

Connections



Preparing
for college
is important;
preparing
for life is
essential.

CCS Distinctives
and Core Values
presented. *Pg. 4*

Greater>things

We are officially half way through the 2016 – 2017 school year. What an exciting year we have experienced. Our theme for this school year has been “Greater Things.” I have been amazed at what God has accomplished on our campus this school year and over the last several years. Much of our leadership’s first semester has been spent behind the scenes planning for what Cambridge Christian School can expect to be over the course of the next 5, 10, 25, and 50 years. God created something special when he birthed Cambridge Christian School in the hearts of our founders 53 years ago. The foundation

that was laid for today could not have been more grounded and exciting.

Over the course of the last year, CCS not only purchased property, but the Board of Trustees spent hours working hard to build on the foundation, adding a vision statement and core values that can be found on our website under “Distinctively CCS.” What distinctively defines CCS is a firm foundation in God’s Truth focused on relationships that will last for eternity. Our desire is to prepare our students (your children) for college and life. We attempt to partner with you in that manner and together create a foundation for each child, from three months old to

twelfth grade, that positions them to be successful. What does it mean to be prepared?

Another word for prepared is equipped. When you are equipped, you are ready to take on the day ahead of you and engage in the life God called you to live. So how does CCS prepare students for college, for life, for challenges, and for opportunities?

■ Prepared for College...

The students at CCS are prepared to be successful. Whether it is from the foundations learned in elementary, to the exploration experienced in middle school, to the solutions discovered in high school, students repeatedly come back to CCS and tell us they were ready. Evidence of that preparation is clearly seen in the success of our alumni. As you will later read about Olivia Yeager, United States Naval Academy graduate, she was prepared for the rigorous engineering classes, the physical demands, and the military obligations because of the foundation she received at CCS. Olivia and many others serve as evidence that CCS prepares our children for college and beyond.

■ Prepared for Life...

How is a CCS education distinctively different in preparing students for life? No one described that better than another alumnus, Nathanael Bustamante ('16), describing his first



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semester at college and his thankfulness to his Bible teacher, Mr. Grabill, for his preparedness.

“I’m not in the safe bubble of high school anymore. You showed me wisdom and honesty that I never truly understood until now, and you did this without seeking personal gain but solely to point us to our Creator.”

CCS desires to partner with families to prepare our students for life - a life that will allow them to create lasting relationships and see themselves as God created them. While being prepared for academics is important, being prepared for life is essential. It is vital that CCS, in partnership with you (the parent), prepares young men and women for both challenges and opportunities in life.

■ Prepared for Challenges...

In each of our lives we will face uncertainty, heartache and struggles. It is said that you are either coming out of a trial, you are in a trial, or you are walking into a trial. I am reminded of Jeremiah and how the Lord began to prepare him for the challenges he was going to face in life. In the beginning of his life, Jeremiah attempted to resist. In the middle of his life (*Jeremiah 12:5*) the Lord describes Jeremiah as needing to learn to walk in the thickets and run with the horses. When we arrive at the end of his life, this is the description:

Behold, one will come up like a lion from the thicket of the Jordan to a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I will make them run away from it, and whoever is chosen I will appoint over it. For who is like Me, and who will summon Me into court? And who then is the shepherd who can stand before Me?

Jeremiah 50:44

When the Lord began to prepare Jeremiah for the challenges he would face in life, he allowed Jeremiah to face challenges, but never alone. As we partner with you, the parents, we believe it is okay for our students to face challenges, but never alone. While we are preparing them for life we are also preparing them for the challenges they will face in their careers, their families, and their relationships. If they can thrive in the boundaries of CCS, they will be able to thrive in the thickets of life.

■ Prepared for Opportunities...

Preparing for college, life, and challenges will present opportunities to each student that they could never imagine. Over and over, CCS has watched as graduates impact their communities, churches, families, and the world. CCS has a strong foundation and is working hard to build on that foundation. As I mentioned earlier, the Board of Trustees, along with CCS leadership team, has been working behind the scenes to build on the foundation laid over the past 53 years.

This year, 2017, will be a year to watch as God lays out Greater Things to come for CCS. Planning has already

begun to enhance infrastructure on campus, academic programs, fine arts programs, and athletic programs. We believe God is calling CCS to reach more students that we can prepare for college, life, challenges, and opportunities. To do that, we must examine how we carry out each of these areas effectively day to day. I am excited about the future God holds, the planning already taking place, and the announcements to come. Some of you have already been engaged in this planning process through either participating in our STEM planning or our Long-Term Planning Committee. The vision is coming together, and as we focus on preparing your children, we are focused on preparing and equipping CCS with the best facilities, programs, and resources to make a Kingdom difference for years to come. Each of you are a blessing to CCS, and we are blessed to have this partnership with you.

**Be prepared...
GREATER > THINGS
are yet to come!**

**Now to Him who is able to do
above and beyond all that we ask
or think according to the power
that works in us.**

Ephesians 3:20

*For His Kingdom,
Shawn Minks, M.Ed.
Interim Head of School*



Our Mission

The mission of Cambridge Christian School is to glorify God in all that we do; to demonstrate excellence at every level of academic, athletic and artistic involvement; to develop strength of character; and to serve the local and global community.

Visit our web site to discover more.



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Lancer Fundraising at a Glance

By Tony Sloan, Director of Advancement

As with all independent schools, Cambridge Christian School relies on fundraising to supplement tuition income as part of our annual budget. While one might expect for tuition to cover all the operating expenses, it does not. Cambridge deliberately sets tuition below full cost to keep the school more affordable and to provide individuals with opportunities to support the school with tax-deductible, philanthropic gifts.



Tony Sloan is Cambridge Christian's new Director of Advancement. He is a Certified Fund Raising Executive with twenty-seven years' experience having raised over \$100 million.

As a school, we believe this practice is conducive to building the type of bond necessary to grow together. Again, this practice is typical of all independent schools and we could not accomplish our mission without it. Giving to CCS assures that our goal of an exceptional educational experience, coupled with spiritual growth, continues.

The CCS Fund is the utmost priority and lifeblood of Cambridge Christian School. Unrestricted annual gifts to the CCS Fund help provide critical resources for the school. It meets immediate needs to ensure the advancement of CCS's mission and vision.

