

GENEVA SCHOOL OF BOERNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Students present to grandparents and special guests at a morning assembly and visit classrooms after the presentation. Grandparents and special guests also enjoy fellowship and refreshments before and after the assembly.

## EAGLEFEST

EagleFest is a Geneva Community Life (GCL) fundraiser made possible through parent volunteers. It is an afternoon of fun and games, and GCL uses the funds raised to bless teachers and the Geneva campus.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE RECITATION

At the Christmas program, Grammar School students celebrate the birth of our Savior through song and scripture. At the Christmas Scripture assembly, students across all grade levels tell the story of Christmas through scripture.

#### BOOK WEEK

Parents and students decorate their classroom doors, enjoy having special readers and celebrate reading all week long! The culmination of Book Week is the Book Character Parade Assembly when students dress up as classical book characters and parade around the MPB.

#### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

On the Friday morning closest to Valentine's Day, Grammar School students serve others around Boerne to show the love of Christ. For some grade levels, parent volunteers drive, chaperone and serve alongside their students in the Boerne community.

#### SPEECH MEET

Students choose a passage of scripture or a poem from a provided selection list to memorize. During round one, students present in front of their homeroom class. The students earn scores according to a rubric, and the top three students move on to round two which is a grade-level competition. At round two, students present privately before nonpartial judges during the school day. The top three students from each grade for both scripture and poetry compete at the Speech Meet Finals Assembly.

#### P.E. ASSEMBLY

Students dress according to the theme, and each grade level presents what they have learned in P.E.

#### FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

On the Thursday before Easter, students bring a flower to school to place on the cross during

a special morning assembly. Parents may also bring flowers to place on the cross.

#### BENEFIT

On an evening in early May, students present what they have learned to an audience of parents, grandparents and special guests. The annual Benefit gives students an opportunity to display the Geneva curriculum and raises funds for various campus initiatives and projects. Each grade level presentation has a theme, and students dress in costumes accordingly (except for fifth graders who dress in Sunday best).

#### SCRIPTURE RECITATION ASSEMBLY

At the last Grammar School assembly of the year, students present long passages of scripture they have worked all school year to learn.

#### **OTHER NOTABLE ASSEMBLIES**

John Hancock Handwriting Awards, Fine Arts Assembly and Poetry Assembly

## **GRADE LEVEL EVENTS**

#### KINDERGARTEN

- Thanksgiving Feast: A parent volunteer dyes white t-shirts then students create a Native American shirt at home using directions from the teacher. The Friday before Thanksgiving, parent volunteers bring and serve food for a shared Thanksgiving feast for kindergartners (Native Americans) and first graders (Pilgrims).
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day Parade: Students dress as 100-year-olds and parade through Grammar School in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Leading up to the parade, classes enjoy various other classroom activities and lessons centered on the number 100.
- Kinder Texas Day: Students enjoy an afternoon of Texas-themed fun and games on the field. Parent volunteers bring items and facilitate games and activities for students.

## FIRST GRADE

- Thanksgiving Feast: Students create pilgrim hats at school, and the Friday before Thanksgiving, parent volunteers bring and serve food for a shared Thanksgiving feast for kindergartners (Native Americans) and first graders (Pilgrims).
- USA Fair: Students research a U.S. state and create a project to show what they have learned. At the fair, students present their projects to parents, teachers, peers and other Grammar students.

## SECOND GRADE

- Egyptian Fair: Students show their Egyptian projects to parents, teachers, peers and other Grammar students.
- Egyptian Bee: After studying Ancient Egypt, students take a test over all the material in class. The top three students from each class later compete in teams of three (in their Egyptian costumes) in front of the entire grade level.

## THIRD GRADE

- Greeks Gods and Goddesses Feast: After the gods and goddesses' assembly, students eat themed snacks and present their gods and goddesses research papers to their classmates and parents.
- Greek Olympics: Students teams compete against each other in Olympic-style games.

- Roman Architecture Fair: Students present Roman architecture projects to parents and Grammar students.
- Julius Caesar Contest: After studying Ancient Roman history, students take a test over all material in class. The top 10 students in the grade level dress in togas and compete by answering questions during the Julius Caesar Assembly.

#### FOURTH GRADE

- Medieval Feast and Faire: This is a favorite and memorable day in Grammar School. Each student draws a role from the feudal system to research leading up to the all-day event. The day begins with the assembly where students dress according to their role in the feudal system and present about the medieval times. Following the assembly, students show their projects to parents and other Grammar students in classrooms. Student groups enjoy games, activities and a medieval feast for the remainder of the day. Parent volunteers help to plan the day, donate items, coordinate activities and more.
- Sea World: As the culmination of studies on marine animals, students will enjoy an overnight field trip to Sea World. Parent chaperones help facilitate the sleepover.

#### FIFTH GRADE

- Fifth Grade Texas Day: Following the Texas Independence Assembly, students present their projects to parents and other Grammar students then enjoy Texas-themed games on the field led by teachers and a Texas lunch provided by parents. Parent volunteers bring items and serve lunch.
- Fifth Grade Advancement: This is a special morning ceremony where students along with their parents, teachers and the Grammar School administration team celebrate the students' completion of the first pillar of a classical education. Fifth grade students and their parents attend and bring a Logic School blazer. The Grammar School Headmaster gives a special blazer pin to each student, and the Logic School Headmaster attends as a special guest speaker. Photos are taken of the students with their parents, the Grammar School Headmaster and the Logic School Headmaster.
- NASA Field Trip: This is a two-night, three-day field trip to NASA and the San Jacinto Monument. Parents chaperones volunteer to attend.