

September 28, 2007

Dear Geneva Parents,

With student elections at the Grammar School this past week, in which students elected those who would serve in student government for the coming year, it's a good time to recall that a core objective of Geneva School is training up leaders. Among the foundation stones of Christian leadership is the humility that comes from a daily reliance on Jesus Christ, and the forgiveness we extend to others, having accepted the forgiveness Christ offers us. This sense of humility and forgiveness finds expression in true leadership – service to others, whether it is the classmate beside us or the community that extends well beyond Geneva's walls and years.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson
Headmaster

News and Notes:

Tardiness Due to Severe Weather Conditions or traffic conditions that affect City-wide transportation is considered excused. For this past week, due to disruption by excessive UN traffic on the eastside, all tardies will be marked excused. It's clear that the disruption did not contribute to every one of the instances of tardiness. However, this grace period will extend to all.

Next Friday's Chapel will feature a presentation by the Fourth Grade class. Helena Curbelo, Eighth Grade, is scheduled to present the student speech for the week. Immediately after Chapel the Parent Council will host a parent prayer time with a focus on the Fourth Grade. We hope you can join us.

Halloween – As a Christian school, we do not participate in observing Halloween and do not decorate the schoolhouse for Halloween. Parents are asked not to send their children to school dressed in costumes. That includes costume pieces or masks. This restriction applies to the school buses as well.

Join Other Geneva Families for an all-school First Wednesday get together at Hecksher Park this coming October 3rd at 12:30 P.M. Bring your lunch for a picnic with other Geneva families. You must arrange for your child's supervision at the Park, as well as making any necessary transportation arrangements to and from the Park. If your child rides the yellow school bus and will be attending the outing, please notify the School Office that your child will not be riding the bus home that day.

A Literacy Workshop for Parents, sponsored by the Geneva School and Priority Associates, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. This is a workshop designed and administered by Jeannie Smith (Geneva's Curriculum Coordinator) to promote literacy at home. A variety of creative and fun techniques will be presented to enhance your child's reading and writing ability and skills. Ways to engage your child in a stimulating, literacy-rich environment at home will also be demonstrated. We would like this event to serve as an outreach to other NYC parents of school-age children, so we encourage Geneva parents to invite friends and neighbors. The workshop will be held at the PA Square 144 East 44th Street, 7th Floor (between Lexington and Third Avenues).

And Don't Forget:

Beginning This Year, Art, Music and Gym will be given letter grades for Fourth through Eighth Grades only. For calculating the student's overall G.P.A., those three grades will be combined as one grade.

Chaperones are a Vital Element of Class Field Trips. Without a sufficient number of chaperones, our classes will be unable to enjoy the fun and enrichment of off-site trips. If you have signed up to be a chaperone, we thank you for your willingness to serve in that capacity. Please respond promptly to Class Parent inquiries about your availability to chaperone, making every effort to be available for the trip, even if you do not have a child in that particular class. And once you've been assigned, arrive promptly. Any delay substantially shortens the time available for the field trip.

Upcoming Key Events are:

Our Next Half-Day of School is Wednesday, October 3rd, an in-service day for teachers. School will be dismissed at 12:00, and there will be bus service. As a reminder, the Schoolhouse must be cleared by 12:15 P.M.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th, is a holiday, and there is no school.