Please consider giving today and accept a heartfelt "Thank you" from all of us at Cambridge Christian School for your ongoing support. We are fortunate to be part of this wonderful and generous school.

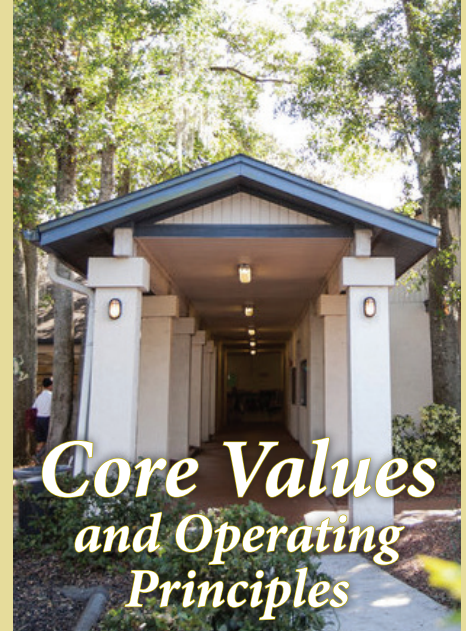
Let's not lose momentum; let's make this year's fundraising the most successful yet. To give, simply go to ccslancers.com/support-ccs/ and click Donate Now. Or mail your gift to Cambridge Christian

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Feel free to reach out to Tony Sloan at tsloan@ccslancers.com or Elizabeth Myers emyers@ccslancers.com with any questions. And don't forget to check if your company has a corporate matching program.

No Baskets, No Tables, No Problem

To minimize resources and maximize giving to the CCS Fund, there will not be a Gala this year. Instead, we ask parents, grandparents and alumni to give what they normally would have spent on the Gala directly to the CCS Fund for an immediate impact on our teachers, students and campus. There will, however, be a major social event in late Fall 2017 that everyone will want to be a part of because it will forever change Cambridge Christian School... for the better! **Stay tuned for more information.** □



In order to fulfill the vision and mission of Cambridge Christian School the following core values will be given the utmost priority.

1

Church-Connected

2

Christ-Life Character

3

Parent Partnership

4

Educational Excellence

5

Service Before Self

6

Biblical Worldview

Each core value has operating principles that will allow CCS to put these core values into everyday practice throughout the entire educational program.

To read more from our CCS Constitution visit our website at CCSLancers.com and click on *"Distinctively CCS"*



CORE VALUE NUMBER

1

Church Connected

The church
has been and always will
be the instrument to
fulfill God's purposes
here on earth.
The church is the
expression of
God's kingdom
to the world.

Acts 2:41-47



- CCS will expect all board members, administration, faculty and staff to be active members in a Bible-believing church.

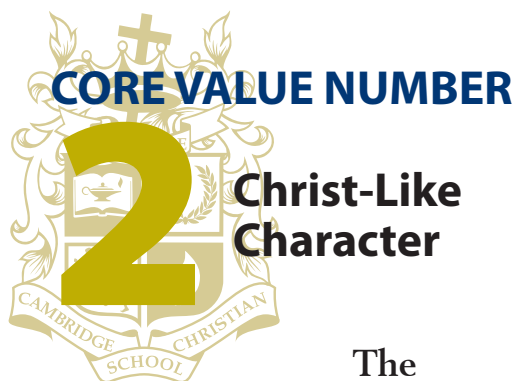
- CCS will encourage all parents and their families to be active members of a Bible-believing church.

- CCS will have as one of its primary goals to beautify and strengthen the church.

- CCS will seek to partner with area churches to make Kingdom Education available for all in the community.

Throughout our history, CCS has cherished our relationships with pastors and churches. Many of our Chapel speakers are pastors or leaders from partner churches or non-profits. We hope the bonds of these relationships continue to grow, as we look for new ways to encourage, promote and strengthen the Church in the Tampa community. □





- CCS will train and encourage students and families to apply the qualities of Christ in their own lives.

- CCS will employ staff whose actions and attitudes model Christ.

- CCS will equip students to communicate their faith to others.

- CCS will develop discipline and behavior standards within biblical principles that lead to Christ-like behavior in the students' lives.

Developing Kingdom Leaders

At a time when voter dissatisfaction for both major presidential candidates was at an all-time low, many are astounded that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are the best we could put forward in this country. Character used to drive leadership; it was a prerequisite. Now, leadership often appears devoid of character. Even more, leading with character, and, in particular, referencing the source of that character, has become offensive in our culture. Character is an afterthought – a bonus. Why is this?

1 People are not capable of generating true Christ-like character on their own.

2 Many parents are not pursuing a Kingdom Education for their children.

3 Many Christian schools are not intentional about developing Christian leaders.

1 People are not capable of generating true Christ-like character on their own.

Only the Holy Spirit, after one places his/her faith in Christ alone, produces that. Putting our faith and trust in people (even Christ-following people) always, ultimately disappoints. Jeremiah 17 addresses this truth directly. Verse 5 says, *"This is what the Lord says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.'"* Then, in verse 7, *"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."*

"Man" includes trusting in ourselves! It is futile.

I am always amazed when folks decline acknowledging that they are sinners. No problem admitting that for yours truly! I am all too often reminded of my need for Christ when I decide to put Him on the shelf for

The demonstration of Christ-Like Character is to live a complete life as Christ would live.

Colossians 3

a while and trust only myself. He swiftly reminds me that He is the Source of my Christ-like character and of my redeeming value as a child of God. Christian leaders acknowledge their continual need for Christ and His leading in their lives.

2 Many parents are not pursuing a Kingdom Education for their children.

Kingdom Education says that the training up of our children is our responsibility as parents, and the best shot we have at raising Christian world changers is by the home, the church, and the Christian school all teaching the same thing. This works not because some smart guy came up with a slick slogan, but because it is based on Biblical principles.

