



2021 Departure Announcements

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Dear GCS Family,

During this time of year, there are often questions and speculations about who will and will not be returning next year. To minimize this, we are recognizing those who have served and those who are departing from the GCS family at the end of the school year. Some turnover is expected. Please direct all questions about replacements to the respective principals.

We will be celebrating the faithful service of these employees and saying our farewells at a celebration lunch on the last day of this school year. We appreciate and are thankful that they have served our LORD here at Grace Christian School. We pray for their success in all future endeavors.

God Bless,

Donald M. Larson, PhD
Head of School



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Ric and Deb Auwarter



Ric has been a Science and PE instructor for the past three years, serving throughout the ES and MS. His wife, Deb, has worked as an aide, serving with Mrs. Bailey in Pre-K and on the ES/MS campuses. God is leading Ric into retirement and both of them back to family in Pennsylvania. Ric and Deb say,

“Our next assignment is to assist in the Christian education of our grandchildren!”

Deborah Brink

Deborah taught 3rd grade for us this year. While we would love to hang onto her, her family will be moving to the Houston area at the end of the school year to join her husband who recently took on the General Manager position at the Hyatt Centric Woodlands. Deborah is currently in the interview process for an elementary-teaching position in the Houston area. She says, “Jonah, Levi and I pray that our new school experience will be as positive as our time here at Grace has been! We have all learned so much here and pray that God will continue to bless the Warrior family!”





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Marie Masincup



Marie has been teaching elementary and middle school music at Grace since 1982. She has faithfully taught K-8 classroom music, piano lessons, and accompanied and directed award-winning elementary and middle school choirs. After much prayer and counsel, she has decided to retire. Marie plans to travel with her husband, be more involved in the lives of her four preschool-aged grandchildren, and to serve more regularly with Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ). She leaves an incredible legacy of excellence in our music department and will be greatly

missed! Marie says, "I have LOVED working in this family of people and with your wonderful children."

Richard and Barbara Medaries

Richard has been a GCS bus driver for the past three years, and his wife, Barbara, has worked for the ES as a 4th-grade teacher and aide for twelve years. The Medaries family has a long history with GCS that spans decades, as their children attended GCS as well. They are

retiring to pursue other adventures and focus on family and friends.





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Lynn Ogrosky



Lynn has worked at GCS for four years, teaching 8th-grade US History, 6th and 7th-grade Math, 12th-grade US Government, Film and Propaganda, and MS Girls PE. Lynn has accepted a position at a new classical-method charter school in Florida which is being established by Hillsdale College.

Jody Smith

After two years of ministry at Grace Christian School, including most recently teaching HS Precalculus and Calculus to our juniors and seniors, Jody will be stepping away from teaching at GCS so that she can focus on homeschooling her two youngest children.





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Clay Sterrett



Clay, who has been a part of the Grace Christian School ministry since its inception 37 years ago, has decided to retire. During GCS's first year, he was the 1st-grade teacher, and this year he is teaching HS Geometry and 11th-grade Bible. Along with having more time with family, including his three grandchildren, Clay and Teresa are looking forward to continuing to serve the Lord in some new capacities.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed every year I've taught, with no exceptions. It has been a great privilege to be a part of GCS's ministry to so many amazing students and families from so many church backgrounds. Our own two sons were very blessed by their time here. Also, it has been a delight to work alongside the various staff members and administrators. I have always marveled over the years how the Lord has brought such dedicated and godly workers to GCS. It has indeed been a remarkable team effort. I know God has much more in store for our school ministry in years to come if we all continue to seek His favor and provision."