

May 2, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

Next week is Teacher Appreciation week. In thinking about appreciation, it occurs to me that beyond the cards, notes, gifts, and other tangible expressions of gratitude we might extend only once this week, it may be that the better gift to offer is that of patience. As Oswald Chambers observes, patience is not indifference. It is an aspect of the fruit of the spirit. This gift presumes the best is yet to come, if we give the other person time. Appreciation of one another gives rise to patience. In Habbakuk 2:3 the prophet wrote, "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay." The practice of patience expresses most clearly our appreciation. Be generous this week and every week.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson  
Headmaster

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#### News and Notes:

**The Last Day of School is Thursday, June 5th.** We've moved Awards Day and the Picnic to that Thursday as well. We expect our Geneva families to support this year's graduates by attending the Eighth Grade commencement that evening. It is a significant expression of appreciation for this important milestone in the lives of these students, and it continues to build the tradition for your own student when the time comes.

**Next Week's Friday's Chapel** will feature the Mrs. Evans and Miss Hopfenspirger's First Grade classes. Rex Duval, Eighth Grade, is scheduled to be the Student Speaker. The Parent Council will host a parent prayer time focusing on the First Grade. We hope you can join us.

**National Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 5th through May 9th.

**Grandparents Day** is quickly approaching! Invitations were sent home two weeks ago in your Friday packets. Students, please make sure to invite your grandparents (or significant person) to this event. Grandparents Day is Thursday, May 22nd at 8:15 A.M. at the Grammar school and Friday, May 23rd at 11:45 A.M. at the Preschool. Preschool families, please note the time change! Please email your questions to [kimwilkerson@mac.com](mailto:kimwilkerson@mac.com) or [troykimsey@gmail.com](mailto:troykimsey@gmail.com).

**Book Sale!** The Parent Council will be hosting a used book sale *this coming Wednesday, May 7th*, after the half-day. Bring in your gently used children's books and Christian books that morning, and then join us in the Sunroom at noon for the sale. Please note: no books will be accepted before Wednesday morning, as we have no place to store them.

**Geneva's Annual Quiz Bowl** will be held on Thursday, May 8th, in Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist Church, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M. It's a Jeopardy-style trivia game for the Grammar School which tests the competitors and provides a lot of fun for their classmates. Parents are welcome, but space is limited.

**The Fruit of the Spirit Awards** went to Jenna Flaherty, Ezra Crosby, Jared Thompson, Cosimo Gherardini, Noel Masal, Thomas Benson and Abby Sauls for the previous week, and to Madison Himes, Grace Wilkey, Gabby Johansson, Blake Wilkey, Caroline Lin, Princess-Abiguail Timoty, Emma

Vordenberg, and Delaney Masal for this week. Their names have been added to our “Fruit” tree in Fellowship Hall.

***Please Note: Take Our Children to Work Day*** is a feature of some workplaces, but is not a recognized Geneva School holiday. For this occurrence only, students who participated in this event, and for whom we already have notes, will be marked excused. In future, please review the handbook for the reasons tardiness and absences will be excused. Parents have the discretion to hold children out of school for certain events that are meaningful to their family, and while we will make every effort to ensure that the student has the opportunity to make up all missed work, the absence or the tardiness isn’t excused.

### ***Community Calendar***

**The Parents League of New York** is offering a forum for parents entitled, “Your Child’s Strengths: Discover Them, Develop Them, Use Them.” The event will be held this coming Monday, May 12th, 2008, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Allen-Stevenson School, 132 East 78th Street. The featured speaker is Jenifer Fox, President, Purnell School.

**Midtown Crisis Pregnancy Center** is in need of baby furniture, especially cribs. Your unused cribs and other baby furniture would be welcome for new moms. If you have items that would be of use, leave your contact information with the School Office, and you will be contacted by someone from the Center.

### ***And Don’t Forget***

**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))

### **Upcoming Key Events are:**

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

***Parent-Teacher Conferences for the Grammar School*** will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, from 3:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

***Our Next Half-Day of School*** is Wednesday, May 7th, an in-service day for teachers. Dismissal is at 12:00, and there will be bus service. As a reminder, the Schoolhouse must be cleared by 12:15 P.M.

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