Research shows us that 70% of our youth are leaving the church (1). Even more concerning, an increasing percentage of these, if trends continue, will never come back. "59% of young people ages 18-29 drop out of church after attending regularly as teenagers" (2). In *You Lost Me*, Kinnaman identifies six "disconnects" that are separating our youth from the church (3). They view the church as at least one of the following:

- Overprotective
- Repressive
- Shallow
- Exclusive
- Anti-Science
- Doubtless

As parents, we must do everything in our power to ensure that our kiddos will come to know Christ personally and pursue Him above all else. Ultimately, of course, we cannot manufacture a relationship between God and our kids. Our kids will need to own their faith. However, the home, the church, and the Christian school provide a great foundation and a Biblical worldview for the college campus where they will be given

numerous opportunities to exercise, build upon, and stand up for their faith. Christian leaders will testify to the importance of experiencing all three legs of a Kingdom Education.

3 Many Christian schools are not intentional about developing Christian leaders.

Many argue that young Christian leaders will emerge by osmosis from a Christian school simply because we are teaching truth. While I have witnessed this once or twice at prior Christian schools, I think it was more related to training those individuals were receiving outside of our four walls. At CCS, we are intentional about student leadership training, and we will be increasingly so as we move forward.

Academics, athletics and the arts do not exist in a vacuum at CCS. They are executed through the lens of a biblical worldview and saturated with the purpose of developing young men and women who know God and are equipped to serve Him with excellence in the capacity of His calling. Our programs develop leaders. Beyond the classroom, the court, the stage and the studio, we have also developed several programs that specifically foster leadership. In many cases, the emphasis is on the "Jesus" kind of leadership – servant leadership. This is certainly true of our CSLC in the Lower School and our Key Club and Ambassadors in the Upper School. Our Student Council, both in the middle and high schools, positions students to take the lead in planning and executing major events. Student Leadership Institute (SLi), in our high school, is an innovative program allowing students to participate in personal leadership development. It is unlike any other leadership program. SLi's mission is to assist young people in the development of their leadership philosophy and skills by exposing them to a Biblically-based, practical, multifaceted, year-long program. This is far from an exhaustive list, and it will continue to develop, as we remain committed to developing Christian leaders.

Pray for our country, and pray for CCS as we seek to develop Christian leaders who are emboldened in their faith and determined to lead with Christ-like character. □

By Interim Head of School, Mr. Shawn Minks



CORE VALUE NUMBER

3 Parent Partnership

The family is a God-ordained institution for training future generations to know, grow, and go for Jesus Christ.

Psalm 78:1-8



- CCS will provide training and resources to assist parents in building a Christian home.
- CCS will provide Kingdom Education that is accessible to all families who desire it.
- CCS will partner with families to develop policies and procedures that will be a win-win for family and school.
- CCS will assist families in the development of discipleship in the home.

The PSA Connection

You can't out give God. After all, He's given us the greatest gift already – His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. But, not only that, every time we give, we discover the blessings that often come with giving – satisfaction, fulfillment and joy. The Parent Service Association (PSA) of CCS cannot out give, but it can seek to serve our school!

Led by an executive leadership team, the PSA aims to connect parents and enhance the school's environment through service and social opportunities. Parents spearhead a variety of committees that organize both ongoing weekly programs and one-time events.

Connecting parents with one another and with the school is a high priority for the

PSA. It's through connection that parents develop relationships that last beyond their children's years at CCS and increase the "family" atmosphere that the school is known for. New this year, the PSA has introduced Grade Level Social Coordinators to plan quarterly social events. Whether it's the sixth-grade families meeting at the Waters Chick-fil-A to slurp Peppermint Shakes while marveling at the Christmas lights or freshman moms rolling the dice for Bunco while nibbling on desserts, these social opportunities serve to introduce parents and create friendships among peers. More social opportunities are on the horizon, as the PSA Family Events Committee is busy planning several Spring events such as Movie-On-the-Lawn, the Ladies' Tea and Guys Baseball Game. □

By Mrs. Allison McCoy,
PSA President

Moms In Prayer

Moms in Prayer has started off strong! Our War Room is filled twice a month with moms who have a passion for connecting with the Lord on behalf of our faculty,

staff, and families. We laugh, cry, celebrate, mourn, and come together with thankful hearts in all that we know the Lord is doing in each of our lives. Each gathering begins with casual fellowship time as we fill our coffee cups and find a chair or spot on the floor. We share what we've been up to lately and catch up on how we see God in our days. After we go over the specific prayer requests we received via email, text, or posted to the prayer wall, we bow in prayer and take turns connecting our hearts to God's, speaking out scripture, prayers in gratitude, asking God to let His will be done. It has been amazing already to see the growth, the closeness, and the understanding happen as we recognize His work in our lives. After prayer, we will occasionally go to breakfast, and that is where some fast friendships are being made. Food, fellowship, fun! Moms in Prayer always has room for more! Everyone is welcome!

- Coffee and fellowship time
- Quiet, reverent prayer time
- Breakfast and conversation, building relationships
- Recognizing how God is answering our prayers and the prayers of others
- Allowing God to use us as His hands, feet, and heart as His servants. □

By Mrs. Kim Wiezycki, MIP Co-Leader

Looking for satisfaction and joy through service? Become involved in the PSA at CCS. Whether looking for a steady commitment or a part-time opportunity, the PSA offers many ways to serve and connect at our school. For more information, check out the PSA tab on the CCS website or text/call PSA President Allison McCoy, 813-731-9997.

