



Winterim

AT GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Dear upper school students and parents:

“Learning outside the traditional classroom” has become the mantra of GCA’s Winterim program. For the entire week before spring break, students abandon traditional classes in order to travel (domestic or international), take on-campus courses, or participate in an internship (upperclassmen only). The upper school staff is already preparing for Winterim 2019, March 11-15. Below outlines some of the opportunities available. A Course Catalog will be available in early January, and online registration begins later in the month. As a reminder, successful completion of Winterim is a graduation requirement.

Juniors and Seniors: Upperclassmen not participating in a trip during Winterim are encouraged to secure an internship, if possible. Guidelines are posted on Moodle, as is information for potential supervisors. Although students are required to secure their own placement, please see Mrs. Nordhorn if assistance is needed.

Sophomores: This week you will be a part of an exciting College and Career experience for any sophomore not traveling. Throughout the week, we will cover topics on self-discovery, college and career discovery as well as incorporate online tools for each topic. The Grace Guidance department utilizes the online tool, Naviance, and each student will have the opportunity to walk through their own account to learn more about the process of college and career. Additional topics include: financial aid/scholarship, interviewing skills, and team-building exercises. The week will be capped off by visiting the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Freshmen: Students not traveling will choose from on-campus classes facilitated by GCA staff. Options include half-day and full-day courses. Students either choose one full-day course or two half-day courses; students stay in the course(s) for the entire week.

In order to receive credit for Winterim, students must attend the entire week and complete a Reflection Journal. This information will be further explained to students before Winterim week. Feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Regards,

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