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## November-December

## 2013



### ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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Teaching since 1984

The school has completed the first quarter, and added a new student, Miss Juliaha Webber. Several families have expressed interest in the Academy.

Parent Conferences went well, and the students are looking forward to the Pilgrim-Indian Thanksgiving Dress-up Day. Thanksgiving recess is Nov. 22-23. The next Reward Activity is on Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, a tour of the St. Cloud Times.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the Academy students will present the **Fall Program**. All of the children, pre-school 4 and Kindergarten 5 through grade 12 will participate. There will be vocal and instrumental music and a one-act play, "**Crown Him KING!**" You will not want to miss this inspiring program.

Wrestling season has begun, and we are again co-oping with Tech High School. We are praying that it will be an even more successful outreach ministry than last year. We have had coaches and parents attending our services. Five wrestlers went to camp last summer. I had an opportunity to pray on occasion last season, and our wrestlers and I were able to pass out gospel tracts. There was a wonderful film shown in the coach bus on the way back from the Bemidji meet.

### **The Senior Learning Center:**

#### **A Time for Adjusting**

#### **A Time for Growing**

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth, 3 John 4.*

During a student's Senior Learning Center (SLC) school years, a number of changes occur. Within their bodies there are growth changes, hormonal changes, voice changes and emotional changes. There are also changes in responsibilities. Students are responsible for longer and more difficult PACEs (Packet of Accelerated Christian Education), more music and speech requirements, more athletic activities, convention preparation, as well as writing a term paper.

These changes in responsibilities can be overwhelming if one doesn't adjust properly to the changes. Maintaining a walk with God is vital to adjusting to these changes. Parent and student need to be faithful in Bible reading, prayer, church attendance and service, to maintain a close walk with God. David, under the inspiration of God, wrote in Psalm 61:2-4, "*From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.*"

When the student and parent adjust Biblically through the changes of responsibilities, there is growth. 1Corinthians 13:11 says, "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*" For one to mature, more time and effort needs to be put forth. A

**ANY QUESTIONS – GIVE US A CALL!**

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A TOUR**

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# THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Paul Chappell (Part 3 of 3)

## II. THE RISKS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

We know our children are valuable; we some-times forget they are vulnerable – extremely vulnerable. It is up to us to protect them not only from physical harm, but also from spiritual and philosophical predators. Public education, on the other hand, poses several acute risks to children and families. Let's examine four.

### THE ACADEMIC RISK

International Rankings in Math and Science – By

the eighth grade, American students ranked #8 in mathematics, right behind Hungary, England, and Russia. In science, the US ranked #12, behind Slovenia, Hong Kong, and Russia.

National Review Online – Just 39 percent of L.A.'s fourth-graders are even basically literate, and only 46 percent of the city's eighth graders have basic math proficiency.

The difference in philosophy between public and Christian education is wide. The difference in academics is substantial. But the moral and spiritual philosophies that are prevalent in public education are even greater in their risks.

### THE MORAL RISK

The sensitive hearts and minds of children should be shielded from the corroding influences of ungodly lifestyles.

Every Christian school will have to deal with cheating, lying, theft, and maybe even larger issues. But a Christian school will not sponsor a prom dance that encourages immorality and loss of virginity. A Christian school doesn't hire faculty to teach evolution. A Christian school doesn't use curriculum that helps young people discover their sexual orientation and then encourages them to be proud of their sin.

**The moral risks in the public school are real and threatening.**

### THE APATHY RISK

Proverbs 19:27, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge."

When the peers among whom they associate are engaging in rock music, tattoos, body piercing, and immodest clothing, is it any wonder that they begin to imitate the same?

A child may spend a few hours a week in church and Sunday school, but he is in school and surrounded by his peers for much longer.

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### THE PHILOSOPHY RISK

Philosophy called Humanism. This philosophy is prevalent and encouraged in the American educational system. It rejects God and the Bible and encourages its followers to set their standards and lifestyles based on human reason and godless philosophies.

Colossians 2:8, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

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When we determined that our public schools should not allow prayer, promote the Ten Commandments, or acknowledge God, we pulled the foundation for success and blessing out from under our children. We ultimately undermined the very foundations of freedom.

### CONCLUSION: **AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY**

There is no way to put a price tag on a child's heart or mind. There is no way to calculate in dollars and cents the value of a young person who is doing the will of God from the heart.