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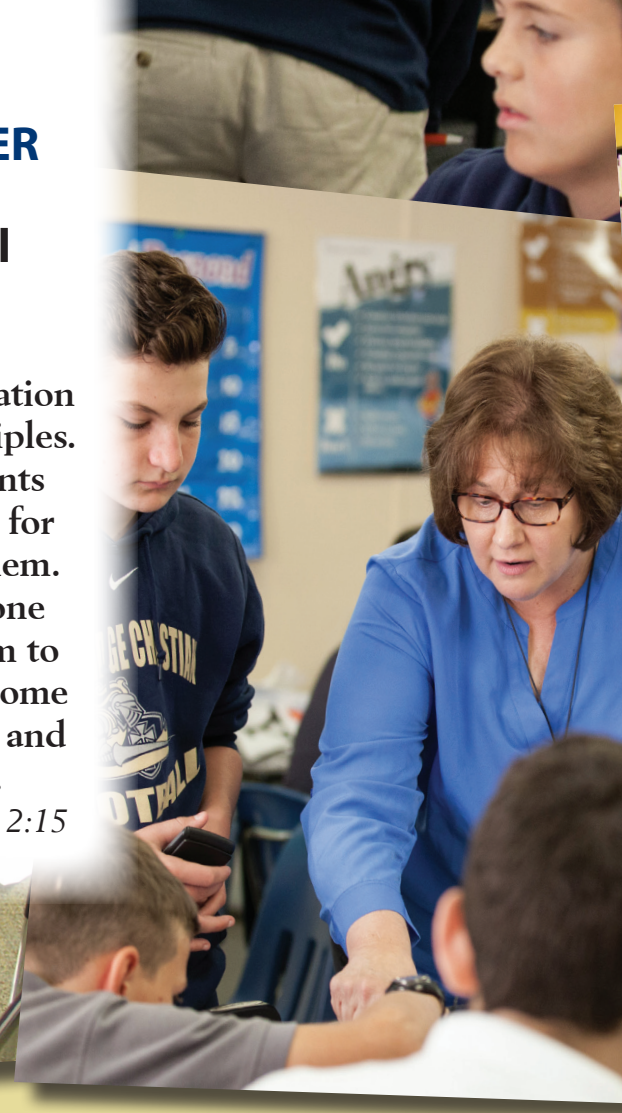
Educational Excellence

A quality education is centered on biblical principles.

It seeks to challenge students to reach their full potential for which God has designed them.

The education should be one that provides Godly wisdom to be used for generations to come impacting homes, churches, and communities for Christ.

II Timothy 2:15



The CCS faculty is committed to Kingdom Education and incorporating a Biblical Worldview in everything they do. Through Engaged Learning and the development of critical thinking skills, students at all levels are being prepared for life beyond CCS by our incredible teachers. In this issue, we are so pleased to highlight two of our instructors who use Kingdom Education and Engaged Learning exceptionally well and are a wonderful example of this Core Value.



Lower School – Mrs. Janelle Morgan

Mrs. Janelle Morgan teaches 5th grade math and science with a heavy emphasis on Engaged Learning techniques. Lower School Principal, Mr. Jonathan Valdez, agrees. “Mrs. Janelle Morgan is one of our strongest teachers when it comes to active learning. Her use of active

learning techniques such as Harkness discussions, collaborative learning and Thinking Maps are incredible. Mrs. Morgan possesses a growth mindset when it comes to teaching, she is always looking for ways to grow and learn in her teaching ability!”



Upper School – Mrs. Lisa Saviola

Mrs. Saviola teaches Physical Science, Robotics, Writing Composition and is the Middle School Coordinator. Upper School Principal, Mrs. Cari Gibson, feels her style of teaching inspires her students to get excited about learning.

“There are so many great teacher quotes that could be used to describe Lisa Saviola, our 8th grade Science teacher and MS Coordinator. One such quote is, ‘teachers who love learning, teach children to love learning.’ This

quote so easily describes what students experience in Mrs. Saviola’s class every day. From the moment students walk in the door they are being inspired to love learning, because their teacher understands the power of teaching and learning. Mrs. Saviola’s passion for learning is contagious and her enthusiasm for science captures all learners, even those that don’t love Science. There is an old Japanese proverb that says, ‘better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.’ It only takes about 10 minutes in her class to realize the depth of this proverb. She brings the concepts to life as she engages students and makes each of them feel as if they are the only student in the room. It’s teachers like Mrs. Saviola that make learning attainable and refreshing, which is why she is so loved and respected. We are so thankful to have Mrs. Saviola as part of our Middle School team.” □



CORE VALUE NUMBER 5 Service Before Self

To develop as a leader, one must first learn to serve.

Matthew 20:26-28

- CCS will train students to follow Christ's example of leadership through servanthood.

- CCS will involve students in activities which teach the value of service before self.

- CCS will train students to identify their spiritual gifts and use them to glorify God through service in their local school, church, and community.

Key Club and Service At CCS

All Upper School students are required to have a minimum of 110 service hours completed before they graduate CCS. Junior Key Club (9th and 10th) and Key Club (11th and 12th) are the main service clubs at Cambridge. Key Club members

regularly serve with our friends at Trinity Café; some serving meals, others collecting cans for their food drive, and yet others providing music and fellowship for those in need.

Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Honor Society offers free tutoring in math for students that need additional help and all students are encouraged to serve outside CCS through their church or volunteer with non-profits where their gifts may be used to the greatest benefit of others.

Students Finding their Gifts through J-Term

J-Term is a week of learning, serving, and growing in Christ through unique CCS trips, courses, and internships. It expands the borders of the classroom by preparing students for college and life. Cambridge

Christian School is actively engaging students by, "preparing the child for the path, not the path for the child," by providing students with an assortment of learning opportunities that expand their academic and life skills to be used in glorifying God in the future. Here is just a sampling of the opportunities that

middle and high school students were engaged in during J-Term 2017:

Trips

- Southeast College Tour
- Senior trip to New York City
- American Historical trip to Boston
- French trip to Quebec City

Courses

- Art Appreciation
- Biblical Analysis of Film
- ACT Preparation Class
- Introduction to Broadcasting
- Forensic Investigations
- Dr. Beach – Exploring the Waters of FL
- App Design for Smartphones
- Science and History of Roller Coasters
- 3-D Design and Printing
- Home Décor
- International Culinary
- Camping and Deep Sea Fishing □

By Anthony Campbell, Upper School Assistant Principal/Director of Instructional Technology





CORE VALUE NUMBER

6

Biblical Worldview

CAMBRIDGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

All truth begins and ends with scripture and will be the foundation for all worldview development that occurs on the campus of CCS.

Romans

12:2

Nations Are Coming To CCS

God's heartbeat is that the nations would know Him. *John 3:16 "For God so loved the WORLD that He gave His only son..."* Cambridge Christian School is dedicated to students having a Biblical Worldview. CCS's International Program was created to provide an academically competitive college preparatory program for international students, share Biblical Truth with the nations, and cultivate a burden and understanding among CCS students and families that God's purpose is for the world to know Him.

