



GCA PARENT ATHLETIC COUNCIL

**Gray Collegiate Academy
Cafe Gray**

June 10, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Opening Comments

Dr. Newsome



Mission

The Gray Collegiate Academy Parent Athletic Council (PAC) is a group of GCA parents whose mission is to support the overall sports experience for our children. This simple mission involves pursuing two objectives:

1. To facilitate two-way communication between the school and parents regarding sports activities
2. To support the school's mission of providing elite athletics to its student-athletes.

This mission is accomplished through the volunteer efforts of our GCA parents, working in collaboration with our school administrators and students.



What are GCA PAC's initiatives?

- To ensure that all sports experiences at GCA are positive and even, regardless of the level of participation (Varsity, JV, B-Team, Middle School, et al)
- To serve as a liaison between the GCA Athletic Department and the parent community, sharing feedback to help strengthen our athletic program
- To provide guidelines and support for all Team Parents
- To encourage school spirit across all teams and sports by sponsoring community War Eagle Spirit Days each season



How can I get involved?

- At the beginning of each season, PAC helps to identify parents from each team to serve as Team Parents. The purpose of the role is to be a liaison between the coach and other parents on the team, while also coordinating team bonding events and activities.
- PAC is always looking for Volunteers to help with our War Eagle Spirit Days! Whether it's a donation of snacks or water, or passing out pizza to hungry athletes after a big game, every contribution helps make these events a success for our students and their families.



What we are not

- The GCA PAC is NOT an athletic booster club in the sense of fundraising.
- PAC members will not purchase or enter into any financial agreements on behalf of the school or the athletic program that you represent. If you do so, you will be held liable for the purchase of the item.
- PAC may assist in the fundraising effort, but the head coach of each program is ultimately responsible for any procurement or monetary duties.



Chain of Command

1. Principal
2. Athletic Director
3. Head Coach
4. Team Parent
5. Parents/Supporters



Team Parent Guidelines

- The guidelines below are intended to serve as a roadmap for team parents and set expectations for all GCA families involved in team sports.
- This list is designed to serve as a baseline guide and is certainly not all-inclusive. Please feel free to ask other parents for their assistance.
- Additionally, please ensure that you are in regular communication with your coaches.



Communication

- Communication involves you serving as a liaison between coaches and parents as needed. Responsibilities include:
 - Making sure all team parents are signed up for the team's SportsYou platform
 - This includes the team site as well as the War Eagles Athletics site
 - Assisting any parents who need help getting involved



Concession Stand & Gate/Parking

- These two accounts for more than \$20,000 to our athletic revenue stream.
- Canteen proceeds go directly to the sport that operates the concession stand that date.
- The concession stand is stocked with basics - candy, chips, soft drinks, Gatorade - by the school. The staffing team can decide on 'hot' food - i.e. pizza (ordered via GCA), hot dogs, Chick-Fil-A, BBQ, hamburgers, etc.
- Parking accounts for more than \$25,000 and goes towards school projects, which uses that money for projects like getting the road resurfaced or obtaining a new bus for transportation.



Concession Stand

Spring Concession Stand Data:

Total Games - 178

- Soccer - 94 / 51 / 43 (39.1%)
- Baseball - 17 (15.5%)
- Softball - 9 (8.2%)
- Football - 9 (8.2%)
- Cross Country - 7 (6.4%)
- Girls Tennis - 5 (4.6%)
- Wrestling - 5 (4.6%)
- Cheer - 4 (3.7%)
- Girls Basketball - 3 (2.8%)
- Swimming - 3 (2.8%)
- Boys Golf - 2 (1.9%)
- Girls Golf - 2 (1.9%)
- Boys Basketball - 1 (0.9%)
- Track & Field - 0 (0.0%)
- Archery - 0 (0.0%)
- Dance - 0 (0.0%)
- Clubs/Organizations - 0 (0.0%)



Coordinate Team Food and Drinks

Please create a food and drink schedule for home and away games as soon as possible. Home games are often just water or Gatorade with a small snack, whereas Away games may require sandwiches, pizza, etc. Some additional notes:

- Please coordinate with the coach
- Create a Home and Away schedule and ask for parent contributions
- Use Sign Up Genius (*an invaluable free online tool*) to manage the scheduling
- Travel time/distance of away game may factor into food needs



Roster

To ensure that parents (and other parents) on the team are aware of all the players and can provide support, we kindly request that you create a roster to distribute to each set of parents at the start of the season. The roster should include:

- Player name, uniform #, and parent names
- Roster information is found on each team's website at <https://www.graycaathletics.com/> and on MaxPreps for team sports.
- Laminate at your discretion – it is not necessary.



