

Greenbrier Christian Academy

October 17, 2011

State of the Academy Address

“ALL EDUCATION SPRINGS FROM SOME IMAGE OF THE FUTURE. IF THE IMAGE OF THE FUTURE HELD BY SOCIETY IS GROSSLY INACCURATE, ITS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WILL BETRAY ITS YOUTH AND THEIR FUTURE.” - A. TOFFLER

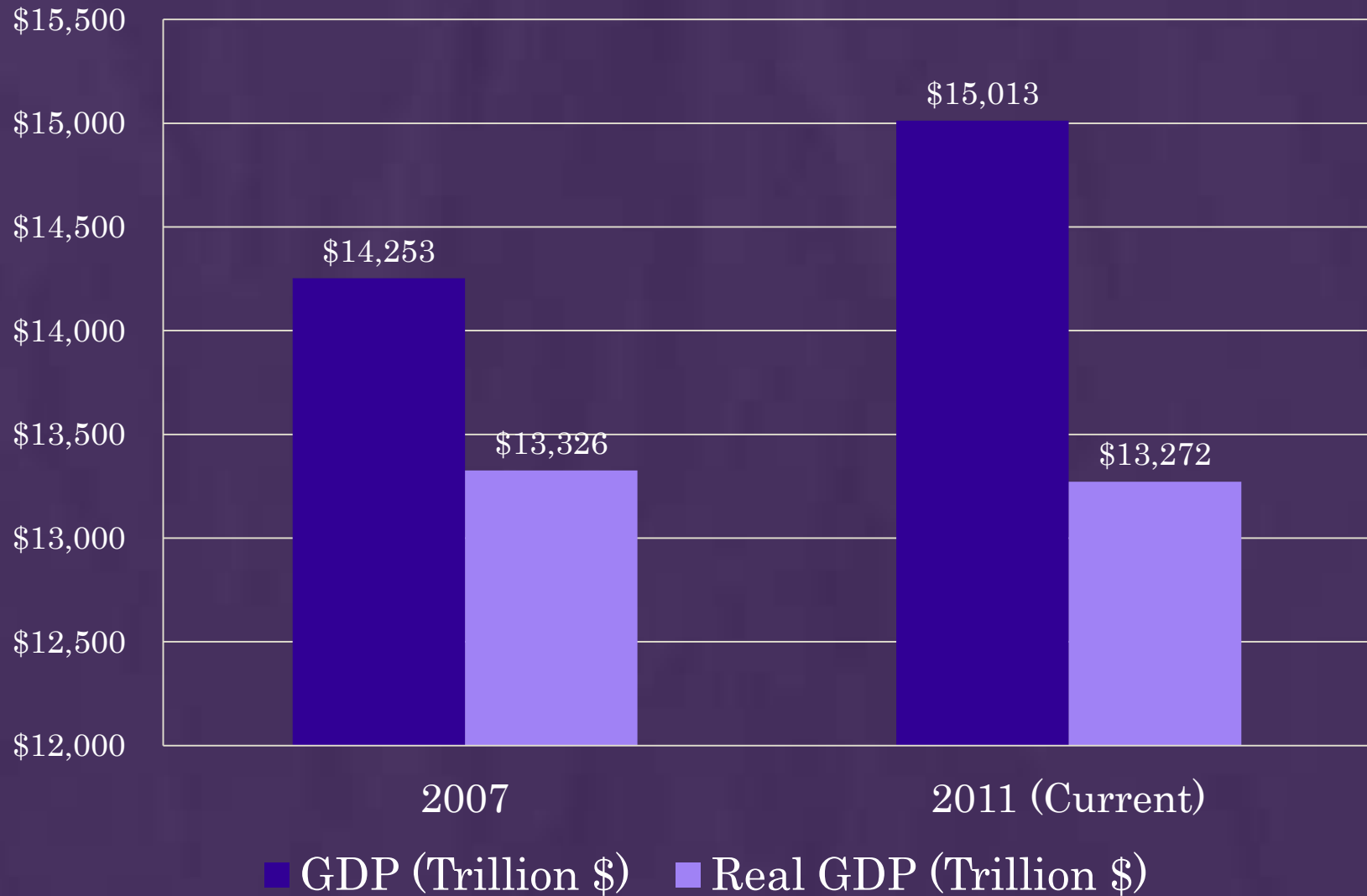
“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,”
DECLARES THE LORD, “**PLANS** TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE
YOU **HOPE** AND A **FUTURE**.” - JEREMIAH 29:11