CCS's International Program was birthed 7 years ago due to the fact that the nations were coming to us. Over the past 7 years, CCS has had about 100 international students on our campus and in our classrooms mainly from Korea and China. This year, there are 29 international students at CCS from Korea, China, and Panama. Their parents have sent them for an excellent education with the hope of graduating from an American high school and attending a university in the United States. Their parents want the best for them and desire that they be successful, many of them with goals of attending medical, law and business school. Being apart from their families and going to live in a foreign land is not easy or without cost. In their minds, the benefit far outweighs the sacrifice.

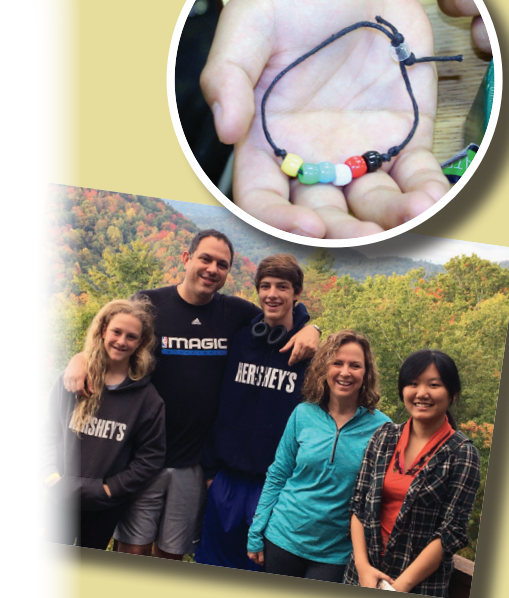
By welcoming international students to Cambridge, we are opening the door wide for American students to learn to communicate with and engage the world's cultures. Having experience with people from various cultures will prepare students to engage in a global marketplace. To understand and know people from other cultures is another way to appreciate the creativity and depth of God's creation. In the same way, being able to see what we have in common, to see with God's eyes,

and have a compassion for those that may not be just like us, is also following in Christ's footsteps. Having the ability to relate to others that think, act, and believe differently is a much-needed ability in today's world. Paul speaks of this burden and calling in *I Corinthians* when he says he has "become all things to all people" so that by all possible means he may save some.

Most of our international students live with Cambridge families. International students are experiencing every day American life and culture as well as being exposed to what a Christian home and family is like. CCS families are sharing not only their homes, but their lives, with the international students and truly having the opportunity to make an eternal impact. *I Thessalonians 2:8 "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."*

The Goodger Family took in one of our international students as an example for their children and to shake things up a bit in their household. Kris Goodger says, "We decided to host an international student because we wanted to demonstrate hospitality to our children. We also felt like we had been comfortable for so long and it was time to move out of our comfort zone to do something meaningful for someone else."

Not all international students become Christ followers while attending CCS, however, they are hearing the Gospel, encountering Christians that love God and live out His purposes and developing



authentic and lifelong relationships. These seeds that are planted give them the opportunity to develop a personal faith in Jesus Christ. CCS developed an Intro to Bible Class whose purpose was to introduce

foundational Biblical truths to international students that have not grown up learning Biblical values. Some of the topics at the beginning of the year included: Who is

My prayer is that CCS students and families would develop first a heart for what God loves and through that a heart for the nations, as this is God's heart. This will take shape and look different for each person. At CCS, we can start with where we are and love those that are around us with the same love we have been given.

God? Who is Jesus? What is sin? What is creation? Mrs. Janet Holk teaches 2 levels of Intro to Bible and has created projects for the students to work on for each semester. In December, one Intro to Bible class used bracelets with different color beads to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts of sin, repentance, salvation, growth, and

eternity. I sat in with this class and was also able to share with them that when I was only 5 years old, someone showed me this bracelet and the message accompanying it. For me, that was when I decided to follow Jesus. The students were surprised to hear that I was so young and wondered if I truly understood the message given. We discussed how Jesus talks about children coming to Him and how, as we grow older, we take longer to hear and receive the Good News as the things of this world can choke out the message. It is refreshing to me to talk about spiritual things with the international students as their questions, thoughts, comments, and interpretation are from a new perspective. To hear their curiosity, skepticism, journey and wonderment keeps me grounded, my faith fresh and reminds me of the amazing treasure and Gift that we have in knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. □

*By Kelly Carlson,
International Program Director*

EXCELLENCE IN FINE ARTS . . . DRAMA

By Mrs. Teresa Vath, Drama Director



Once again embracing the school-wide ensemble model, the Fine Arts Drama Department presented “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” in November. This production included multiple challenges for our chapel facilities, but thanks to the cooperation and creativity of our staff and volunteers, the production was met with wide popular acclaim.

From the student performances, to makeup, to costumes and sets, the play was an example of the excellence that can be achieved when the school community focuses on serving our “audience of One,” Jesus Christ. Mrs. Teresa Vath, Drama Director, told the audience, “As C.S. Lewis made it clear in his book that Aslan isn’t ‘safe, but he is good,’ we can see a picture of Christ in our lives. As you watch this play, don’t let that truth escape your notice.”

The objective of our Drama Department has always been to develop and refine the theater skills of our students, so they can give their very best back to the Lord. But just as important, we desire that students discover who they are in Christ, and use that knowledge in all aspects of their lives.

“This is why we are here,” said Mrs. Vath, “to focus not only on the talents, but also on the hearts of our students, and their place in Christ, and to glorify God in everything we do.”



EXCELLENCE IN FINE ARTS...BAND

By Mr. Shaun Stimson, Fine Arts/Band Director



It has been an exciting and eventful first semester in the CCS Lancer Band. Many of our students attended band programs throughout the summer to prepare them for this year of music. Our band has been cheering on our football team with pep tunes throughout the season. At the Performing Arts Showcase, our hipster themed band played a coffee shop jazz set. Just last month, our bands performed at our annual Band Christmas Concert for the largest crowd we have ever had!

My goal for the bands is to create an environment of excellence, teamwork, trust, loyalty, hard work, and service. Being in band is more than just being in a class, it is being part of a family. We work hard to be our personal best and push one another to be their best for the glory of God.

In a broader sense, my goal for the Fine Arts Department is to create a department that any student, at any ability and interest level of artistic involvement, can be involved in. Whether you are interested in visual arts, non-performance arts, individual or group performing arts, dance, photography, or any other field, I hope to create a program that all students enjoy being involved in!



