19 **Peoples Baptist Academy**
 7:30 PM **Opening Day**
 Friday, August 26 **Philadelphia Christian School** 7:30 PM
 Friday, September 2 @ Faith Christian Academy of Griffin 7:30 PM
 Friday, September 9 @ Community Christian School of Stockbridge 7:30 PM
 Friday, September 23 **Westside** 7:30 PM
Homecoming
 Friday, September 30 @ Heritage Academy of Sharpsburg 7:30 PM
 Friday, October 7 **Fall Festival** No game scheduled
 Friday, October 14 @ North Georgia Christian School of Gainesville 7:30 PM
 Friday, October 21 @ Colonial Hills Christian School of Lithia Springs 7:30 PM
 Friday, October 28 **Skipstone** (tentative)
Senior Night



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Is Cheerleading a Sport?

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Through the years there have been many thoughts and opinions about cheerleading being a sport. The definition of a sport is; an individual or group competitive activity involving physical exertion or skill governed by rules and sometimes engaged in professionally.

Mrs. Friar has something to say about this topic and has a very strong opinion about cheerleading being a sport. I interviewed her this past week and she had this to say about cheerleading being a sport, "Of course cheerleading is a sport. Cheerleading definitely meets the outline of a sport, many people are under the impression cheerleaders are not athletes. Cheerleaders have to be taught and train for stunts and tumbling. It is more than standing on the sidelines yelling and clapping, it takes physical strength to actually lift someone in the air, throw them and then catch them. During stunts cheerleaders must stay focused and restrain from natural instinct when a teammate is falling. It is much easier to step out and back away from someone who is falling rather than step in and catch her. You may receive an injury, but nowhere near the injuries the flyer would sustain from falling from the air to the ground."

She is one of the cheerleading coaches of our very own cheerleading team, along with Mrs. Blankenship, they are accompanied by the captain who is Holly Cannan.

One of our fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Brown had something to say, "Cheerleading is a sport, because it takes endurance, training, practice and dedication. In cheerleading you are also working towards ultimate goals."

Our head football coach Mr. Jones had to say, "Cheerleading is a sport, because my daughter (Abigail Jones), is a competitive cheerleader and some days she will come out with bruises and a black eye."

Madison Wood one of our cheerleaders at Grace Baptist stated, "Yes, cheerleading is a sport, because it is hard work. We sweat, run and get bruises. Athletes may lift weights, but we lift athletes!"

"When doing cheerleading, it takes; endurance, dedication, determination, courage and also builds confidence in peoples lives", says Mrs. Friar.

These are only a few of the many opinions about this topic. It seems like some of our students and faculty think cheerleading is a sport.

Written BY: Hannah Askea

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Getting to Know the New Teachers

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Name: Mr. Hyde
College: University of Georgia
Subject: 6th-12th Grade Bible
Hobby: Hunting and Fishing
Favorite Sport Team: UGA
Food: rib-eye steak cooked at medium well
If you could be any animal what would you be?:
English Bulldog
Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21



Name: Ms. Shaleen
College: Kennesaw State University
Subject/Grade: Math 9th- 12th , Home Economics
Color: Blue
Hobby: Sewing
Favorite Sports Team: Braves
Food: Cheese Cake
Shoe Size: BIG! / 10
Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16 “And yes I can quote it.”

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Name: Mr. Widener
Subject: English/Spanish
College: Shorter University
Favorite Color: Blue
Hobby: Running
Sport's team: Oregon Ducks
Food: Hog Jowls and Neck Bone
Color of sock you want to be: Nike
Favorite Bible Verse: Hebrews 12:1

Name: Mrs. Widener
College: Shorter University
Grade: Third
Favorite Color: Purple
Hobby: Running with Mr. Widener
Sport team: Georgia Bulldogs
Food: Pizza
If you could be any kind of condiment which would it be? : Ketchup



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Science Rules!!!

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By: Ansley Leigh Wellham

Michael B. McGinnis, Ph. D., visited us at our lovely school.

He works at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Georgia. Michael McGinnis has been working there for five long years in the Department of Chemistry. He is the Professor and Department Head of the organic chemistry section. When he visited us, he had quite a few amazing tricks to perform from using cannon balls to using ordinary bases. One trick was turning orange water to black water; it changed in an instant. The cannon balls he used were rusted and one was even coated in tin foil. When they clashed,

they made an overwhelming noise and they sparked. He also made an acid-tone substance he also made a snow-like compound that felt like putty. There were many more experiments that he shared with the school that all the students enjoyed. Dr. McGinnis showed Grace Baptist Christian School that science is not only educational but fun. The Eagle Eye would like to thank Dr. McGinnis for sharing his love for science with our school.



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New Athletic Director

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By: Ana Bezerra

Mr. Blankenship became an Athletic Director because he loves physical education, and working with young people. At Grace Baptist Christian School he is given that opportunity every day. He started working as an Athletic Director in 2008. Through the years athletics ranging from Football and Baseball to Basketball and this years new sport Cross Country have excelled. As an Athletic Director, Mr. Blankenship is the “behind the scenes man” when it comes to sports. He constantly makes sure all athletes uniforms, transportation, games and races are in check. Before he started he was a college student. Mr.

Blankenship also teaches Physical Education. He enjoys teaching kids how to live a healthy lifestyle while showing that being active can be fun. Mr. Blankenship believes that for the rest of the year working with the children is going to be exciting and fun. Mr. Blankenship became an Athletic Director because he loves working with young kids and he thinks it is important to have Physical Education in schools. Mr. Blankenship also coaches football and baseball. He believes that as a coach he can have an impact on a students life on the field, which will reflect in and out of the classroom. Grace Baptist



Christian School is happy to have him as the Athletic Director for this year and many more.

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