



GRAD Academy Memphis presents...

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THE PARENT CENTER

The Parent Center is now open! The hours of operation will be 9 AM to 2 PM Monday-Thursday. The parent center is broken down into 3 zones: *The Business Zone*, *The Meeting Zone*, and *The Lounge Zone*. This is a great central space for parents to feel like part of the school and engage in their scholar's education. We will also be adding a food and clothing pantry in case some of our wonderful families may

stumble upon hard times. If you have any questions about the parent center or would like to take a tour, please contact our Parent/ Family Engagement Coordinator

Mr. Leyvonn Cleveland

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PFSA Dates to remember:

Canned Food Drive: Oct 27th–Nov 17th

PFSA Board Meeting–Nov 13th @5pm

PFSA General Meeting – Nov 16th @5pm

Feed The Needy – Nov 19th @4pm



As our new school year has begun the 2nd quarter we would like to utilize this time to bring recognition to our powerful senior class of 2018! They are working diligently each day in their classroom to make sure they achieve greatness in their school work, ACT scores, and their college scholarship opportunities. So far they have already accrued over \$200,000 in scholarship money! Let's send a "GOOD JOB" to our wonderful seniors!



Did you know GAM is partnering with some amazing community leaders this year?

Communities In Schools, Streets Ministries, Agape, SOUL for the City, FCA, Multi-National Ministries and STS to just name a few. These wonderful partners will be in the school everyday to nurture our scholars. We look forward to the amazing things they have planned.

Recent Events

1st 9 weeks Honors Brunch



GRAD Academy scholars proved that hard work and dedication pay off, as they were recognized during the 1st 9 Weeks Honor's Brunch which was held Thursday Nov 2nd. This event recognized GRAD scholars for being either master scholars (all As), proficient scholars (all As and Bs), or having perfect attendance. Keep up the good work scholars!

Walk For Success



The 5th Annual GRAD Academy Walk For Success was held on Saturday Nov 4th. This event allows facilitators, parent volunteers, and senior scholars to walk to the homes of a few of our scholars whom currently have attendance based issues. We met with the family of the respective scholars, presented them with a gift from GRAD, and worked together to come up with a plan to improve their attendance. We ended with a success rate of over 75%! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and helped to make this event successful!

VOLLEYBALL



This year we introduced our first ever GRAD Academy Griffin Volleyball Team! We would like to shout out our Div2 Volleyball team on a great first season under the supervision of Mrs. Brandi Bullock (Head Coach) and Ms. Ariel Cunningham (Asst Coach).

BasketBall

Basketball Season is approaching and we are so excited to announce that our City Championship contending Griffins Varsity Basketball Teams have moved up to the 2A division.

Our season opener is Nov 16th
 against WEB DuBois @GRAD. Game dates and times are as follows:

Game Date	Game Location	Girls	Boys
November 16th	Vs.WEB DuBois (HoF Game)	5:00pm	7:00pm
November 20th	@Overton	5:00pm	7:00pm
November 28th	@BTW	5:00pm	7:00pm
November 30th	Vs. MLK Prep	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 1st	Vs. Mitchell	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 5th	Vs. Sheffield	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 8th	@Craigmont	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 12th	@Trezvant	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 13th	@Fairley	5:00pm	7:00pm
December 15th	@Mitchell	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 8th	Vs. BTW	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 10th	Vs. Fairley	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 12th	@Raleigh Egypt	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 16th	@Wooddale	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 19th	Vs. Hamilton	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 23rd	@Melrose	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 26th	@Sheffield	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 30th	Vs. Overton	5:00pm	7:00pm
January 31st	@Douglass	5:00pm	7:00pm
February 2nd	Vs. Wooddale	5:00pm	7:0pm
February 6th	Vs. Melrose	5:00pm	7:00pm

SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH




Nikala Harris— 9th Grade



Aaron Mims— 10th Grade



Demetrius Hollis— 11th Grade



Byanca Head— 12th Grade



Uniform Expectations

The basic standard school uniform shall be black pants and a red or black polo style shirt with a collar that must have a GRAD Academy logo present. Any combination of the official colors, pants, and/or skirt will be acceptable as school uniform attire.

- **ALL SCHOLARS** must purchase a red or black polo style shirt with a collar from our specified authorized vendor (information below). Scholars are permitted to wear a white, red, or black long sleeved t-shirt underneath their uniform top.
 - **ALL SCHOLARS** must wear black uniform pants. Pants can be khaki material or slacks. Young ladies may wear black skirts or shorts as long as they are knee length. NO JOGGING PANTS, JEANS, OR TIGHTS will be permitted.
 - **ALL SCHOLARS** will have the option on FRIDAY only (unless otherwise noted) to wear a GRAD or College t-shirt and jeans. If the scholar does not possess either a GRAD or College t-shirt he/she must wear full GRAD uniform. (no exceptions) **NO HOUSE SHOES OR SLIDE-IN FLIP FLOPS WILL BE PERMITTED!**
- Outerwear Policy** - Absolutely NO outerwear will be permitted INSIDE of the building outside of the GRAD issued cardigan, or any other outerwear items sold by GRAD Academy.

*For detailed male and female uniform specific dress options, refer to the school handbook.
To order uniforms contact Kerry Cobb 901.830.5538 kerryc@cwapparealeast.com
Or order online at www.cwapparealeast.com*

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 9, 2017	November 3	November 4-17
February 10, 2018	January 12	January 13-19
April 14, 2018	March 9	March 10-23
June 9, 2018	May 4	May 5-18
July 14, 2018	June 15	June 16-22

Please pay close attention to the changes in the school handbook regarding the cellphone, attendance, and other school behavior policies.

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