

## **National Honor Society News by Hope Campbell, 12th Grade**

This has been a busy year so far for the GCS chapter of the National Honor Society, known as *Ethos*. In early November, we inducted eight new students into our chapter, which is in its 7th year. Later in the month, NHS members had the opportunity to visit our friends at *Jill's House Weekend Adventures* in Northern Virginia for the second year in a row. *Jill's House* is an organization that helps families with disabled children by providing respite opportunities to give parents' a break and minister to the children.

During our weekend at *Jill's House*, GCS students were each paired with a "buddy" and were responsible for playing games, helping with meal time, and having fun together. For many of us, this was our first time around children with autism and down syndrome, and we were nervous and unsure about how to act. However, we quickly adapted and realized that children with disabilities are not very different from regular kids: they just want to have fun and be loved! Overall, the trip to *Jill's House* continues to be one of our favorite events of the year because we see first hand the joy of Christ in the lives of the children. We hope that this will be a long-standing relationship that we can serve at for years to come.