WHY IS THE STATE OF THE ACADEMY SO IMPORTANT?

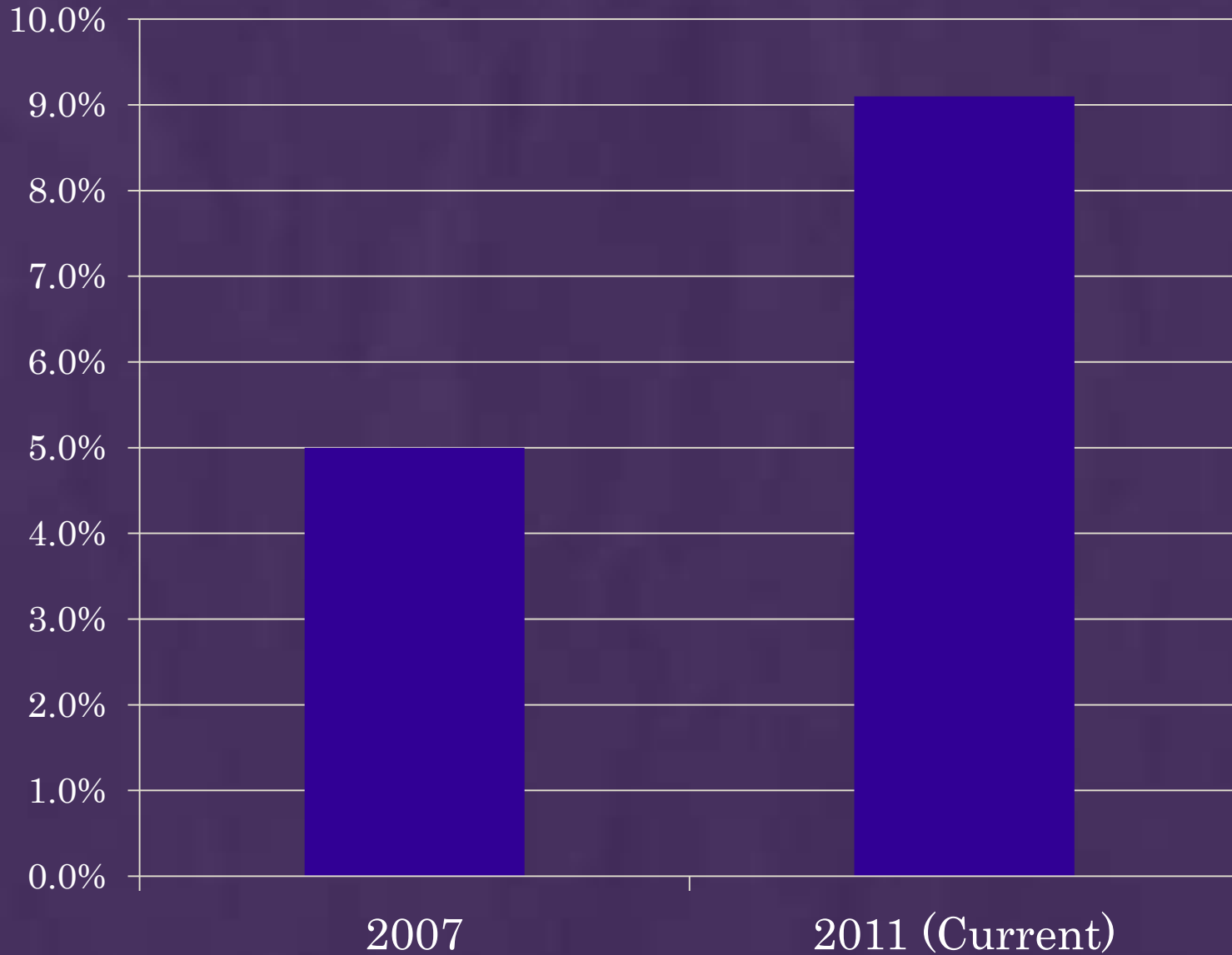
The Economy & Its Effect On Our School

- STATS GRAPH
- Costs are UP – Income is DOWN

