GRACE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

ANNUAL REPORT
2025 — 2026



A Year of Grace

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BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA · K–8

Forming hearts and minds for truth, goodness, and beauty in Christ.

129 STUDENTS
84 FAMILIES
ONE MISSION

WELCOME

“Our classrooms are a *mission field.*”

Grace Classical Academy began with seven students and a conviction. In 2025–26, that conviction filled every classroom we have.

This year, 129 students and 84 families learned, prayed, performed, served, and celebrated together across nine grades. These pages share the numbers that measure the year and the stories that explain it.

“It’s a place where hearts and minds are formed and taught to love what is true, pursue what is good, and live with courage and conviction in Christ.” — Cadia Parks



CADIA PARKS
Head of School

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THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

From seven students to a school *full of life.*

129 **students enrolled** in kindergarten through eighth grade, from a founding class of seven.

84 FAMILIES	**9** GRADES SERVED: K–8	**8:1** STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO
21 FACULTY & STAFF	**175** SCHOOL DAYS	**11** YEARS SERVING STUDENTS
9 EIGHTH-GRADE GRADUATES	**18** FIELD TRIPS	**30+** GUEST SPEAKERS

Source: GCA 2025–26 Annual Report Statistics. Staff total includes 19 full-time and 2 part-time team members.



FAITH & FORMATION

Faith woven into *every school day.*

1,575
BIBLE CLASSES TAUGHT — EVERY CLASS, EVERY DAY

200+
SCRIPTURE VERSES MEMORIZED

100
DAYS OF CHAPEL & ASSEMBLY

26
WEEKS OF PRAYER GROUPS

At Grace, Christian formation is not a single class. It is Scripture learned by heart, prayer in small groups, worship together, and care for neighbors put into practice.

Students learn the love of Christ and their purpose in Him, then carry that light into the world, beginning with the people around them.

FAITH IN ACTION · SERVICE PROJECTS

- Operation Christmas Child
- Treats for Troops
- Letters to veterans
- Christmas carols at a retirement home

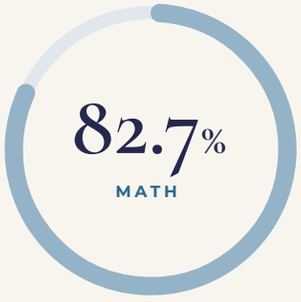
LEARNING & DISCOVERY

Strong foundations. *Room to discover.*





99 of 110 students in grades 1–8 at or above the minimum district benchmark on Renaissance STAR Reading.



91 of 110 students in grades 1–8 at or above the minimum district benchmark on Renaissance STAR Math.

> *"Students who join GCA from other schools sometimes have learning gaps, but those are typically closed within their first year."*
>
> JENICA CROTTS · DEAN OF CURRICULUM

LEARNING BEYOND THE LESSON

7	Daily	18	30+
CLASS PLAYS · ONE PER GRADE LEVEL	EXTRACURRICULARS · DRAMA, ART, PE ×2, STEM	FIELD TRIPS	GUEST SPEAKERS

Middle School Science Fair · Middle School History Fair · 5th Grade Walk Through the Life of Jesus · 4th Grade Literary Tea · 3rd Grade Cereal Box Book Reports · 2nd Grade State Fair



SCIENCE FAIR



CLASS PLAYS

A STUDENT'S STORY

Finding her *voice.*

K–8
KINDERGARTEN TO GRADUATION

Sarianna Hentges began at Grace in kindergarten and graduated with the Class of 2026, the second student to complete the full K–8 journey at GCA, after her brother.

Speaking at the gala, she remembered learning cursive in kindergarten, memorizing Scripture, and discovering a love of gardening and creative writing. School was not always easy, she said, but with the help of GCA she grew and improved over time.

In fifth grade she was the only girl in her class, so she and her family prayed for a friend. The next year, three girls joined, including the one who became her best friend.

Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Her favorite verse, she said, comforted her when she felt sad and reminded her she was not alone.

"This school has helped me build my confidence… I keep reminding myself to be *brave and trust God.*"

SARIANNA HENTGES · CLASS OF 2026



Sarianna Hentges
CLASS OF 2026 · LIGHT THE NIGHT GALA

A FAMILY'S STORY

The first time *we had hope.*

Miranda and Kyle Christianson's daughter, Ava, had struggled with school since about first grade. Even as a young student she worked through summers and breaks, so committed to doing better. Her parents decided it was time to change her environment.



FROM A GCA VIDEO

> "With Ava, when we got here and she started to work with her teachers, it was the first time that we had some hope that she was going to catch up and do well.
>
> MIRANDA CHRISTIANSON · GCA PARENT



AN ALUMNUS'S STORY

Prepared for *the future.*

Lucas Hentges was GCA's first student to complete kindergarten through eighth grade. Now in high school, he looks back on small classes and teachers who had room to focus on every student.