Team Dinner/Events

- Team dinners are a wonderful tradition at Gray, where team members gather for a team bonding experience. We kindly request that you plan at least one team dinner or event. Events include potluck dinners, pizza or pasta parties, and team breakfasts before a game.
- Please ask for volunteers to sponsor, with all families contributing, so that it is not a burden on the host family. The preference is to hold team dinners/meals on campus to make it easy and safe for players to gather (as opposed to having to drive to other towns to players' homes).
- To reserve an on-campus space for an event, please get in touch with Coach Treigh Sullivan - tsullivan@grayca.com
- Please note that these are not school-sponsored events, and the school takes no responsibility for transportation to and from school if the event is off-campus.



Support Other Gray Sports Teams

- A significant aspect of the Gray Collegiate athletic experience is having fans in attendance at games.
- We ask that you have the Team Parents coordinate a day or two when the team can go and cheer on another team. They would love to have the support, and it fosters school spirit.
- This can often be done in the off-season and is a great team bonding activity.



Senior Day

- Please coordinate this with the coach and communicated with the administration what game/date is selected for this event.
- Decorations, recognition, and a cake/cupcakes would be a great idea.
- This should not become a burden, and no money should be collected for senior gifts.
- The school provides a plaque for this event as well as a flower for the parent(s).



End of Season Awards

- Each team will be responsible for their own End of Season Awards ceremony. This should not be a significant financial investment.
- The purpose is to celebrate the accomplishments of our varsity teams and recognize team and individual awards at the Varsity and sub-varsity levels.
- The school supplies several awards for each sport.



Trips

- If your team is going on a trip, please make sure that you or the coach is in regular communication with team families about all details.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out to the athletic department if you have any questions!
- A trip itinerary is due 30 days prior to the event and a travel roster 15 days prior to the event.



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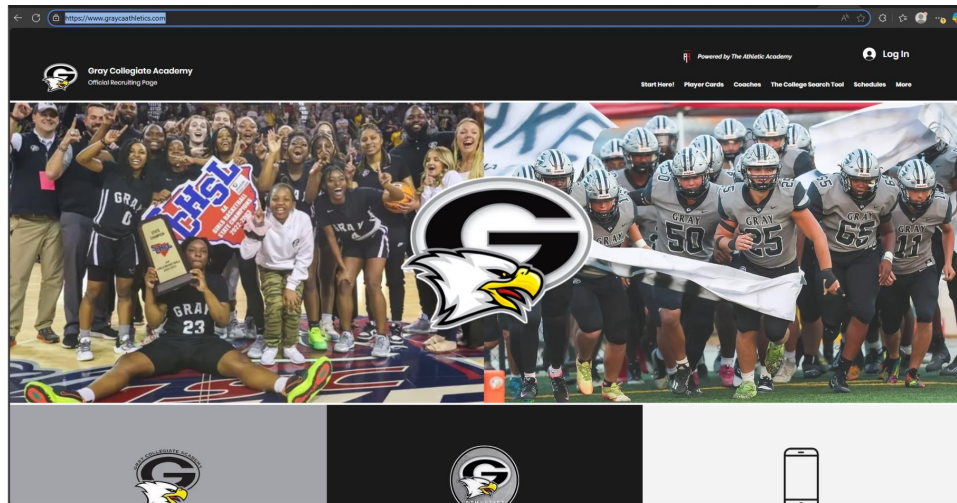
PAC Leadership

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary



Collegiate Academic & Athletic Liaison (CAAL)

- Coach Katie Clampitt
- The Athletic Academy - website
- Only high school in S.C. offering this for all sports!



Thank you!!!

Thank you for your willingness to assist our Athletic Department and promote our War Eagles!