United States GDP 2007 vs 2011 (Current)



United States Unemployment Rate



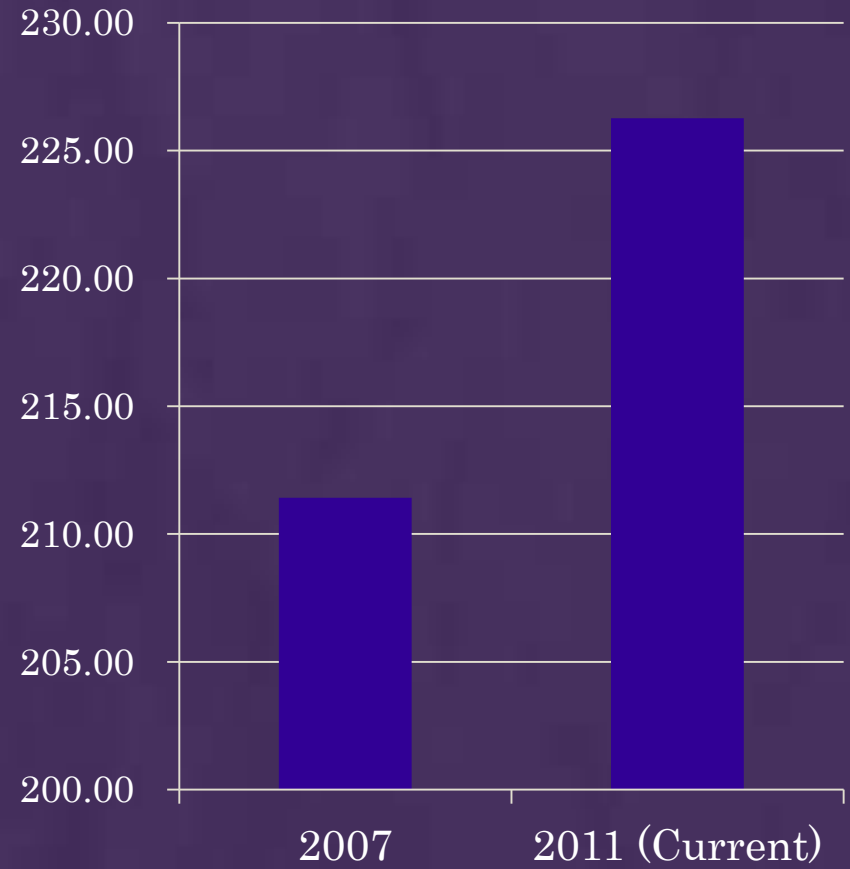
US Personal Income (Billions \$)

Total increase of 6.6%



Consumer Price Index (CPI)

