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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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My Life Changed (Why, When, How)

Mr. Donald Webber
Deacon

The academy is completing the last two weeks of the first semester. The older boys are involved in wrestling and two of the students are involved in the coop with Tech High School. Mr. Tyler Hugg has a 10-2 record and he is ranked in the state. The wrestling coop gives us an opportunity to be an influence. They have NO rock music in the wrestling room. I give a challenge and pray before each event. We take wrestlers to Bible Camp. We have Coach Ben Peterson scheduled for the Valentine's Banquet in February. We plan to invite coaches and parents to the banquet so pray that it will be fruitful.

The younger students are looking forward to the Eagle Mountain tubing activity. The PATRIOTIC Program is coming up Sunday, February 14th at 6p.m. There will be no school Monday, February 15th because of Presidents' Day.

OPEN ENROLLMENT BRINGS GAINS, LOSSES.

Twenty-seven years ago, Minnesota adopted a liberal school choice law which gives parents the choice of what public school they want their children to attend. The Saint Cloud school district lost 1,660 more students this year through open enrollment. The students transferred to Sauk Rapids, Charter schools, Sartell, Royalton, Clearwater, Becker, and Annandale. St Cloud is losing 9 million dollars this year because of open enrollment. Some leave because of the large size of the school, white students are leaving because of racially diverse districts,

During my growing up years in North Dakota I was a normal nine-year-old. I found enough trouble to keep my mom and dad busy, until one day, an evangelist from the Baptist Church came by to challenge my parents on salvation.

Normally as a nine-year-old, I was outside playing, but as the evangelist gave the plan of salvation from the book of Romans, I realized that what he was reading applied to me. I bowed my head and asked God to forgive my sin and come into my heart.

The reason I needed to repent was that I was a sinner, even as a nine-year-old. I noticed a change in my attitude toward the things I used to do and a desire to do a better job pleasing my parents.

I have always looked for a bible believing preaching church as an adult when I have moved from place to place. There are other churches in the area, but having attended some, I found Granite City Baptist to be my home. They preach the bible, and use the bible as the only authority for faith and practice.

Granite City Baptist Academy has provided my daughter Meghan with a solid foundation for her college years at Golden State Baptist Bible College. She and her husband now serve as assistant Pastor in Naples, Florida. My other children are serving in their local churches here in Minnesota and in Georgia.

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and some leave because of the low scores on standardized tests. They did not go into detail, but many left over the racial tension in the schools and the large influx of Muslim students.

Ray Baldwin wrote an article in THRIVING FAMILY entitled, “Mean Kids.” He clarified that bullying is a part of the world in which kids live. When children are silent it could be a sign of being bullied, along with poor grades, withdrawal, depression or sadness. Regardless of the problems a child might be having in school it is vital that parents communicate with the child, teacher, and administration. The parents and teacher need to listen to the child and affirm their love to him. The bullying could be done online through social media sites. There is too much time wasted on Facebook and Twitter.

The child needs assurance of unconditional love by the parents and teacher. TALK with the child and explore how he or she sees himself or herself. There could be an unhealthy issue of power and control. There could be a need to make amends, apologize, and reaffirm friendship. The child must share empathy and compassion from students, parents, and teachers. Edmund Benke said, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” We need to do all we can do to give students a safe, positive, warm, and encouraging Christian School.

COMING EVENTS	
Weight Lifting	Jan. 13
Second Quarter Ends	Jan. 15
Kind./JLC 2 nd Quarterly Reward Activity Eagle Mountain	Jan. 18
Parent Orientation @ 7pm	Jan. 18
GCBA @ Sterling Park Commons	Jan. 26
Academy Reward Activity Ice Skating @ MAC	Jan. 29
Weight Lifting	Feb. 10
Patriotic Program @ 6pm	Feb. 14
Presidents’ Day – NO SCHOOL	Feb. 15
GCBA @ Sterling Park Commons	Feb. 23
Preacher Boys	Feb. 24
MACS State Basketball Tournament	Feb. 25-27
Kind./JLC Reward Activity Sledding or Video/Popcorn	Feb. 26