



The Courier

The Geneva School Parent Newsletter

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STUDENTS RULE!

By Jeb Beates - Captain of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

The Board and Faculty may have had a two-year winning streak coming into the game, but Geneva seniors Jeb Beates, Todd Bledsoe, and Katie Fridsma knew before the game even started that this year was their year to beat the faculty. On Friday, February 28, the three senior athletes led the Knights varsity basketball team to a thrilling 47 - 41 victory over the Board and Faculty in the annual showdown of the Students vs. Board/Faculty Basketball Game.

The festivities began a full hour before the game even started, as families of all sizes came out to enjoy the food and entertainment. A grill ran throughout the entire evening, turning out hamburgers, hot dogs, and even chicken! A pre-game free-throw contest took place, open to all ages. As the gym filled, excitement began to build for the game.

The Knights came onto the court pumped up and ready to go for the big game, as they ran through a determined set of warm-up routines. Fresh in their minds was the loss from the year before, which had ended with the faculty winning by a mere two points. People were still filing into the gym when the game started.

A color guard from Lake Howell High School's state runner-up NJROTC unit presented the American flag, while senior Katie Fridsma sang the National Anthem (which received enthusiastic applause). Before the line-ups were presented, the three senior basketball players, as well as senior cheerleader Heather Wayne, were recognized at mid-court for their outstanding play over four years of basketball.



After the ceremony, the teams were introduced and it was time to get down to business. The stands were overflowing with spectators - it seemed the entire school had come. Several TGS alumni were in attendance, rooting for their alma mater. With the gym packed, and the cheerleaders leading the crowd, the game tipped off.

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- March 31 - April 4:** Standardized testing for grades 1 - 6
- April 2:** Relocation Committee Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- April 5:** The Geneva School Annual Auction - 6:00 p.m.
- April 7 - 11:** Standardized testing for grades 7 - 8
- April 8:** GPA meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- April 18, 21:** NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
- April 25:** Progress Reports Sent Home (grades 3 -12)

Announcements

Moms in Touch: Moms from both campuses meet every Monday at 8:30 a.m. for an hour to pray for The Geneva School - students, parents, teachers, staff and board. Come as you are and join us in the Library at the Grammar School campus.

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The Knights scored the first basket and never trailed the rest of the game. Junior Steve Kaminskie led the way in the first half, playing tough defense while making some great shots. Eighth-grader Jason Hilborn made a crucial three-pointer towards the end of the half to give the Knights a nine-point lead at halftime. The Board and Faculty couldn't find an answer for the Knights tough box-and-one defense, but Bible teacher Russ Kapusinski managed to keep the game close, as he led his team in scoring.



The half-time show featured a routine from the varsity cheerleaders and a special cheer from grammar-school students who had attended a cheerleading clinic. Raffle items were drawn, including basketballs signed by both varsity and middle-school basketball teams.



The second half was the last half of basketball that Jeb Beates, Todd Bledsoe, or Katie Fridsma would ever play in a Knights uniform, and they played their way to victory. Russ Kapusinski closed the Knights' lead to six with a three-pointer early in the half, but Jeb Beates came right back down the court and buried a three-pointer in reply. Jeb scored 12 points in the second half, including two three-pointers. Todd Bledsoe had several blocks and cleaned up rebound after rebound on defense. The shot of the game came from Katie Fridsma. After the Board and Faculty had made a late run to close within four points, the Knights looked to be losing their lead. But Jeb found Katie open on the wing, and she buried the jump shot to put the game out of reach as the clock ran down.



At the night's end the students had gained some revenge for the past two years of losing and leveled the over-all record of the series to two wins for the students and two for the Board and Faculty. The seniors won their last game as TGS basketball players and went out with a bang. Next year's game will be held in the new gym at the new campus and promises to remain the most popular tradition at The Geneva School. If you would ask any Knights basketball player, they would tell you the game most looked forward to every year is the students vs. Board/Faculty game. This year the students came out on top, but as history has shown, don't count out the Board and Faculty next year.

Geneva U-10 Girls Basketball **Make the Playoffs First Year Out**

Victoria Robinson and Sami Carroll, "they've got game," according to coach Mack Weathers.

It was the first year out for The Geneva School third/fouth-grade girls hoop team. This team was not short of coaches, with Tim Carroll, Mack Weathers and Dave Robinson drilling the girls every Wednesday afternoon after school. The girls dribbled, dived, passed, and rebounded their way into the ACYS Playoff Tournament and finished the year 5 and 4. Special thanks are sent to Jeana Rupert for providing the girls with new jerseys. The following awards were given out at the season-end pizza party:



Back Row: Tim Carroll, Mack Weathers, Dave Robinson
Middle Row: Sarah Jane McKay, Jennifer Rupert, Taylor Weather,
Hayley Duncan, Chloe Lieffer
Front Row: Sami Carroll, Victoria Robinson, Aleah Schweizer

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| Samantha Carroll | Best Rebounder |
| Hailey Duncan | Most Improved Player |
| Chloe Lieffer | Most Courageous |
| Sarah Jane McKay | Best Hustle |
| Victoria Robinson | Most Valuable Player |
| Jennifer Rupert | Best Defense |
| Aleah Schweizer | Most Assists |
| Taylor Weathers | Best Dribbler |