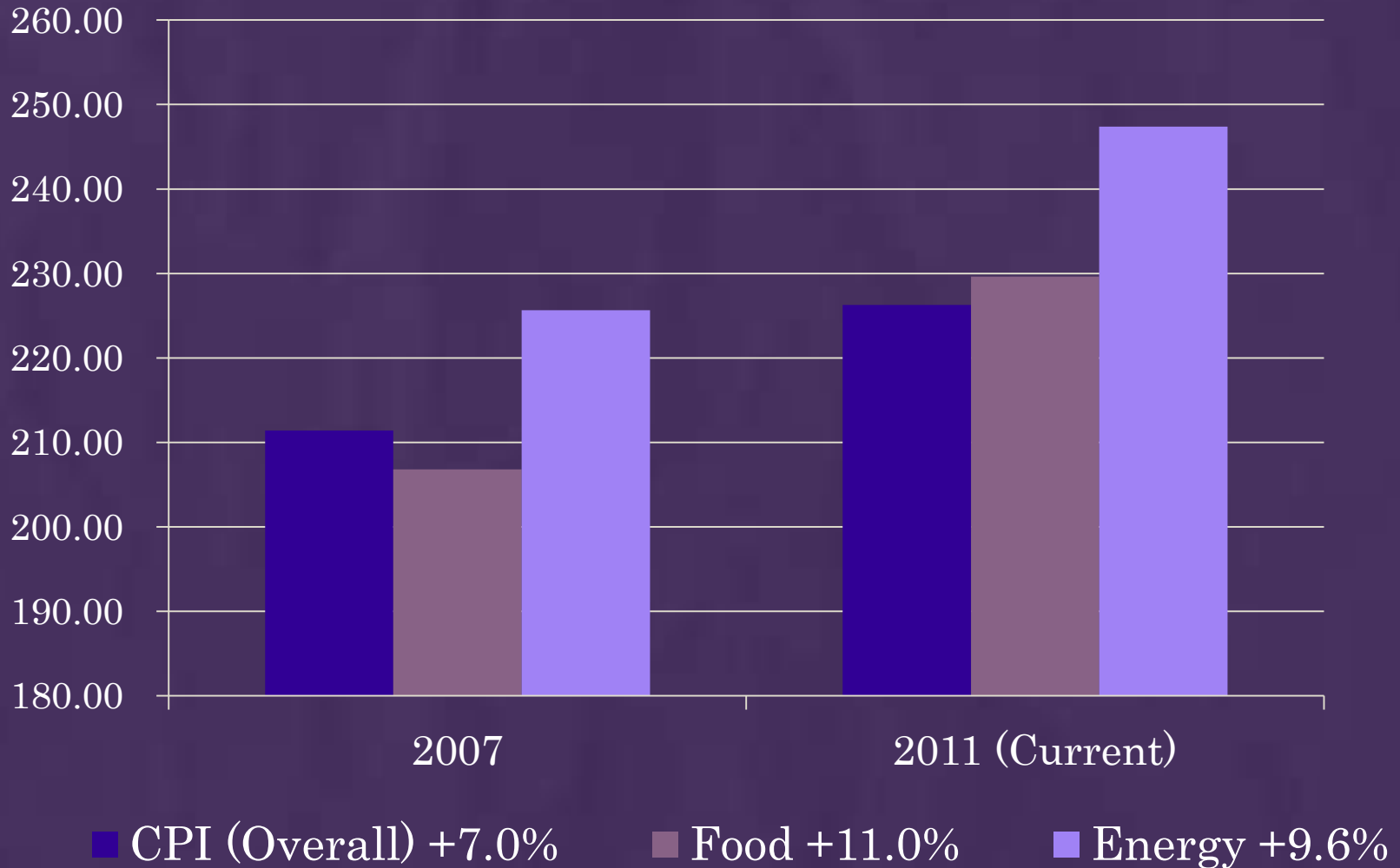
Total increase of 7.0%



CPI Components

Overall, Food, Energy

(includes total percent change 2007 to 2011 (Current))



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The Present State of Christian Education in America

- Schools continue to decrease in size and programs and in many cases full closure
- Student enrollment decreases have begun to flatten, but we are not recovering original number of students

The Status of Christian Education in Our Area

- Continued decrease or flat enrollment until the economy changes

WHY IS THE STATE OF THE ACADEMY SO IMPORTANT?

The Status of Christian Education at GCA

- We are solid—BUT, we feel the pain:
 - drop of **119 students**
 - change in budget of **1 million dollars**
 - loss of **36 employees**
 - **programs** have been affected

WHY DOES GCA EXIST?