Center your home around Scripture, and entwine your family into the ministry of the local church, give your children an education that directs their hearts in the ways of the Lord and saturates their minds with the truths of God's Word. **Truly, Christian education doesn't cost; it pays. It is an investment in eternity.**

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COMING EVENTS	
Adult Christmas Buffet & Fellowship, Fri 6:30pm	Dec 13
Academy Fall Program, 6pm Sun	Dec 15
Sunday-school Christmas Program, 9:30am	Dec 22
Christmas Cantata, "Rejoice Believers"	Dec 22
Mid-week Prayer Service, Thursday, 7pm	Dec 26
Family Specials, Sun 6pm	Dec 29

**Minnesota Association of Christian Schools  
State Soccer & Volleyball Tournament  
Oct. 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ~ Rosemount MN**

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general rule for homework is 10 minutes times the grade of the student.

For example in third grade an average daily homework should be  $3 \times 10 = 30$  minutes, while a ninth grader should invest  $9 \times 10 = 90$  minutes of homework per night. Following this guideline for homework will prepare the student for the rigors of studying in college. A student must learn to enjoy work and the satisfaction that comes from achievement.

Our society is very entertainment oriented, and that philosophy destroys the character trait of diligence. There is often a greater reward for diligence learned than the knowledge or ability gained from practicing it. The Book of Proverbs has much to say about the benefits of diligence:

- Proverbs 10:4, *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.*
- Proverbs 12:24, *The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*
- Proverbs 13:4, *The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*
- Proverbs 21:5, *The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*
- Proverbs 22:29, *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.*

**Our desire is to help students to develop into diligent servants of the LORD. We are here to help them to become the leader God wants them to be.**



**BOY'S SOCCER**

- Champion: Fourth Baptist Warriors (Plymouth)**  
**MVP: Josh Peterson (Fourth Baptist)**  
**Second Place: First Baptist Crusaders (Rosemount)**  
**Third Place: Owatonna/Mankato Sabres**  
**Consolation: Lake Region Hornets (Brainerd/Baxter)**



GCBA-Twin Ports Soccer 2013

**GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL**

- Champion: Fourth Baptist Warriors (Plymouth)**  
**MVP: Jayden Webster (Fourth Baptist)**  
**Second Place: Heritage Christian Patriots (Karlstad)**  
**Third Place: Woodcrest Warriors (Fridley)**  
**Consolation: St. Francis Lady Patriots (St. Francis)**  
**Tier 2 Winner: Grace Christian Eagles (Mankato)**



Twin Ports-GCBA Volleyball 2013



## What Makes One Thankful?

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What makes one thankful? What makes the heart overflow with thankfulness? Is it when your child brings home a 100% score on a Congratulations slip? When your son announces that he believes God is calling him into full-time Christian service? When

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your daughter hugs you and says, “Momma, I love you!” Are these things indicative of a joyful, thankful heart? It has been said that it is not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart. Let’s reflect upon the blessings that the Lord showers upon our daily lives.

### Our Bible.

*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.* (Psalm 12:6, 7) Isn’t it a blessing to know that God has preserved His Words just for us? We can be thankful for His sustaining and preserving power and praise

Him for His watch care over not only His Words but also His people.

### Our heritage.

*The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.* (Psalm 16:5, 6) Praise Jesus Christ for the heritage He left us through His example of a Godly life of service. Our heritage is worthy of gratitude. Pass a heritage along to future generations—a life of service and thanksgiving.

### Our families.

*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.* (Psalm 127:3) Being a parent is a special privilege—one for which we should be grateful. So often we forget to be thankful for the blessing of our children’s lives. Not only do we need to be appreciative for our children, but we should also learn from them while we provide a pattern of daily life.

### Our Christian school.

It is such a blessing to be able to send children to a school using the A.C.E. curriculum. The PACEs instruct students on the basics

of a solid education, but more important, they show students how to develop a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Interwoven into every PACE is Scriptural truth that will, when put into practice, help them to walk with God. Take a moment to say “thank you” to the staff at your Christian school; pray for each student, knowing that God has a special plan for each life.

### Our hope.

As Christians, we have the hope of an eternal home in Glory! *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.* (Titus 2:13) Let us raise a song of thanksgiving to our Creator and King for His future provision of an eternity with Him.

We have much for which to be thankful. As a family, take time to list things for which you are grateful. Write thank-you notes to the people who encourage your family, and show thanksgiving in your daily routine. Say with the Psalmist, *I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.* (Psalm 69:30)