EXCELLENCE IN FINE ARTS...CHOIR

By Mrs. Melissa Rawls, Choral Director

I enjoyed being a part of the Performing Arts Showcase. The students were amazing! Preparing the individual choirs was my favorite part. The Choral Christmas Concert was beautiful. I was so blessed by the students and their hard work.

The musical strides we are making as a choral program keeps me motivated, but the relationship-building has been a true highlight for me.

One student told me that he loves singing, but never felt confident enough to let anyone hear him. He stayed after class and I listened to this beautiful voice that has yet to be shared. I am excited to know that God brought me here for that student.

Another story that will forever be etched onto my heart is when during our Prayer Chapel Service a student sought me out and prayed with me and FOR me! I will never forget that.

God is so faithful. Where we are weak, He is strong! I knew that I lacked piano skills, and had to trust God to provide a student accompanist. I found Joy Chen, through watching old Cambridge videos. After talking to her about taking one of my chorus classes, she mentioned her very heavy academic schedule. She also mentioned her passion for the piano and how she longed to play more. God opened all the right doors so that she was able to play for our Men's Chorus Class! She has been a blessing to me and the chorus and is becoming stronger as a pianist and helping my class run smoothly.

So, because this fellowship is worthy of our absolute best, I am conscientious of the literal study of music as well. It is my goal for all choral music students at Cambridge to have a greater understanding of the musical components of the written score. We have been learning to read music and becoming more familiar with implementing the desires of the composer for any given song. This has been challenging, but we are growing!



Introducing Mrs. Rawls, Choir Director



My philosophy...



I can't imagine my fellowship with God without music. It is such a special and intimate way to give Him our heart. The relationship has an emotional component for me, based on the reciprocal effect while worshipping Him through song; whether alone or among many.

It's an honor and a privilege to be in the lives of these students. Every day I am refreshed and ready to see what talent will be revealed, what spiritual relationship will develop, and how I can help these gifted students become everything God designed them to be!

"The Christian is one whose imagination should fly beyond the stars." --- Francis A. Schaeffer

"A Christian should use the arts to the glory of God, not just as tracts, mind you, but as things of beauty to the praise of God. An art work can be a doxology in itself." --- Francis A. Schaeffer



Excellence in Athletics



By Mr. Mark Butler, Director of Athletics

Every Athlete A Disciple

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

MISSION STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY

The mission of Cambridge Christian School Athletics is to honor God in all things and make "Every Athlete A Disciple." Sports provide an excellent opportunity for discipleship as students learn many important life lessons on sacrifice, self-discipline, perseverance and community. We use athletics to prepare young people for life as Christian leaders who choose character before career, wisdom beyond scholarship, service before self, and strive to follow God's will for their lives.

By implementing Biblical principles in our instruction and setting godly examples, our Athletic Department staff and coaches will do our best for the Lord - *"And whatever you do, do it heartily unto the Lord, and not to me."* (Col. 3:23) It should be the desire of every coach to use interscholastic sports as a means of developing champions for Christ. Therefore, our coaches are expected to:

- Foster opportunities for intentional discipleship
- Build relationships with players and parents (rules without relationship yields rebellion)
- Encourage good citizenship and academics
- Teach the team concept, coupled with strong competition
- Present teams prepared to play
- Do all these things with the primary goal of bringing honor to the Lord Jesus

OUR VALUES

Values in the arena of athletics help to accomplish the mission of making disciples. We are here to help train up our student-athletes in the way they should go - Proverbs 22:6. This means that we will coach from a Biblical perspective and strive to be a true reflection of Jesus Christ to our athletes.

We believe in promoting honesty, integrity, humility, loyalty, unity, and encouraging total character development of our athletes. These traits are foundational in building a "TEAM." This will include all our coaches promoting and encouraging the success of all other programs, emphasizing the need to share multi-sport athletes and to collaborate fruitfully with students, parents, and staff to balance our students' investment in academics and the arts.

Showing good sportsmanship, respecting others at all times and under every circumstance is expected. This includes behavior towards coaches, teammates, officials, opposing coaches, opposing players, and fans. We expect our coaches and athletes to demonstrate respect toward teachers and parents at all times. Defiance and disrespect are not tolerated in a disciplined program.

Creating a winning environment by displaying a positive attitude and providing daily encouragement to those under our leadership helps build strong relationships. Our student-athletes will respond better when they know we genuinely love and care for them.

Fostering a commitment to excellence is a key to success. Success in athletics is

the result of coaches and players going the extra mile. Teams who pay the price in the off-season win championships. We must communicate great expectations, provide great instruction, emphasize great fundamentals, and demand great effort, in the context of strong relationships. Most importantly, according to God's word, if we want to be great, we must model great servanthood to our teams.

OUR VISION

- To honor God and exalt Jesus Christ by making "Every Athlete A Disciple"
- To foster each athlete's personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To produce disciplined, Christ honoring teams that strive for excellence at all levels
- To be ambassadors for Christ and CCS at home and away
- To model humility in winning and grace in losing
- To graduate student-athletes committed to the Bible, prayer, and servant leadership

OUR VOICE

Pursuing greatness God's way through unity, service and sacrifice - *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity"* (Psalm 133:1) and *"How can two walk together except they agree."* (Amos 3:3)

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Varsity Football

Mr. Bob Dare, Varsity Head Coach

The 2016 season's theme was "Rise as One" taken from Romans 15:5,6. Building on the success of last season and the leadership of our returning players, the Lancers finished the regular season undefeated (9-0) and District Champions for the second season in a row! We finished the season 10-1, losing in the Regional Final. Our family time, encouraging and challenging each other to grow as men and future leaders, was an amazing time of unity and love! The Lord has certainly blessed our football family and program for His Glory!



Middle School Football

Mr. Rick Shears, MS Head Coach

Middle School Football had a tremendous season in which we were blessed. It is a rare feat to go undefeated and unscored on for the entire season! More important than winning and not allowing a point is the souls that were saved by the power of the Holy Spirit through this TEAM!! I am VERY proud of that! "Those who stay will be Champions!!!"