GCA Mission Statement:

With the Word of God as our foundation, Greenbrier Christian Academy exists in support of the local church to partner with parents to provide a Christ-centered education that:

- I. gives students the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9,10)
- II. challenges them to excel academically (Proverbs 1:7)
- III. provides programs that disciple them to increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52)

Examine with me our Mission in action...

I. “GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW CHRIST.”

- ❖ In K-5 through 5th Grade, seven students received Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- ❖ During Bible Emphasis Week and number of students committed their lives to a closer and deeper walk with Christ
- ❖ The Middle and Upper School divisions dealt with several students regarding their faith in Christ.
- ❖ The theme for Lower School was “The Names of God”. Each chapel was used to examine a name for God showing His attributes through His names.

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- ❖ The theme for Upper School was “Reflecting Christ” and chapels were presented giving instruction on how to reflect Christ in our words, our deeds and our inward spirit.
- ❖ Our Japanese outreach program “Homestay” gave many opportunities for students and host families to share Christ with the Japanese girls and their host teachers.
- ❖ Throughout the Academy students participated in our Jeans Day Missions effort. The dollars were collected and given to GCA Alumni who were on the mission field or serving in full-time Christian ministry. By assisting them we helped spread the Gospel across the world.

II. “CHALLENGE THEM TO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY”

- ❖ Three students received special recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation:
 - ❖ National Hispanic Award
 - ❖ Outstanding Black American participant/NMSQT
 - ❖ Special scholarship award received from a corporation affiliated with the National Merit Scholarship Foundation
- ❖ Twenty-nine upper school students qualified and were selected as Association of Christian Schools International Distinguished High School Students.

II. “CHALLENGE THEM TO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY”

- ❖ Fifth Grade students participated and placed in The Freedom Challenge
- ❖ Middle School and Upper School students won honors in the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay competition.
- ❖ 33 students took 56 A.P. Exams – Current A.P. enrollment is 45 students
- ❖ Twenty students scored in the top ranks of the A.P. Exams.
- ❖ Several of our Science students scored 4 or 5 on their A.P. Exams. Scoring a 4 or 5 on the A.P. Exam places them in the top 7% of students nationwide.

II. “CHALLENGE THEM TO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY”

- ❖ GCA students shadowed the Attorney for the City of Chesapeake and another student was a Mayor’s Youth Day speaker in a student City Council meeting.
- ❖ Two students were selected to the National Youth Leadership summer program in the areas of medicine and national security
- ❖ Fast Track Math for Elementary Students
- ❖ Lego® Robotics begins 2nd Quarter for gifted academic students
- ❖ Students can now accelerate in Math and Foreign Language in Middle School for HS credit

III. “PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT DISCIPLE STUDENTS”

- ❖ Kindergarten classes collected 396 children’s books to create a book center for the children and HERS Shelter.
- ❖ First graders collected 80 pairs of shoes for Orphan Souls.
- ❖ Second grade classes raised \$400 to purchase Bibles for the children who attended Camp Hope Haven. They were able to visit Hope Haven and to pray for the boys and girls who were there for the summer.
- ❖ The third grade packed 26 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The students made cards and prayed for those who would receive the boxes
- ❖ Fourth graders collected eight full boxes of canned food and eight turkeys for families through the Union Mission. The students willingly gave up their Thanksgiving party to sort canned food for the Union Mission.

III. “PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT DISCIPLINE STUDENTS”

- ❖ Fifth grade students spent a morning making cookies and cards for shut-ins from a local church. In the afternoon they visited a number of those homes to deliver their “care” packages and spent time visiting those shut-ins.
- ❖ The Lower School received a \$5,000 “Back to Breakfast” grant and presented a nutritious breakfast each month to the Lower School students.
- ❖ Students from the GCA art classes provided service painting scenes on the walls of Sentara nursing home in Virginia Beach.
- ❖ Art students provided artwork during special concerts and chapels.
- ❖ Middle School band participated in District IV Band Festival at Great Bridge High School and received a “Superior” rating. Superior is the highest rating given to musical groups.