> "Personally, I felt way more prepared than most of my peers and classmates, especially just with the teachers here, the way they taught English and the Bible and history and math. They did a great job.
>
> LUCAS HENTGES · GCA ALUMNUS

THE GCA COMMUNITY

A school is built in *relationship.*

Eighty-four families helped shape a vibrant GCA community in 2025–26. Through our four Church Ambassadors, National Day of Prayer, guest speakers, and service projects, students built connections with the wider Bonita Springs community.



FAMILY EVENTS

Grandparents Day · Golf · The Gala · Plays · Graduations · Fellowship at the park · Family game night · Muffins with Mom · Donuts with Dad

APRIL 2026

Light the Night *Gala*

An evening of celebration and generosity, featuring collaborative class art that raised funds for the school and a student reflection from the Class of 2026.





COLLABORATIVE CLASS ART



TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

$239,471.07

Fundraising revenue from events and gifts in 2025–26.



OUR EDUCATORS

People who make the *mission possible.*

21	2
ATTENDED CONFERENCES OR TRAINING	NEW TEACHERS HIRED
19	2
FULL-TIME TEAM MEMBERS	PART-TIME TEAM MEMBERS



Thank you, Mrs. Hartley

This year we celebrate Kathy Hartley's retirement and her years of faithful service to GCA students.

"I have been going to GCA since kindergarten with Mrs. Hartley."

— Sarianna Hentges, Class of 2026

THE CLASS OF 2026

Nine graduates, ready for *the next chapter.*

Freedom Institute	3
Bonita Springs High School	2
St. John Neumann	2
First Baptist Academy	1
Mason Classical Academy	1



33.3%
ATTENDING CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS

5 yrs
AVERAGE TIME AT GCA

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

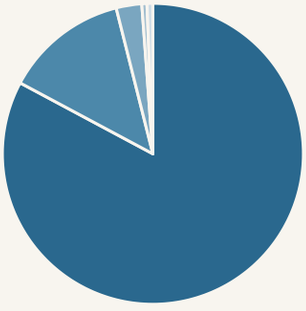
Every resource, *for every student.*

Tuition is the foundation of the school's budget, and it does not cover everything. Gifts, grants, and fundraising help sustain excellent teachers, small classes, and a growing program.

OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENDITURES	NET REVENUE
$1,805,312.62	$1,444,992.19	$305,306.82

Where it came from

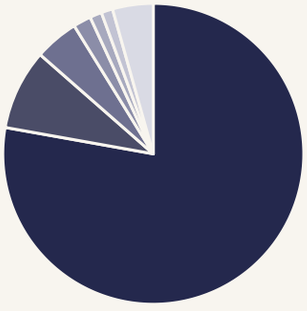
$1,805,312.62



Tuition · parent pay & scholarships	**$1,495,015.36**
Fundraising · events & gifts	**$239,471.07**
Enrollment, application & other fees	**$49,529.29**
Tuition donations · donor-restricted	**$10,000.00**
Lunch/pizza day & cashback rewards	**$11,296.90**
Total operating revenue	**$1,805,312.62**
Other revenue · interest income	**$14,470.39**

How it was used

$1,444,992.19



Payroll · wages & taxes	**$1,124,322.52**
Rent & lease	**$125,000.00**
Fundraising expenses	**$68,459.84**
Curriculum	**$27,675.61**
Security	**$18,590.00**
Insurance	**$17,815.04**
All other operating expenditures	**$63,129.18**
Net operating revenue	**$360,320.43**
Other expenditures	**$69,484.00**

Tuition & payroll. Tuition was about 82.8% of operating revenue. Payroll represented about 77.8% of operating expenditures—an investment in the people who teach and care for students.

Reading the numbers. Fundraising revenue less related expenses ($171,011.23) is not a measure of unrestricted cash. Other expenditures include tuition and enrollment reimbursement for staff ($57,784.00) and ministry discount ($11,700.00).

Source: GCA Statement of Activity, July 2025 – June 2026 (accrual basis; net revenue is not a cash balance). Pie charts show each line as a share of its column's total.



CONCEPT RENDERING · JANUARY 2026 · ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY

LOOKING AHEAD

Open the doors *to the future.*

GCA has used every inch of the church space it rents. Each year, families who are excited about how we teach must be turned away for lack of room—and there are no other private Christian high schools in Bonita Springs.

Looking ahead, GCA hopes to strengthen today's program, make room for more families, and one day build a lasting home for Christ-centered classical education.

Strengthen today

Enhance the program to fully meet the needs of current students.

Welcome more families

Expand access to an affordable, Christ-centered classical education.

Build for the long term

Excellent teachers, small classes, stable tuition, and a secure home.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact GCA's Development Director, Lucas Wemple at lucas@wearegca.com

FUTURE VISION INCLUDES

Library · Chapel · Athletic Fields · After-School & Summer Programs · Electives & Extracurriculars · High School Classrooms

Thank You

To every family, teacher, volunteer, and friend who made 2025–26 a year of Grace.

Give	Visit	Share
Support the annual fund at wearegca.com/support	See Christ-centered classical learning in action. Schedule a tour.	Tell a family who is praying for a school like Grace Classical Academy.

SCAN TO SUPPORT GRACE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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