

April 11, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

Last week, I cited John 16:33 where Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” How did He overcome the world? The teachings of Jesus constantly turned our natural human responses upside down. Turning the other cheek, blessings instead of curses, forgiveness rather than punishment. When we face trouble, we need to extend grace and practice patience as we work together to find our way out of trouble. Christ overcame the world, and John 1:14 tells us He was “full of grace and truth.” We are able to minister to each other in times of trouble, as pointed out in 1 Peter 4:10 who reminds us that “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” Build each other up rather than tear each other down. Offer constructive rather than cutting criticism. Extend grace rather than judgment. Christ overcame the world and so showed us the way to have peace in the midst of trouble.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson  
Headmaster

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#### **News and Notes:**

**Congratulations to Sheryl Hudson** on her recent wedding. Sheryl's new name is Mrs. Atekha.

**Beth Nam, Piano Instructor at the Geneva Conservatory of Music** was just accepted in the Doctoral Program at Juilliard. This is a very prestigious honor as the audition process is rigorous and only 2 pianists are accepted worldwide! Congratulations, Miss Nam!

**Next Week's Friday's Chapel** will feature the Third Grade. Olivia Vordenberg, Sixth Grade, is scheduled to be the Student Speaker. The Parent Council will host a parent prayer time focusing on the Third Grade. We hope you can join us.

**Geneva's Annual Read-A-Thon** raised \$2,575.87 for the Student Government's budget. Excellent work, readers!

**Geneva School's Science Fair** produced a number of winners. For Best Board, Helen Wilkey and Christopher Rudzitis; for Best Oral Presentation, Kathryn Terrell and Lydia Jordan; for Creative Project, Sean Kaufman, Rex Duval, and Benjamin Boyd. Overall, in Third Place, James Lewiski and Cristobal Arias; in Second Place, Helen Wilkey and Christopher Rudzitis; and in First Place, Christina Hong. Our congratulations to everyone, and our thanks for all the hard work.

#### ***And Don't Forget***

**The Geneva School Annual Fund** did not receive as much notice as in prior years. Starting the week of April 7th, your Parent Council representative will be contacting you. We need to achieve **100% participation** by the families, which demonstrates our united commitment, and is a key indicator of seriousness to the foundations and organizations we solicit for additional support. Like every other private school, this effort helps us to cover the cost of education at the Geneva School. Tuition and fees alone do not do it. Geneva relies on the ongoing generosity of its families of enrolled students. That's why it's

important for you to find ways to participate financially. Please consider prayerfully to what extent, however great or small, you will participate when your Parent Council rep calls on you.

**A Meeting for Next Year's Upper School Parents** is scheduled for April 15th at 7:00 P.M. in Calvary's Fellowship Hall to give an update on faculty staffing and curriculum for the coming school year.

**Parent Council Meeting** is scheduled on April 22nd, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary Baptist Church. Please attend this informative night with **Eric Metaxas** and the panel of experts, **Brent Bounds (child psychologist)**, **Dr. Katherine Grimm (pediatrician)** and **Peggy Sell (NYC mom filled with information)** to discuss various aspects of raising children in New York City. Child care will be available for a fee.

**The Geneva School Talent Show** is Friday, April 25th. 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. Contact Bethany Kimsey at [troykimsey@gmail.com](mailto:troykimsey@gmail.com).

**The Geneva Conservatory of Music Student Recital** has been moved to Tuesday, May 6th at 4:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of Calvary Baptist Church. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow.

**Travel Through Time with Geneva's Summer Tune Up program!** This year's summer program runs Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., for kids aged 4 and up. Each week will explore a different time period, including Ancient Egypt, Medieval Times, and The Wild West. For more information, see the flyer or visit the website ([www.genevaschool.net](http://www.genevaschool.net))

### *Community Calendar*

**"Proclaim the Truth" is a CTYA Missions Weekend for Children, Teens, and Young Adults.** Hosted by Calvary Baptist Church, the event will include a children's ministry rally on Saturday, April 19th in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 P.M., and at 5:30 P.M. a Missions Dinner with speaker Trevor Brown and the musical group "Double Edge." Tickets for the event are \$5, and are available by contacting the church offices at 212-975-0170. Sunday, April 20th, will feature a Teens and Young Adults breakfast at 10:00 A.M. and a CTYA worship service at 11:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

**Upcoming Key Events** are:

*ERB's CTP4 Standardized Test* will be administered during the week of April 14th to the First through Eighth Grades. Please ensure that students are present for the entire week, well rested, and having had breakfast, since the test is administered each morning of testing dates during that week.

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