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- ❖ The Middle School and High School choirs received “Excellence” ratings at the ACSI Music Festival.
- ❖ One of our choir participants, Joylín Rushing received the highest rating of “Superior” in solo competition and is presently singing in the Virginia Opera.
- ❖ Six choir students were selected to sing in the All-District Chorus.
- ❖ GCA Upper School students supported the Crisis Pregnancy Center’s Walk for Life and won the top school award for the fourth successive year.
- ❖ GCA as a school supported the Union Mission “Food for the Needy” drive by collecting 80 boxes of food.

III. “PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT DISCIPLE STUDENTS”

- ❖ GCA Seniors accomplished several service projects including:
 - ❖ Clean up and re-mulching at The Greenbrier Church
 - ❖ Removal of old metal bunk beds from Camp Hope Haven
 - ❖ Staining of new wooden bunk beds for Camp Hope Haven
- ❖ Varsity Football – VISAA Division IV State Semi-finalists
 - ❖ Placed four players on TCIS 1st Team All-Conference
 - ❖ Three players selected 1st Team All-State
- ❖ Varsity Baseball
 - ❖ TCIS Regular Season Champions
 - ❖ TCIS Tournament Champions
 - ❖ VISAA Division II Quarterfinalists
 - ❖ All-Conference and All-State Selections

III. “PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT DISCIPLINE STUDENTS”

- ❖ Varsity Softball
 - ❖ TCIS Conference Champions
 - ❖ TCIS Conference Tournament Champions
 - ❖ VISAA Division II State Champions
 - ❖ Placed four players on TCIS All-Conference
 - ❖ Placed three players on VISAA 1st Team All-State
- ❖ Volleyball, Golf, Basketball and Track placed players on All Conference Teams.

SOME COMPARISONS

GCA in perspective

2010-2011

ANNUAL TUITION COMPARISON

TCIS Comparison Tuition Costs			Fees
Bishop Sullivan Catholic H.S.	No Elementary	9-12 th Catholic...\$10,900 Non-Catholic...\$11,900	Parents purchase books
Cape Henry Collegiate	K - 5 th Grade ...\$14,200 to ...\$15,800	6-12 th ...\$17,165	Parents purchase books
Greenbrier Christian Academy	K5...\$6,875 1-5 th ...\$7,300	6-8 th ...\$7,900 9-12 th ...\$8,200	No Fees- Includes Textbooks and Yearbook
Hampton Roads Academy	K - 5 th Grade ...\$8,100 to ...\$9,800	6-8 th ...\$13,500 9-12 th ...\$14,720	\$850 Matriculation Fee + Parents purchase books
Nansemond-Suffolk Academy	K-5 th ...\$11,500 6-8 th ...\$12,040	9-12 th ...\$13,140	\$3,000 Maint. Fee + Parents purchase books

2010-2011

ANNUAL TUITION COMPARISON

Norfolk Academy	1-6 th ...\$17,500	7-12 th ...\$20,500	Parents purchase books
Norfolk Christian	K...\$6,205 1-5 th ...\$7,130 6-7 th ...\$8,690	8 th ...\$9,900 9-11 th ...\$9,755 12 th ...\$9,795	None Listed
Norfolk Collegiate	K - 5 th Grade ...\$13,000 to ...\$13,975	6-8 th ...\$14,100 9-12 th ...\$14,720	\$175-\$400 Books \$150 Activity Fee
Peninsula Catholic	No Lower School	9-12 th Catholic...\$8,840 9-12 th Non-Catholic...\$9,870	\$400 General Fee + Parents purchase books
Walsingham Academy	K-5 th ...\$10,295	6-8 th ...\$11,798 9-12 th ...\$12,534	\$500 + Parents purchase books

