

February 15, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

It was my pleasure a number of years back to get to know John Stott. In reflecting on the life of this great Christian thinker and author, it is clear to me that he embodied true humility. Here is a man of great accomplishment and renown who would open himself up to God's leading, not relying on his great intellect or reputation, but submitting his gifts and his abilities to the guidance and will of God. John wrote that "thankfulness is the soil in which the sin of pride does not easily grow." Humility comes from recognizing that we cannot supply our greatest need, and so we gladly submit to the Great Provider. Galatians 6:14 says, But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Let that be our boast as well as we pause this Presidents Day Weekend to contemplate the great men and women who have served and are serving our country, in humility and sacrifice.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson
Headmaster

News and Notes:

Geneva's Girls Basketball Team took on the Churchill girls. They didn't win, but we're proud of their first ever outing in an interscholastic basketball game. They were very dedicated and gave it their all.

Next Friday's Chapel will feature Christopher Rudzitis, Sixth Grade, scheduled to present the student speech for the week. Immediately after Chapel the Parent Council will host a parent prayer time. We hope you can join us.

The Fruit of the Spirit Awards this week went to Noel Masal, Brianna Whitehead, Jonathan Tanaka and Veronica Toro. Their names are on the "Fruit Tree" down in Calvary's Fellowship Hall.

Geneva needs a Science Team Volunteer to help implement science lesson plans for the Grammar School. Position requires someone who is enthusiastic about improving Geneva's Science program, can come to the Grammar School at least once per week, has strong organizational skills and is physically able to lift and maneuver boxes in the science closet. Each week, the volunteer would receive by email a science lesson plan. The volunteer would read the plan and take note of the required materials. Materials not stored in our science closet will need to be purchased or obtained. At the Grammar School, the volunteer would pack the necessary materials into a "science box" for teachers to implement the lesson plan the following week. Materials from previous lessons need to be returned to the inventory in the science closet, and the volunteer will help with the general upkeep of science materials in the science closet.

Staff Changes for the Coming Year. We are in the process of recruiting and hiring faculty for the coming year. Teachers who will be leaving us this year are Brenda Woods (Fourth Grade), Elena Zeller (Third Grade), Sheryl Hudson (Math & Science), Joe Haferbecker (Language Arts & Logic), Kristen Haferbecker (Music) and Cole Harbert (Art). We wish each teacher "God speed!" and pray His hand on their future endeavors.

Please Help Us Keep the Schoolhouse Healthy by focusing on these steps with your child: (a) *stay home from school if any fever or vomiting is present*; (b) wash hands thoroughly and frequently; (c) blow noses into a tissue rather than wiping them with their hand (and wash their hands afterward); (d) cough into their

shoulder (not their hands, which will spread the germs to the next thing they touch); and (e) pray for the health and well-being of our students

Community Calendar

"And Then I Had Teenagers" Encouragement for Parents of Teens and Preteens is a special event for parents, hosted by The Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools (FOCUS) www.nycfocus.org. It will be held on Wednesday, February 20th, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Brick Church, 62 East 92nd Street (Park Avenue), entrance at the Parish House. Susan Yates will be the special guest speaker. Free admission. Refreshments provided. Books available. If you plan to attend, please contact nyc.focus@gmail.com or call 212-665-1515 to RSVP.

Upcoming Key Events are:

There is No School on Monday, February 18th, and Tuesday, February 19th of Presidents' Day Weekend.

The Geneva School Auction will be held the evening of Tuesday, March 4th. Please set aside this date and plan to participate as we celebrate Geneva School's ongoing vitality. Mark your calendars and alert your friends, keeping in mind the many ways you can help.
