

May 16, 2008

Dear Geneva Parents,

At every Friday Chapel I am inspired by our students, and the insights they bring to their individual speeches and their class presentations. In reflecting on patience today, I find that we are inspired by the patience of others, and soured by our own failures to be patient. I've spoken of those men and women who possess powerful humility. It's good to remember that they have the same Holy Spirit that we have. They are, as Peter writes in 2 Peter 1:4(b), "...partakers of the divine nature" just as we are, if we know Christ as Savior. That gives us the power to practice humility, which gives us the power to persevere in patience. Humility is the "freshness keeper" of the fruit of the spirit. May our attitude of humility sustain our patience with each other and with the community at large.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson  
Headmaster

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#### News and Notes:

**Next Week's Friday's Chapel will be held on Thursday, May 22nd** as part of our Grandparents Day event. The program will feature the Fifth Grade class. Christopher Antonovich, Eighth Grade, is scheduled to be the Student Speaker. The Parent Council will host a parent prayer time focusing on the Fifth Grade. We hope you can join us.

**Please Join the Parent Council for Our Final Corporate Prayer Night** of the year, Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. A time of prayer will be lead by William Mak, father of Dylan (First Grade) and Amber (PreKindergarten), followed by The State of the School, presented by the Geneva Board of Trustees.

**The School-wide Spring Concert** is next week, Thursday, May 24th. The concert will be at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of Calvary Baptist Church. Dress for this year's Spring Concert will be dressy attire (not uniforms). Boys should come in slacks and button-up shirts. Ties are encouraged, jackets are welcome. Girls should come in a nice dress and shoes. Please dress respectfully. Skirts must come below the knees, and no sleeveless tops. Students must check in with their teachers by 5:50 P.M. in the sanctuary.

**An Art Exhibit of Our Student's Work** will be held in the Fellowship Hall before and after the Spring Concert. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

**The Geneva Conservatory of Music** is filling its lesson slots for next year quickly! New students interested in applying should contact Elizabeth Larson at the School (212) 754- 9988 and leave a message to schedule a brief interview. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, or by appointment.

**Parents of Seventh Grade Students**, we urge you to consider joining The Parent's League immediately, before their office closes on June 15th, and make an appointment with their school advisors, who will be able to help you formulate the list of schools that will fit the particular needs of your child. Please note that they will be closed over the summer months, and come September they will be extremely busy with the high school admissions process. Now is the time to take advantage of their experience and expertise. You can join the Parents League at [www.parentsleague.org](http://www.parentsleague.org).

**Grandparents Day** is quickly approaching! Invitations were sent home three 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).

**The Fruit of the Spirit Awards** went to Jonathan Tanaka, Chloe Wolma, Caroline Gillen, and Joshua Jordan. Their names have been added to our “Fruit” tree in Fellowship Hall.

**Summer Tune Up has Been Cancelled** due to insufficient registration. Please contact the School Office at [admin@genevaschool.net](mailto:admin@genevaschool.net) if you have any questions.

**Lend a Hand to Mrs. Zeller**, helping to pack up her classroom for the summer. She needs to pack away books and materials and stack boxes. If you can help with the heavy lifting, please contact the School Office, or Mrs. Zeller directly to find out when she needs assistance.

### *And Don't Forget*

**Uniform Exchange.** Do you have gently worn uniforms which you are willing to give away? Are you looking for uniforms for next year? The Development Committee is coordinating an exchange. If you have and/or want items, please e-mail a list of the items you have to donate and/or wish to acquire for next year (e.g., sweater, jumper, blouse, gym shorts, etc.). Please be specific about size and quantity. For boys' items, e-mail Renee Reynolds at [reneepreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:reneepreynolds@gmail.com). For girls' items, e-mail Shirley Jenks at [JenksGroup@aol.com](mailto:JenksGroup@aol.com). They will match up donations with desires, and put you in contact with one another, so you can make your own arrangements.

**Graduation and End of the Year Awards Assembly** will be held at the Preschool, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., and at the Grammar School from 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. Uniform of the day is the dress uniform. Eighth Grade Graduation is at 6:00 P.M. 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.

**Annual Fund Is a Long Way from 100%.** The clear demonstration by the community of its support for the School and its mission is as important as the money raised. We have a long way still to go. If you have not yet contributed, please take a moment to consider what gift you can make, however large or small.

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

***The School-wide Spring Concert*** will be held Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Calvary Baptist Church sanctuary. It's a great opportunity to showcase the students and the School to friends and family members as well as our visiting grandparents.

**The Geneva School Picnic** starts at 12:00 P.M. Thursday, June 5th in the Park. The Picnic is for all of the Geneva School families, both PreSchool and Grammar School. This is also the last day of classes. Gym uniforms are required. Students can change at the Schoolhouse. The uniform will make it much easier for teachers and staff to monitor the students.

**Dismissal of Students from the Geneva School Picnic** will occur as follows: Students may be dismissed to parents at the picnic venue, at approximately 2:30 P.M. Teachers and all remaining students will return to the Schoolhouse by 2:45 P.M. These students will be dismissed as usual. Late pick-up rules will still apply.

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