

February 29, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

Being a Christian and walking by faith is an exercise in contradictions -- to serve is to lead; to submit is to overcome; and to practice true humility is to wield great power. This power is not our own but God's power through us, unimpeded by our pride or our conceit. And when we practice true humility, we can ask the impossible of God, because, as Luke 1:37 records the Angel's simple response to Mary, "For nothing will be impossible with God." No matter how unrealistic our pride may be, it actually limits us. Paul wrote to the Ephesians of the God "who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think." Things we expect to accomplish in our own strength and by our own power pale in comparison to the things God can do when we practice true humility, and give Him room to do the impossible for us.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson  
Headmaster

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#### News and Notes:

**Karen Jacobsen Takes Over as the Fourth Grade Teach** for the departing Miss Woods. She has varied experience in education: teaching third grade and ESL, working as an elementary librarian and serving in curriculum development for her church, Redeemer Montclair. Karen earned an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Cedarville University in 1999 and has completed coursework towards her Master's degree in Non-Profit Management with an emphasis in International Development at New York University. She looks forward to combining her passions for education and international development ministry as she heads to Kigali, Rwanda in the fall as a missionary with Food for the Hungry. In Rwanda, Karen will be serving as a Christian Education curriculum developer and teacher trainer. Please extend to her our very best Geneva welcome.

**Additional Staff Changes for the Coming Year.** Mrs. Wesley Gibson (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Nancy Allen (PreKindergarten) will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We wish them our best for what lies ahead.

**Next Friday's Chapel** will feature the Fifth Grade. Jamie Lewiski, Sixth Grade, is scheduled to present the student speech for the week. In addition, Geneva will host the **Packer Collegiate Chorus**. The program is open to all Geneva families and friends and will consist of approximately 30 minutes of music that has been arranged for the Chorus's upcoming tour to Vienna and Prague. The chorus director is Esther Liu Harris, a Geneva parent (Jordan, a kindergartener) who is also a faculty member and choral conductor of the Pre-College Division at the Juilliard School. Please come and enjoy the kind spirit and musical gift of Packer Chorus and encourage the Chorus with our Geneva Spirit. After the program the Parent Council will host a parent prayer time focusing on the Fifth Grade. We hope you can join us.

**Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team** for their victory this past Thursday over the Bank Street School. Our next game will be Monday, March 3rd at Village Community School. VCS is located at 272-278 West 10th Street between Washington & Greenwich Streets. The game starts at five o'clock, an hour later than our usual tip-off time.

**The Fruit of the Spirit Awards** this week went to Landon Sibley, Alexa Maldonado and Ben Boyd. Their names have been added to our "Fruit" tree in Fellowship Hall.

**Step Right Up for Your Chance to Let Your Light Shine!** Tryouts for the Geneva School Talent show will be held on Tuesday, March, 11th, from 3:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in Room 400. If you have a talent that you would like to perform for an audience of our esteemed Geneva family, this is your chance! Parents, Teachers, Students and Groups are all encouraged to participate in what we know will be a fun evening of togetherness in support of our School. Please fill out the form in the flyer coming home today, to the School Office no later than Monday March 10th, 2008. The performance is Friday, April 25th.

***Auction Corner***

**This Year's Geneva Auction is a Dinner** and special program featuring Kathie Lee Gifford. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP the Auction Committee because seating is limited.

**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.

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