

August 31, 2007

Dear Geneva Parents,

I'm delighted to welcome you on behalf of the faculty and staff of the Geneva School of Manhattan. As we discovered last year, this School and its community are sustained on cushions of prayer. We experienced the power of prayer in our relocation to Calvary Baptist Church, through a year of transitions as we learned to accommodate each other, and now, laying the needs and challenges for a new year before the Lord. This will be a year dedicated to prayer, the only truly renewable source of power. "Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1

Headmaster Meet and Greet Meetings will again be a feature of the early weeks of the School year. Judith and I look forward to these events which are hosted in the homes of Geneva families. These meetings not only give us the chance to meet you all, but they are also a great way for families to get to know each other more fully. Additionally, we look forward to coming together during this time to pray for our children and the new School year.

Trinity Baptist Church has Generously Agreed to host us again this year. We've enjoyed a blessing of growth in our youngest grades while facing space constraints in all our campus locations. For this reason we will be expanding the Beginners into two classes; a morning class, running from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., and an afternoon class, running from 12:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The PreBeginners will join the afternoon Beginners on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The PreKindergarten will remain the same.

Chess Classes and a Chess Team will be added this year, with chess curriculum used in the Kindergarten, First, Second and Sixth Grades, and an after-school Chess Team open to the entire grammar school. This will add a subject to our academic program that promotes analytical thinking as well as an activity that expands the number of ways we can interact with other private schools.

Latin and French curricula will undergo a significant change this year. We are implementing a Latin-based spelling program to enhance the Latin skills of all students and provide a bridge to Latin instruction in the Upper School. As a result of this initiative, we have the opportunity to offer French classes through Grade Five while offering Latin classes in Grades Six, Seven, and Eight. Additionally, this shift will ease the transfer to Geneva School for new students entering Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade.

Music, Art, and Physical Education will be graded courses this year. Giving these subjects grades encourages continuity and credibility while recognizing the importance of music, art, and physical education in the well-rounded development of our students.

Geneva School's Annual Fall School Picnic is this Tuesday, September 4th, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., to be held in the vale south of the Dairy, near the Victorian Gardens. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and families of this year's Geneva community. We'll provide the venue and the energy. You'll add the blanket and food for your family. **Registration Day** is also this Tuesday, September 4th, with the first session running from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and the second session running from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist Church. Each family should visit each of the Registration tables at some point during the general Registration Hours.

Classroom Orientation will be conducted for each of the grades according to the schedule sent home earlier this month. It will be the perfect opportunity to see the classrooms, meet the teacher, as well as

the Class Mom and Parent Council rep for each of the grades. If did not receive the orientation schedule or need more information, contact the School Office at 212.754.9988 or admin@genevaschool.net.

Please Note: The School Day Starts at 8:20 A.M. Sharp. Doors to the Grammar School will open at 8:15 A.M. The academic day will commence at 8:20 A.M. with Morning Meeting. The day will still conclude at 3:00 P.M. Entrance to the school this year will be through Calvary Baptist Church's front doors. After entering, students should proceed directly down to the Fellowship Hall. The Sun Room should not be used to enter or exit the building.

Doors to the PreSchool will be open during arrival and dismissal times only.
Beginners Morning Class: 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
Beginners Afternoon Class and PreBeginners Class: 12:15 P.M. until 3:15 P.M.
PreK: 8:45 A.M. until 2:45 P.M.

The Administrative Front Office is now located in suite 418 on the east side of the building. If you visit the Schoolhouse during school hours, please enter through Calvary Baptist Church's front doors and sign in with Mr. Ennis. He will notify the office of your arrival. This procedure enhances security for our school and students.

Please help the School year get off on the right start by encouraging your child to respect the Schoolhouse rules. Instilling obedience and respect in our students will allow them to grow to their full potential and give them the freedom to find their strengths within the proper boundaries.

Chapel Will Be Held On Friday Mornings due to adjustments in Calvary's own ministry schedule that allows us to use the space during that time.

The Parents Association Meeting to be held on September 13th, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist Church will be a great time for us to meet and greet each other as we start the new school year together.

This Year's Afterschool Activities include some exciting additions as well as the excellent options we've had in the past. A school musical, chess club, and competitive soccer and volleyball are just part of the list. Check out the attached flyer for more information.

Faculty

Our faculty is complete and returned on August 20 to begin intensive preparations for our first day of school on September 7. It's always a pleasure to welcome the new faces among the great many returning teachers.

Mrs. Esperanza Saraco takes over as the Beginners and PreBeginners Teacher. She has her Bachelor of Arts in Social Psychology from Tufts University.

