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## Oct-Nov

## 2014



### ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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I trust you enjoyed the mild, colorful fall from our Lord! With fall comes the annual Minnesota Association of Christian Schools State Soccer and Volleyball Tournament in Brainerd. I appreciate the effort of the young men: Tyler, Taylor, and Tucker Hugg, Moresse Chatman, and Joshua Green. The young ladies played two games and won the last game against Mankato. We congratulate Lisa Vongsa and Ellie Burich.

The younger students enjoyed the First Quarter Reward Activity at the Mill City Museum. The older students' activity was camping out at the Gust Resort.

We would encourage you to plan to attend the Academy **Fall Program** at 6pm on Sunday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Program will include vocal and instrumental music along with a play, "Three Questions." The students all are looking forward to the Program as well as the coming Holiday Season.

After the holidays, the older students will begin preparing for the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Regional and International Student Conventions (ISC), to be held in St. Cloud and at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces New Mexico. At ISC the students will compete with ACE schools from around the globe, providing the opportunity to excel in track, vocal and instrumental music, and speech and drama. What an opportunity and privilege. This is another tool to help students to become independent of parents and dependent on the Lord. Pray as they prepare for these great events. The student portion of the ISC fee is \$250, which will be due in the spring.

### 2015 International Student Convention



New Mexico State University • Las Cruces, New Mexico  
May 23-28, 2015

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### The Need for Respect

Respect is an attitude of deep reverence, love, and awe towards those in authority. The scriptural word is "fear." We are commanded to **fear** God, our rulers, parents, employers, and spiritual authorities. Pr. 1:7, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Moses demonstrated respect toward God by taking off his shoes, because he was on holy ground. Ex. 3:4-5, "And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." David revered Saul, a wicked king, by not putting forth his hand to slay the Lord's anointed. 1 Sam. 24:10, "Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD'S anointed."

A proper reverence for God will have a powerful effect on our work, worship, and witness for the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:11, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." Respect is the awareness of God using people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me.

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1. We need to respect God because:

a. God is all knowing – He is omniscient! Creatorship is the ground for the omniscience of God. 1 John 3:20, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."

b. God knows all about us. Ps. 139:15-16, "My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy

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## “Maximize Your Child’s Focus and Performance in Five Simple Steps.”

By Zonya Foco

1. **Quality Sleep** ~ Get kids to bed on time!
2. **Caffeine** in soda pop can destroy quality slumber.
3. **High Octane Breakfasts** provide a mixture of fuels from whole grains, whole fruit, and lean protein for a steady stream of energy that will keep them focused until lunch.
4. **Hydration** – be sure they drink a glass of water or diluted fruit juice first thing in the morning.
5. **Best Test** 3-minute Brain gym exercise to wake up the brain before a test. Recent studies have shown that children who exercise regularly have more alert brains.

I would like to close my column with a few ideas on **TRUE COMPETITION** by Dennis Scott, *Journal For Christian Educators* / Fall 2011

The Olympic creed states, “The most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the fight; the essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well.”

Competition has been corrupted. Competition means “to strive or seek with.” The main reason for competition is to provide an opportunity for an enjoyable and motivated quest for excellence. Competition should be a time to appreciate others, model humility, and demonstrate sportsmanship and character. Notice 1 Cor. 14:12, “Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.” Character qualities such as persistence, respect, discipline, sacrifice, and humility can be learned from athletic competitions.

The drive to win may lead to cheating, and failure can lead to stress. Building character is more important than winning. Striving to win by the rules, studying in the classroom, and playing sports ought to bring JOY to the student athlete. Coaches and athletes need to maintain self-control, show respect to coaches, teammates, and opponents, and learn to celebrate victory humbly.

A good coach will have a solid philosophy or purpose that will focus more on character, social development, and fun than on winning. There are four dimensions to good coaching: motivation, game strategy, technique, and character building. Sport competition can help athletes learn how to handle defeat and disappointment with class and dignity, and victory with grace and humility. **Having FUN** is one of the simplest answers to the reason we compete in sports. It is important that we use exercise to reduce stress and anxiety, yet focus on having fun.

Competition is taught in the Bible – Phil. 1:27, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” It is important for Christians to keep in mind that we are to represent Jesus Christ in our competition, and that our opponents are also Christians or in need of Salvation. So we need to represent Christ!

book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”

c. God thinks all about us. Ps. 139: 17-18, “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

d. God provided eternal salvation for all mankind. Isa. 51:1-6.

e. God has made a provision for life. Pr. 23:17-18, “Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.”

2. We need to **earn** respect when we are in a place of authority. Steve McChesney said, “The best way to teach respect is to show respect.”



a. You show respect to your child by being honest, admitting wrong, and apologizing. You can prove respect by being positive and complimentary, trusting children to carry out responsibilities, being fair, being polite, and using good manners, being reliable, and being a good listener.

b. The most important thing in effective discipline is respect, which takes character, courage, compassion, convictions, and consistency. One will earn respect by manifesting the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23.

\* Respect is earned by demonstrating patience, which is accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it. Rom. 5:3-4, “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope.” Patience, longsuffering, and perseverance reflect confidence in God to do His work in every situation. Ps. 62:5, “My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.”

\* Respect is earned by demonstrating self-control, which is instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit. Gal. 5:24-25, “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Self-control is power over oneself – the spirit, soul, body, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Proverbs 16:32, “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”

- \* Respect is earned by demonstrating gentleness, which is expressing personal care appropriate to another's emotional needs. It is a strong hand with a soft tone.