Varsity Volleyball

Mr. Jeffrey Saxton, Head Coach

The Varsity Volleyball team had a very good season under a new coaching staff. The coaches participated in Middle School practices and lead the girls in drills. There was a brand-new group of starters on varsity learning to play as a team, while improving their individual skills every day through hard practice on and off the courts. The coaches worked with our seniors and sent them off to a very successful senior night. Some of our season highlights are:

- Being part of Lauren Odom's National Signing Day as she committed to Lynn University.



- The incredible staff of Cambridge made our transition as first time coaches at Cambridge easy and extremely welcoming.

- Getting to meet all the wonderful parents and seeing the athletes mature everyday through competition and life lessons learned on the court during practice and competition.

- End of the season Cambridge Bash where all the players from

Middle School and High School came together as a single group to compete, support and cheer for each other.

- The Faculty Match was an exciting and entertaining close fought battle.

MS Varsity and MS JV Volleyball

Mrs. Jenni Layman, Mrs. Christina Rideout, Head Coaches

It was a great season of Lady Lancer Volleyball! We were blessed to have 29 middle school athletes to form two complete teams. Coach Rideout and the MS JV team worked diligently on the fundamentals of the game,



playing three hit volleyball. Coach Layman and the MS Varsity team installed a 6-2 offense, training many athletes in multiple positions. The MS Varsity team successfully competed in two tournaments finishing in the Gold Brackets. It was exciting to see the growth and development of each of our athletes and how that propelled the success of our teams.

Varsity Cheerleading

Mrs. Marianne Banales, Head Coach

I am honored to be the coach and mentor to 23 wonderful Varsity cheerleaders! Every year I see such growth in our team and this year is no exception. I have 4 captains, Sydney Kralovanec, Caitlin Morin, Claudia Balch and Gabriella Badmus. They showed tremendous leadership at our summer NCA camp. These girls each bring a unique talent and leadership quality to the team and are such great mentors to their younger teammates. Not only do our



Lancer cheerleaders bring spirit to the fans at the football games, but they work hard to bring spirit to the CCS Pep Rallies as well. This year you will see more involvement with the cheerleaders at the Pep Rally. The captains will help run the rallies and involve the students and the staff in fun games and crowd cheers! As a coach, I have found that team bonding is so important to keep our team unified. Some of the ways our team bonds is through community service projects, prayer partners, secret pals (where we encourage and pray for our pals), and fun games at practice. We meet as a team at the mall before football games and eat together. One of the things that I love is how we pray out in the open at the food

court before our meals. I am one proud coach! I look forward to an awesome basketball season as well! Here is a quote from one of our captains Gabriella Badmus: "This year, .,?" " the cheerleaders have been hard at work to have the best season yet! At training camp and this summer in St. Augustine, we learned a variety of advanced stunts, cheers, and dance routines. We look forward to each game and pep rally, as it is another opportunity to spread Lancer spirit and support our stellar football team."

Bowling

Mrs. Julinda Gallogly, Head Coach

The Varsity Bowling Teams this year were both outstanding. The CCS Girls Bowling



Team, consisted of 10 bowlers, 3 returning and 7 new bowlers to the sport. The 7 girls have only been bowling since this past August and became the Girls District Champions and ended up 12th in the State out of 48 D1 and private schools. The girls team record of 20-1 for the season included post season matches. Emma Layman had a game high of 204. The CCS Boys Bowling Team, also a very young team of 7 bowlers, with only 2 returning, were very consistent with competition, finishing 5th in the District out of 11 schools. Anchor Tyler Bowles, who never lost an individual match throughout the regular season, became a State Qualifier as an individual with a game high of a 289, with a season record of 15-6. There were 17 bowlers on the boys and girls team and within a 3-month period, we went through 38 bowling balls that were donated, purchased and shared between all the bowlers. The CCS Boys and Girls Bowling Teams may have competed separately, but they practiced and always worked as one team throughout the season. Both teams are very young with no seniors on the roster this year. I thank God for these wonderful athletes and all the hard work they put into our team this past season and I look forward to another great season in 2017. Our Team Verse is 2 Timothy 2:5.



Cross Country

Mr. William Steinle, Head Coach

The team consisted of sixteen runners, and for the first time in a long time, we had three eighth graders participate, two of them among the top six boy runners. The team participated in eight races this season. Seven new runners joined the team this year. The season had eleven runners reach a personal best in run time for the season. Our anchor, Michael Wagner, went down early in the season with a season ending injury and Adam Fernandez filled the gap to set a personal best, breaking the twenty-minute mark by running a time of nineteen minutes and fifty-four seconds. Anchoring the girls' program was Felicia Hosein, who also had a personal best this season, beating her previous record by one minute and thirty-four seconds. The team looks forward to next year as we practice over

team's spiritual development plan. They took turns leading our devotions and choosing the topics and verses for discussion. Our primary focus was on individual and team character development. When a team has strong leadership from its captain, the goals and aspirations are easier to accomplish and team unity is strengthened. God's glory is magnified when a team is blessed in this way.

Our team's verse is Joshua 1:9.



Boys Golf

Mr. Patrick McDermott, Head Coach

The CCS Boys Golf Team had a very good season. The players worked very hard to improve and missed winning the District Championship by one stroke! The team qualified for regionals, and although they did not perform as well as they wanted, they were pleased with an overall successful season!



the summer.

Girls Golf

Mr. Paul Rydell, Head Coach

The CCS Girls Golf season was a great success. Once again we were District and Regional Champs. The year culminated in a seventh-place finish at the State tournament. This season, more so than in years past, the girls took it upon themselves to share in the

Senior
Ashley Zagers
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FRONTROW SEAT-TO



HOMECOMING WEEK!



Build
A Legacy



Homecoming Court!



KEEP
CALM
AND
STRIKE
A POSE!



Tiana Minks and Jacob Ferguson
Homecoming King and Queen.





A Faith Like This

By Olivia Yeager '12

Every time I get a chance to speak positively about CCS, I take it; this is because CCS helped shape me into who I am today. Having recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy, I know just how painful and difficult life can be - rigorous engineering academics, high physical standards, and military obligations pulled me in many different directions. As humans, we only

have so much to give. But I had something that neither of my roommates had - a faith in God, and His power behind my every move. CCS gave this to me. CCS helped develop in me the critical Biblical thinking skills and theory that I needed to face those obstacles. Faith is wonderful, and many times, faith alone is enough. But I have found that more than once, my faith required some theological force behind it to give my Christianity an edge that other Christians might not have. CCS gave me that theological edge I craved, giving me the ability to analytically and intelligently challenge my own doubts. This edge helped me keep it together when I had deaths in my own family, multiple deaths in my graduating class, and the temptations that come with mature surroundings.