Mrs. Courtney Sullivan returns as a Teaching Assistant for the PreBeginners and Beginners. She has her B.A from Boston College.

Miss Erinn O'Neill returns as the PreKindergarten Teacher. She has her B.A. in Elementary Education from Sacred Heart University.

Mrs. Nancy Allen returns as the PreKindergarten Teacher, teaming with Miss O'Neill for the PreKindergarten. She has her B.A. in History from Furman University.

Mrs. Wesley Gibson joins us as the Kindergarten Teacher. She has her B.A. in Elementary Education from Wheaton College.

Mrs. Jennifer Evans returns as a First Grade Teacher. She has her B.S. in Elementary Education from Louisiana State University, and her M.A. in Early Education from Piedmont College.

Miss Mehren Hopfenspirger joins us as a First Grade Teacher. She has her B.S. in Elementary Education and Special Education from Marist College and her M.A. in Early Childhood Education (Literacy) from The University of New York at Albany.

Mrs. Amy DeVore returns as the Second Grade Teacher. She has her B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida.

Mrs. Elena Zeller returns as the Third Grade Teacher; she has her B.A. in English from Bryn Mawr College and her M.A. in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Miss Brenda Woods returns as the Fourth Grade Teacher; she has her B.A. in Elementary Education from Cedarville College and her M.A. in Reading and Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Miss Anne Muya returns as the Fifth Grade Teacher; she has her B.A. in French Literature from Bryn Mawr College and her M.A. in Elementary Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Miss Sheryl Hudson returns as the Teacher for Mathematics and Science in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades of the Upper School, as well as Sixth Grade Homeroom Teacher. She has her B.S.E. in Interdisciplinary Engineering & Management from Clarkson University.

Mr. Michael "Buck" Holler returns as the Teacher for History and Bible in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades of the Upper School, as well as the Seventh Grade Homeroom Teacher. He has his B.A. in Bible/Theology with a Languages minor from Shasta Bible College and his M.A. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Mr. Joseph Haferbecker returns as the Teacher for Language Arts and Logic in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades of the Upper School, as well as the Eighth Grade Homeroom Teacher. He has his B.A. in English from Central Washington University, and his M.F.A. in Poetry from the University of Washington.

Mrs. Stephanie Popa returns as the Instructor in French for Beginners through Fifth Grade. She has a Baccalaureate in Computer Programming from Strasbourg, France. She has her Associate Degree in Administration and her Certificate of Office Support from Mulhouse, France.

Mrs. Priscilla Hodges takes over as the Instructor in Latin for the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades, and continues as an Instructor in Math for the Upper School. She has her B.Mus. in Music, History & Literature from Wheaton College.

Mrs. Kristen Haferbecker returns as the Instructor in Music. She has her B.M. in Music Management from the University of the Pacific, and her M.A. in Performing Arts Administration from New York University.

Mrs. Cole Harbert returns as the Instructor in Art. She has her B.A. in English, with a Studio Art minor from Wake Forest University.

Mr. Andy Davis returns as the Instructor in Physical Education. He has his B.A. in Speech, Communication, and Theatre from Samford University

Miss Elizabeth Ann Larson returns as the Director and Instructor in Violin for the Geneva Conservatory. She has studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, Indiana University, has her M.A. for Violin from Yale University, and has done Post-Graduate Studies with Yfrah Neaman at Guildhall School of Music in London.

Miss Soo Bae returns as Instructor in Cello for the Geneva Conservatory. She has her B.M. from the Curtis School of Music, her M.M. from Juilliard School of Music, as well as her A.D. (Artist Diploma) from the Juilliard School of Music.

Miss Beth Hyo Kyoung Nam returns as Instructor in Piano for the Geneva Conservatory. She has her B.M. from the Juilliard School of Music and is currently pursuing her M.M. while teaching undergraduate piano at Juilliard.

We also welcome Cecilia Rudzitis as Administrative Assistant. Cecilia has four children, three of whom attend Geneva (Christopher, 6th grade; Caleb and Margaret, 3rd grade).

Jeannie Smith, who served on the Curriculum Committee last year, has become the School's Curriculum Coordinator. Jeannie brings to this position extensive experience and extraordinary dedication to Geneva School.

I'm grateful for these extraordinary men and women who have committed themselves professionally and spiritually to the mission and mandate of the Geneva School.

We trust that the Lord continues to oversee this enterprise, and we are thrilled to work as co-laborers with Him, confident that He remains intimately involved in all aspects of this complex and exciting endeavor.

So, we look forward to seeing you at the School picnic on September 4th, and then the first day of school, September 6th.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson
Headmaster