1 Thess. 2:7, "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." William Barclay says, "Behind the gentleness there is the strength of soul; for the supreme characteristic of the man who is meek is that he is the man who is under perfect control." Another man said that a meek person has learned how to yield up his rights and possessions to God, and knows how to respond to anger when his personal rights have been violated. The gentle person wins the right to be heard. Such self-control can come only through the work of God's Spirit. Matt. 11:28-29, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



- \* Respect is earned by demonstrating wisdom, which is seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference. Pr. 9:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." God is the source of wisdom, so one must have a relationship with Him to have true wisdom. Ps. 111:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever." There is a direct link between wisdom and obedience to God's written Word. James 3:17, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

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- \* Respect is earned by demonstrating compassion, which is investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurt of others. 1 John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Compassion is a commitment of sacrificial love, pity, sympathy, and mercy. David showed compassion toward Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. 2 Sam 9:7, "And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."

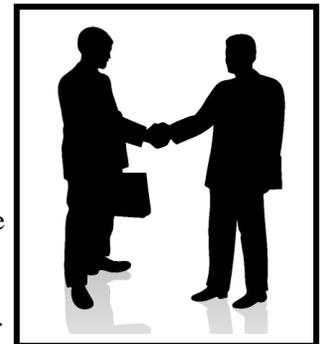
3. Those who are subordinate are to show respect to those in authority. Steve McChesney pointed out that until children show respect at home, it is unlikely they will show it anywhere else.

- \* We are to show respect to the aged. Lev. 19:32, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD."
- \* We are to show respect to rulers. Pr. 25:6, "Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men."
- \* We are to show respect to one another. Rom. 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;" 1 Pet. 2:17, "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."
- \* Children are to respect their parents and those in authority. Ex. 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

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4. Respect is shown by being on time, asking for permission to speak, being punctual on responsibilities, being focused and alert, following directions, and addressing people by their proper name.

**CONCLUSION:** Respect is an attitude of deep reverence, love, and awe toward those in authority. People respect those who are patient, self-controlled, gentle, wise, and compassionate. Everyone needs to respect God and those in authority; and everyone needs to demonstrate respect in his own life.



COMING EVENTS	
Activity: Green Valley Greenhouse	Nov 14
Sterling Park monthly program	Nov 26
Fall Program: <i>Three Questions</i> 6pm	Nov 23
Preacher Boys, Wed 7pm	Nov 26
Thanksgiving Recess	Nov 27-28
Sunday-school Christmas Program	Dec 14
Christmas Caroling & Banquet	Dec 19
<i>Angels of Christmas Cantata</i>	Dec 21
Christmas Recess	Dec 22-Jan 2



## Praise and Motivation Go Hand In Hand

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We all thrive on praise, and children are no exception. Accelerated Christian Education recognizes a child's need for praise and has incorporated into the program some specific features to give parents an opportunity to inspire, encourage, and motivate their children through praise. What are these features? Every Goal Card, Progress Chart, Progress Report, Congratulations slip, and even a Homework Assignment slip is an opportunity for praise. When your child completes his goals each day, turns in a PACE for testing, or gets a star and a new PACE, he has passed a significant milestone. At school the staff find various ways to recognize achievement and to give words of praise. Build on that at home.

Consider the Goal Card. Every day, as your child completes and crosses off his goals, he demonstrates several character traits—diligence, persistence, consistency, etc. When he arrives home and says, "I finished all my goals today," take the opportunity to praise character and hard work.

If your child comes home from school discouraged because he was not able to complete all the day's goals, look at the Homework Assignment slip, assure him that you are there for encouragement, and then commend his efforts toward determination and commitment. When the homework is complete, see that the homework has been completed and praise a job well done.

Completing a PACE and receiving a Congratulations slip is definitely a highlight for your child. When he brings that Congratulations slip home, use the opportunity for special recognition and praise. Try displaying the slips on a bulletin board or the refrigerator, and comment

often that you are pleased with your child's efforts and progress. You may even want to put the slips into a scrapbook along with other important keepsakes, or as one parent did, save all of them over the years and present them tied with a ribbon at graduation.

Your child's Progress Chart is very important to him. The stars represent not only the number of PACEs completed but also academic balance. Do you make it a point to know what your child's Progress Chart looks like? Try dropping by the

Learning Center just to see it, or better yet, make a similar chart at home and add stars or dots every time he brings home a Congratulations slip. Praise not only

PACEs completed but also academic balance.

Progress Reports provide another excellent opportunity to praise your child's diligence and character. Place more emphasis on effort than high grades, and praise character as reflected on the "Desirable Habits and Traits" evaluation. Give special note to improvement in any area, and consider some kind of reward to support your praise.

It's easy to focus on what a child does wrong, but that will not build confidence or aid achievement efforts. Instead, use the special features A.C.E. has given you to give honest praise for character, positive attitudes, and effort. Remember, nothing motivates like praise, and PRAISE goes a long way!

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.* Philippians 4:8 

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# Academy Fall Program

6p.m. Sunday, Nov 23rd  
Come join us ~

- ◆ Have your spirit lifted in joy, peace, and hope
- ◆ *Relax* as the children set the tone for your *Thanksgiving*
- ◆ Special Vocal & Instrumental Music for your listening pleasure
  
- ◆ Enjoy the Academy Play

## ***The Three Questions***

*Adapted by Devon Williamson from a Fable by Leo Tolstoy*

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## Christmas at Granite City Baptist



### SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 14th 9:30a.m.

- Songs & Scripture by Nursery thru ESL Classes
- Vocal/instrumental Music

### CANTATA ~ Sunday Dec. 21st

#### *“Angels of Christmas”*

- 10:30a.m. ~ Choir & Instrumental Music
- 6:00p.m. ~ Complete Cantata: Choir, Instruments, and Narration