Now, because of the strong faith instilled in me by my

family and 11 years attending CCS (where faith was reinforced daily), I live my life in a sort of hands-off manner. God is at the wheel, and has complete control over the direction of my life. That is why I am now an Ensign in the United States Navy, and have just started my career in Naval Aviation as a Naval Flight Officer. I am currently training in Pensacola, FL for a career that was not my idea - God suggested it, and it couldn't have been a better fit. I can't wait to see where He will send me next, and I can't thank my teachers and coaches at CCS enough for showing me how to have a faith like this. *Very Respectfully, Olivia Yeager ENS, USN*



Thomas Gallogly

FSU Theatre



Thomas Gallogly '14 is currently a junior BA Theatre Major at FSU. This past semester he was selected by the School of Theatre at FSU to direct the play *GHOSTLIGHT*, by David Alford, as part of their season. Only 2 undergraduate directors per semester are selected so this was a huge honor. The show started October 26 and ran for four nights at the Studio Theatre on FSU's campus!



Hoop Dreams!

Lancer Alumni Justin Dargahi '99 loves basketball and finally achieved a dream of a Guinness World Record in January, made official in May. *"Most basketball three-pointers in a minute."*

Justin says, "The reason I tried to achieve these records was because I've always known I've had a unique talent that God blessed me with and I'm a strong believer that one should never waste talents that you're fortunate enough to be given."

I loved my time at CCS, especially the high school years. I always joked that when my parents made me go to CCS starting in 7th grade, they basically had to drag me in because I did not want to go, but once I spent a few years there they would basically have had to drag me out if they ever tried to make me go to another school.

Since graduating, I went to USF and graduated with a degree in journalism. I wrote part-time for the sports departments for eight years at the St. Pete Times and Tampa Tribune. I have also been a basketball coach for 10 years and am currently coaching varsity girls' basketball and working full time as a realtor in the Tampa area."



Lancer Alumni Parent Association

Making a Difference at CCS



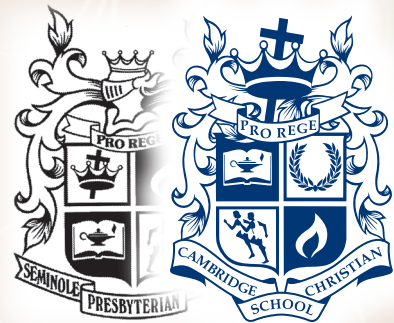
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The Ministry Legacy of Alumni Parent Mrs. Wanda Dearolf

This school year an icon on the campus of Cambridge Christian School decided to move on in ministry. Mrs. Wanda Dearolf and the Dearolf family will forever be Lancers. We are grateful for their years of service on our campus.



Mrs. Wanda Dearolf

"I have had the distinct honor, joy, and privilege of serving our school these past 30 years in the PSA and later as a member of the Board of Trustees. When God led us to this school in the mid 1980's we had no idea how that one decision would have such a life-changing impact on our family! It is here that our three children (Lauri '95, Bryan '99 and Kristen '01) trusted the Lord as their Savior and learned a Biblical Worldview that will guide them throughout their lives. I have witnessed God's hand of guidance and protection on this school, marvel at the work He is doing on Habana Avenue, and truly believe that the best is yet to come for Cambridge Christian School! To God alone be all the glory! "



Upper School Principal, Mrs. Cari Gibson

This year we are anticipating “greater things” at CCS, and in the Upper School our key verse is Isaiah 42:16 – *“I will lead the blind by a way they did not know; I will guide them on paths they have not known. I will turn darkness to light in front of them and rough places into level ground. This is what I will do for them, and I will not forsake them.”* At our first assembly I shared this verse with the students and we have continued to discuss it throughout the semester. Every school year is an opportunity for new beginnings, experiences, and opportunities for growth. Although we may not know everything that lies ahead of us, we can trust in God to lead us. We are thankful for God’s faithfulness over the past semester as He has challenged us and taught us to rely on Him fully. We are thankful that God is guiding us as a school community towards “greater things” for His glory.

This first semester we have been blessed to welcome new families and faculty. Our athletic teams have advanced to compete in playoff games and state championships. Our Fine Arts department has provided us with an amazing fall play, two inspirational band & choral Christmas concerts, and our art students have showcased their talents. We had a memorable and very busy and spirited Homecoming Week. Students have spent approximately 680 hours engaged in learning, and our faculty has spent approximately 25 hours involved in professional development. I would say we have been very busy this past semester!

As we look towards the second semester, I am filled with excitement for all that God has for us. We have so many US events to look forward to and some new ones that we will experience for the first time together. As a school community, we will continue to learn and grow. There is just something about learning that gets our adrenaline flowing, and makes us feel alive. I love it! Thank you parents for partnering with us as we educate your sons/daughters. We are so thankful to be a part of Cambridge Christian School.

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Lower School Principal, Mr. Jonathan Valdez



Lower School just wrapped up their 3rd annual shoebox drive with our global partners, New Missions! Each year, Lower School students collect items to fill up shoeboxes as gifts for children in Haiti. Many students bring in shoeboxes for the kids, as well as making class boxes for sponsored children. Lower School has been blessed to be able to sponsor 10 children in Haiti, with all funds coming from monies raised from our monthly Chick-Fil-A and Culver's lunch days. If you and your family are interested in sponsoring a child from New Missions in Haiti, please contact the Lower School office or go to www.newmissions.org.



▲ Mr. Tim DeTellis, President of New Missions, kicks off our Shoebox Drive by speaking at our Lower School Chapel.

CSLC students
pack shoeboxes for
our sponsor kids
in Haiti.





The mission of Cambridge Christian School is to glorify God in all that we do; to demonstrate excellence at every level of academic, athletic and artistic involvement; to develop strength of character; and to serve the local and global community.

Thank you for your trust and support while we define a new chapter in 2017.

