

## Glad Tidings Christian Academy

### News from the Ark:

January was a big transition month for us. We welcomed a new teacher, Ms. Nicole, and a new student, L'Nya Brown, who transitioned from Ms. Higgins' class (K2+). February is going to be a very busy month. We are on week 21 of the A Beka curriculum. At this point, we have learned all letters and sounds and we're working on numbers (1-100). The children are doing great! Many of them have learned to write their names and work independently. We will continue to do a lot of reinforcement activities in class. This month's themes are Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and The Black History Celebration. \*Please check out activity board for updates on special activities.

Ms. Angie

### News from the K4 class:

The K4 class is excited about the upcoming month. We will be having a small Valentine's Day party in our classroom. We will pass out valentines and goodies to our classmates. We have a total of 17 students in our classroom. Remember, only wrapped goodies or juice boxes. We will also be celebrating Black History Month. We will have a Black History Program on the 24th of February. You will hear more as time goes on. It has been my pleasure working with your little ones this far. Thank you!

Ms. Moore

### News from the K5 class

Happy New Year to you all. We are all headed for greatness this year. Your students are doing great in class. We did a lot of review in Phonics and Numbers this semester. In Social Studies, we reviewed our 7 continents, 5 oceans and the 5 great lakes. Ask your students to name these and give me feedback on how they did. The 100 days of school celebration was fun for all. We had the opportunity to stick 100 goldfish on a fish tank that I drew for the class. Icing was used for glue and we were able to eat our fish at the end of the celebration. Please help guide students on their homework. Students are scribbling their homework assignments. Homework should be written in pencil, not pen, crayon or marker, and parents, please allow your student to write by themselves. Students must read for 10 minutes daily. Other age appropriate books are also fine. Backpacks, reading books, and folders should be returned daily to school. Talk to your student about the importance of following directions in class and obeying school rules. Watch out for our book – coming out in February. Please note: On Valentine's Day, February 14th, please send treats for 15 children in the class for the celebration. The Black History Month celebration is on February 24th. For questions, call the office between 3-3:30 pm daily. Thanks.

Ms. Franka

### News from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Super Hero's class:

The class will be writing stories for a book. We will have it published and copies will be available for purchase at \$20 each. These are great gifts for grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Your child will love seeing his/her work in print. On February 14th, we will have a Valentine's Day party. Students may



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### Upcoming Events

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#### Friday, February 17th

*Fundraiser Dinner*

*\$10.00 each*

*Menu will be posted soon*

*"Awesome Moms" and "Fantastic Dads" Day*

#### Monday, February 20th

**K5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only**

**Closed for President's Day**

#### Friday, February 24th

*Black History Celebration*

#### **K5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only SPRING BREAK**

**Thursday, March 9th to**

**Monday, March 13th**

**Classes Resume Tuesday, March 14th**

#### Friday, March 17th

*Fundraiser Dinner*

*Pajama Night*

#### Saturday, April 29th

*Spring Festival*

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bringing valentines and a treat for their classmates. They will bring a list of names home to fill out cards before they bring them to class.

*Ms. Rachael*

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**From the Desk of Mrs. Fraser (Admin):**

Happy New Year to all of our Parents/Guardians. Thanks to those parents who are getting their children here on time. We're encouraging the other parents to do likewise. Please be aware that your child is missing out on valuable learning when they come later than 9:00 am. We are celebrating Black History Month during the month of February. We will be making a menu and asking for donations for side dishes. Friday, February 17th, we will be celebrating "Awesome Moms" and "Fantastic Dads" Day with treats before and after school. Please stop by the table and help yourself to the "Eats & Drinks". March is Spring Cleanup Month. We will be putting a signup sheet out. The date of the cleanup is Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Brunch/Lunch will be served.

**Food Fundraiser to Support Mothers in Haiti:** I will be making dinners at the middle and end of each month beginning February 2017. I will be making favorite menus, i.e. curry chicken, chicken tenders, egg rolls. Sides will vary with entrée. Cost with beverage will be \$10.00. All of the proceeds will go towards giving as many mothers as possible \$50 each seed money, to start up their homegrown business to help support their families. This is an organized and supervised event. There is accountability for the seed money, it has to be reinvested and they will use the profits to live on. If you feel moved to make a donation for such a cause, because you will be blessed by helping others less fortunate than you are, please contact me ASAP. I am hoping to accompany the "team" of workers who will be going on the mission trip. Also, I will be mailing some supplies. If you can purchase disposable forks, spoons, cotton balls, band aids, flip-flops, kids' underwear, bibs, etc. I will be able to mail some and carry 3 suitcases with stuff. Mailing is quite expensive. More information on this fundraiser, signup sheets, etc. will be posted. Thanks for your cooperation.

*Blessings, Ms. Fraser*

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**Book-It Program:**

The Kindergarten and 1-3rd grade classes are still participating in the Pizza Hut program. Your student will be bringing home a coupon for a free personal pan pizza once they complete their Book It reading log. March is the last month of the program.

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**Social Media**

Check out our website, [gtcacademy.org](http://gtcacademy.org). All school closings, tuition information and Important dates are listed as well as important news updates. Also, please like us on Facebook at "Glad Tidings Christian Academy". As always if you have any questions or concerns call Mrs. Fraser or Mr. Sam at (816) 333-1054. The season is quickly upon us. Be sure to check your local news station when there is inclement weather to make sure that we are open (Fox 4, KCTV 5, Channel 9). We've also started using a new mobile app called "Pushed" to send important information to our parents. Check the news section of our website for instructions on how to install it.

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**Black History Celebration**

All month long we will be focusing on people of color whose achievements have changed the course of America. We will have a day of celebration on Friday, February 24th from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. We will have Soul Food and are asking parents to contribute. We will put out a signup sheet soon as well as a list of side dishes. We will provide the main dish (meats).

**Staff Birthdays**

Ms. Nicole - 2/14  
Ms. Rose - 2/25  
Ms. Franka - 2/28  
Ms. Angie - 3/8  
Ms. Rachel - 3/16  
Ms. Higgins - 3/24

**Early Summer / Fall Enrollment Discount**

Enroll by the end of March to save \$20 on enrollment. Pay only \$65 instead of \$85. If your child will be returning in the fall, you need to enroll him/her and pay a \$50 deposit on his/her curriculum by the end of March.

**No Parking in the Driveway**

Please park in the parking-lot instead