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

GCA Annual Giving Record

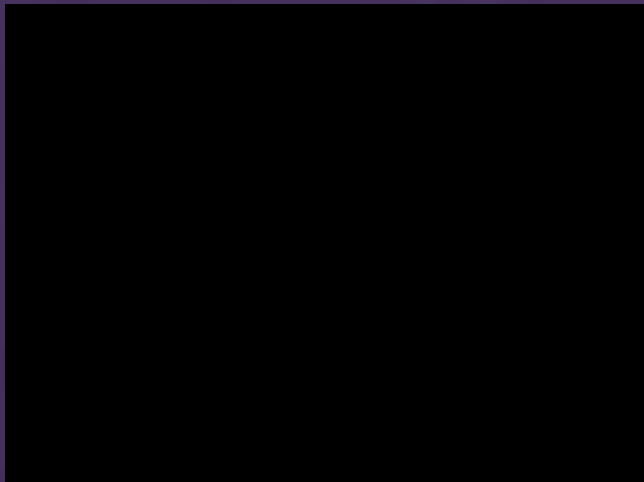
Year	Goal	Amount Received
03-04	\$167,000	\$182,794
04-05	\$270,000	\$171,051
05-06	\$278,000	\$288,648
06-07	\$225,000	\$148,816
07-08	\$240,000	\$118,873
08-09	\$240,000	\$109,014
09-10	\$195,000	\$176,623
10-11	\$195,000	\$126,019

GIVING FIGURES ARE COMPRISED OF GIFTS RECEIVED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

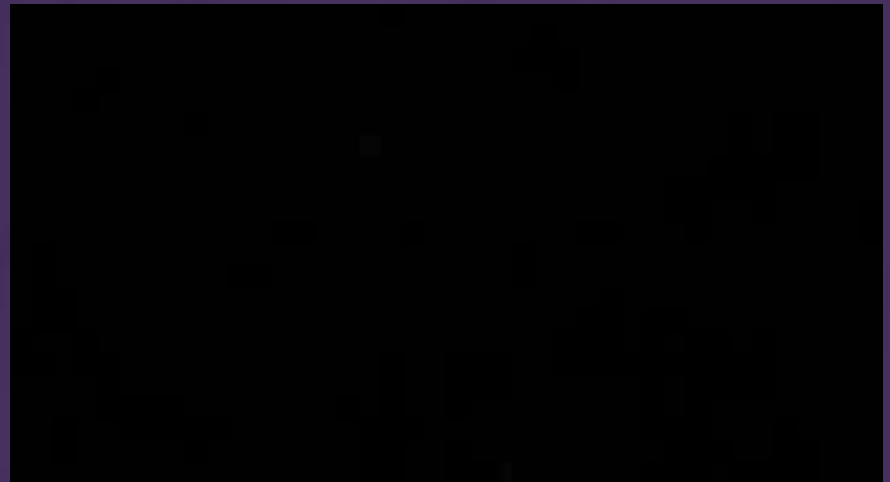
Area of Giving	Percentage	Total \$
Annual Fund	26%	\$32,868
Worthy Servant Fund	23%	\$29,250
Athletic Gifts	4%	\$4,235
Special Projects	7%	\$9,325
<i>Annual Fundraiser</i>		
Gift Wrap	19%	23,696
Entertainment Books	13%	\$15,906
Art Extravaganza	8%	\$10,739
10-11 TOTALS	100%	\$126,019

2 VIDEOS I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEE...

http://youtu.be/PHmwZ96_Gos



<http://youtu.be/DTWTKDdw8f4>



IF WE ARE GOING TO TRAIN
21ST CENTURY LEARNERS
WE WILL NEED
YOUR PARTNERSHIP
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK

This is what we need...

THIS IS WHAT WE NEED:

- ❖ 200 new computers at \$450 each
 - ❖ Cost: \$90,000
- ❖ Upgrade LAN + WiFi backbone to meet the requirements of our students and staff
 - ❖ Cost: \$10,000
- ❖ Increase Internet bandwidth through Cox or other ISP to meet the expanding needs of our network
 - ❖ Cost: \$10,000

TOTAL NEEDED TO MEET TECHNOLOGY PLAN
\$110,000

