

February 22, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

The great Christian author, Henri Nouwen, gave up prestigious university posts to serve those who could not help themselves. He lived by the Word. He wrote, "When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares." Proverbs 18:24 tells us that "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." May our lives, lived by the Word, serve as inspiration for our students preparing them for life beyond the Schoolhouse walls and a readiness to extend a "warm and tender hand" of service to those less fortunate than themselves.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson
Headmaster

News and Notes:

Geneva Trustees Have Elected New Officers for the coming year, with Mark Tanaka serving as Chairman, Mike Wilkerson serving as Vice Chairman, John Barger serving as Secretary, and Bruce Gregory serving as Treasurer. Please continue to keep the men and women of our Trustee board in prayer. Their task, as well as their sacrifice on behalf of the School, is enormous.

Next Friday's Chapel will feature the Kindergarten class. Fatou Diabate, Sixth Grade, is scheduled to present the student speech for the week. Immediately after Chapel the Parent Council will host a parent prayer time focusing on the Kindergarten class. We hope you can join us.

The Fruit of the Spirit Awards this week went to John Fleming and Hesus Cid. You'll find their names are on the "Fruit Tree" down in Calvary's Fellowship Hall.

Tardiness Due to Severe Weather Conditions which affects City transportation is considered excused. For this Friday, February 22nd, all Tardies were marked excused, given the weather conditions affecting a significant portion of City-wide transportation.

And Don't Forget

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.

Auction Corner

Good News! With a lot of hard work by our community and the Lord's help, we have reduced by half the \$700,000 deficit we wrote you about last Fall. With a successful Auction and a well-supported Annual Fund we can reduce it to well below \$200,000. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the Auction and giving to the Annual Fund. To find out more, go to www.genevaschool.net and find the homepage link to instructions about the Auction. Be sure to check back frequently as we will continue to highlight featured items up for bid from our catalog.

Upcoming Key Events are:

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.

Our Next Half-Day of School is Wednesday, March 5th, an in-service day for teachers. School will be dismissed at 12:00, and there will be bus service.