Geneva U-8 Basketball

The first/second-grade boys and girls recently finished their first year of basketball, and although they came up short during the games, the children had a bunch of fun and learned so much. Each game was marked with great hustle and enthusiasm. Over the course of the season every game played was an improvement on the last, and a great team effort was displayed by all the players. During many of the games the team relied on Joel Foster, Lily Cloke, Bryce Natale, Bailey Sanford and Caleb Maggio to help score points - they did a marvelous job. Each week they knew they could also count on Tyler Anderson, Danny Downward, and Jacob Natale to help chase down all those rebounds, they too were awesome and made for better team play. Thanks to our great defense provided by Jakie Laser and Michael Carelli, many of the games played were kept very close. Lastly, I should thank all the moms and dads for their help and support.

Remember, players - keep practicing and get ready for next year. Thanks for a great year,
Coach Mike (Mike Natale)



Back Row: Adam Kirby (Assistant Coach), Lily Cloke, Danny Downward, Bryce Natale, Tyler Anderson, Michael Carelli, Mike Natale.
Middle Row: Jacob Natale, Joel Foster, Jakie Laser, Caleb Maggio
Front Row: Bailey Sanford

Annual Sports Banquet

Friday, May 2

6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church,
Maitland

Mark your calendars for this event, when students who represented the School by playing on Middle School, JV and Varsity teams will be honored.

Young sports men and women from the Grammar School will be honored at a special chapel at the end of May.

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Personal and Business advertisements for the Yearbook are now being accepted. Please see the enclosed insert for more details.

Your Yearbook Staff

Jeb Beates, Victor Boyer,

Laura Cross, Steve Minegar and

Scott Wilson.



On Saturday, March 15, 13 students from The Geneva School (and Anne Wilson) participated in the Orlando Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival.

Clockwise from top left: Stephanie Cuffell and Brenna McConnell; "Natalie" by Heather Wayne and Katie Fridsma; "Glamour Shot" by Danielle Wayne and Casey Vaughn; Rachel Maynard.



Memoirs of the Senior Trip

By Heather Wayne and Katie Fridsma

Crystal clear waters. Sandy white beaches. Swanky restaurants and exotic food. Candy salad. Thoughts of eloping with Snow White. Fear of Captain Hook's looming lanceolate limb. Indulging in free ice cream - every half-hour. A bald guy named Sasha running back and forth in front of a window for some unidentified reason. Just what you would expect on a Geneva School Senior Class trip!

We took off at 10:00 a.m. the morning of Thursday, March 6, and after a few wrong turns (we won't mention any names. . . cough, Mr. Eatmon), made it to Cape Canaveral. Immediately greeting us were Goofy and Minnie Mouse: no mistaking it, we were embarking on a Disney cruise. The Disney atmosphere penetrated nearly every aspect of the cruise, from the shows at night to the themes of the restaurants to the morning wake-up calls (cheerful greetings from our favorite Disney characters). Magic was created on our trip. Everywhere we were welcomed with smiling faces and free food - what more could we ask for?

Dinner each night was quite an experience for the nine students and two chaperones (the aforementioned driver and Mrs. Cardona). We ate at three different restaurants-at-sea, each with its own theme and each with its own adventurous dishes. In the ritzy *Triton's*, we sampled duck and escargot; in the colorful *Animator's Palate*, we watched the walls change from black and white to technicolor; in the lively *Parrot Cay* (it's pronounced "key," if you want to sound like a true Bahamian), we dined to the soft notes of steel drums. Our servers, Howard from Jamaica and Nondu from South Africa, were charming and witty: the dashing Howard made wry jokes and addressed all the girls as "my lady," and the smiling Nondu seemed always to be having a good time. Dinner was an experience not to be missed. After dinner, some stayed out late. Some went to bed early. Some didn't get out of bed at all. But those who did go out had quite a time.

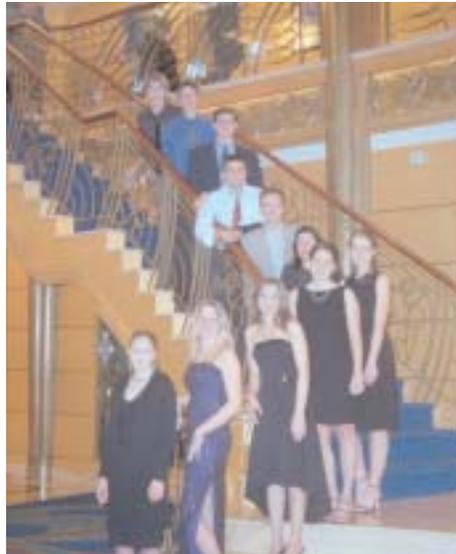
An eleven o'clock movie, dancing to the music of the '50's and '60's, walking on the deck with a violent ocean breeze through our hair, and rousing karaoke renditions of Christina Aguilera's "What a Girl Wants" and Billy Joel's "Piano Man" kept the seniors, not to mention their chaperones, busy until late into the night. We all thought it extremely funny to see our sedate secretary dancing the night away and our imposing Apologetics teacher perform in front of hundreds of people. The fabulous karaoke duet of Mr. Eatmon and Jeb Beates singing "Piano Man" was something to behold.

Nassau and Castaway Cay were our two sunny destinations. At Nassau, our group enjoyed shopping in the straw market. At Castaway Cay, Disney's private island, we basked in the *soleil* and bathed in the *mer*. After getting sufficiently broiled, some of us sat in the shade of the outdoor bar, sipping smoothies to the sounds of "Margaritaville" and "Under the Boardwalk."

Being a Disney cruise, one would have expected this trip to have made all our dreams come true. For some they did. Jeb Beates can die a happy man now, having been called "a gracious prince" by Snow White. However, some dreams were

dashed to the rocks, sunk lower than the depths of the ocean we sailed upon. Katie Fridsma's one wish was to have her picture taken with that hunky hero, Hercules. Alas, when the cast of Hercules (a musical we had seen on the ship) came into the lobby for autograph signings, all the characters but Hercules himself appeared. After leaving in the middle of dinner and waiting in line for twenty minutes, Katie returned sullenly to eat a large dessert.

We all had a marvelous time, experiencing all the things one would expect on a tropical Disney cruise, and experiencing some one would not. Everyone, including the chaperones, got to know one another better. All together it was tons of fun and a great time for us to spend together as a class. This relaxing retreat comes highly recommended.



From top to bottom: Todd Bledsoe, Jeb Beates, Victor Boyer, Scott Wilson, Michael Eatmon, Laurie Cradona, Heather Wayne, Katie Fridsma, Laura Cross, Michelle Prescott and Clare Skinner



Katie Fridsma, Jeb Beates and Heather Wayne enjoying the water.

Geneva Parents Association

TO ENRICH THE LIFE OF THE GENEVA SCHOOL THROUGH PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

by Gordon Cloke - GPA President

**God *has* provided,
does provide,
and will provide for
The Geneva School.**

At the March meeting of the Geneva Parents Association, parents heard an intriguing and inspiring account of the ten-year history of The Geneva School, delivered by Ms. Laura Grace Alexander, founding board member and former Headmaster of the school. Laura Grace returned last summer from Great Britain (my fair home country) having satisfied the residency requirements for her Doctorate in classical studies from Oxford University. A detailed transcription of her talk will be published in a future edition of The Courier.

However, the main theme that I detected that evening was God's faithful providence for The Geneva School. There have been good times a-plenty, but bad times too; moments of great triumph and moments when the future of the school hung by a thread; times of joy and laughter seasoned with times of sorrow; but superintending the whole scope of these events was a gracious God whose strength is made perfect in our weakness. And so, while we acknowledge the many teachers, administrators, parents and others who have poured their lives into The Geneva School, and without whom the school might not exist, we also join with them in acknowledging that God alone takes the glory for the continued prosperity of The Geneva School. May it ever be so.

Also during March, many parents received enormous encouragement from our Dialectic and Rhetoric students when they presented a "Geneva Parent Appreciation Afternoon" at the University Club in Winter Park. The students provided musical, dramatic and literary presentations, as well as a lesson in Aristotelian logic! While we enjoyed the refreshments that were provided, we delighted in the displays of the students' work in science, mathematics and art. The program finale involved testimonials from Jeb Beates and Katy Maynard. Jeb is a senior who also happens to be the only remaining student from the first year of The Geneva School back in 1993 (when

he was in the third grade). He expects to attend Geneva College this fall, having recently been awarded a soccer scholarship. Speaking without notes, Jeb gave a forceful testimony to the merits of a Geneva education, noting in particular the opportunity to excel in athletics. Katy Maynard, who graduated last year, returned to give testimony to the incredible preparation for college that she received at Geneva. Her fellow students at Furman University, where she is in her freshman year, have come to recognize in her an ability to think clearly, comprehend complex material and present ideas cogently. Katy attributes this to the excellent instruction she received at The Geneva School. These two fine testimonials from such capable young people made a powerful impression on students and parents alike. And above all, as parents, we were deeply encouraged and felt greatly appreciated!

At the next GPA meeting, at 7p.m. on Monday, April 14, there will be an opportunity to hear all about the new school property. Board member Ms. Crosland Stuart will present floor plans and artist renderings of the new building, and explain the calendar of events that will culminate this fall when school opens on Tuesday, September 2, at 2025 Semoran Boulevard. Needless to say, there is a lot of hard work to be done between now and then, and for this reason we will also be hearing from the committee recently formed to oversee the relocation.

Also at the April meeting we will be receiving nominations for GPA president for the 2003-2004 school year. I have been fulfilling this role for almost six years and love to do it. I am prepared to continue, but also recognize that there may be others of you who have a heart for The Geneva School that could bring many new ideas to the position. So please prayerfully consider whether you, or a parent you know, could take the GPA to the next level. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions on this subject.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the April meeting.

Gordon Cloke

President, Geneva Parents Association, 2002-2003