

November 16, 2007

Dear Geneva Parents,

I've said often that Geneva is a School of the Word as well as a School of words. The profound power of the Word is found in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." Our students are also learning the gentle balm that words carry. We see that in the students who have earned our Fruit of the Spirit award as much by their words as their actions. We also celebrate the mastery of words our students manifest in the Spelling Bee this past week and the weekly speeches and class presentations given in Friday Chapel. We are proud of our students, and ask that God continue to grant our students the intellect and heart for compiling the language of love and Christ for their use in the days and years ahead.

In His Name, and for His service,

Anthony P. Wilson
Headmaster

News and Notes:

Next Friday's Chapel will feature the Kindergarten class. Taylor Palas, Eighth 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. We hope you can join us.

The ACSI District Spelling Bee produced some top Geneva spellers again this year. Pauline Fleming won First Place in the Fifth Grade competition and Second Place in the Final Competition, so she will advance to the Regionals in Sturbridge, Massachusetts later this year. Delaney Masal won First Place in the Sixth Grade competition and Fifth Place in the Final Competition. She will be First Alternate for the Regionals. Anne Gregory won Fourth Place in the Fifth Grade competition; Christopher Rudzitis won Third Place in the Sixth Grade competition; Annabelle Popa won Third Place and Peter Murphy won Fourth Place in the Seventh Grade competition; and Nora Moncada won Fourth Place in the Eight Grade Competition. Congratulations to everyone who placed, as well as everyone who participated.

The Green Café appreciates the business that the Geneva community has been sending their way. In recognition, the manager, Prince, is offering 10% off any purchase with proof of Geneva association. Bring in your Friday Letter or other Geneva logo'd item to receive the discount. The Green Café is a few doors down from the School, toward Sixth Avenue on the north side of the street.

Lands Ends Out-Of-Stock Uniforms are gradually becoming available. Please check their website for availability www.landsend.com.

Geneva Conservatory Students: Please call or email the school office as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a scheduled lesson.

Student Absences and Making Up Classwork - If your child is absent for more than one day, you must contact the School office and arrange to pick up the work that they miss. Teachers will prepare daily work assignments and books for students who have missed more than one day of school due to illness. Students who miss one day of school due to illness are expected to make up the work the following day. No work will be faxed or sent home for a one-day absence. Keeping up with assignments missed due to absences of several days or more reduces the negative impact on the student's classwork.

And Don't Forget:

Important Reminder for Families Who Use the Yellow School Buses – students must use the routes assigned to them by the Office of Pupil Transportation, and may not ride on buses for other routes. Students who have not been assigned to a route may not ride the bus. As part of OPT's re-organization of the city's school bus routes last year there has been a much stricter enforcement of this rule. Please plan your afternoon activities for your students accordingly.

Hear, ye! Hear, ye! The Eighth Grade Theatre Ensemble cordially invites you to attend their performance of "A Pilgrim's Exploration" on **Monday November 19th** in the year of Our Lord 2007. The Eighth Grade has been exploring the Medieval Period this trimester and would like the opportunity to share with you the exciting things they have discovered and created. We hope that you will not pass up this opportunity to delve into history with us and see how the lives of those long passed can inform the lives we live today. People of every generation are encouraged to attend this first full-length production for the Geneva School and we hope that you will also join us after the performance for refreshments in the Sun Room. The exploration will begin **promptly at 6:30 P.M.** in the Sanctuary and we ask that you please respect the work by arriving in a timely fashion. We look forward, with great anticipation, to sharing this work with you!

The Updated School Calendar is now available on the website. Please refer to www.genevaschool.net and click on the school calendar link.

The New Tuition Schedule has been finalized for the 2008-2009 school year.

PreBeginners (two-and-a-half year olds):	\$6,000	Grades Kindergarten through Five:	\$17,000
Beginners (three-year olds):	\$11,000	Grades Six through Eight:	\$17,500
Pre-Kindergarten (four-year olds):	\$16,000		

Upcoming Key Events are:

Wednesday, November 21st is a half-day of School, which begins our Thanksgiving Break. School will be dismissed at 12:00, and there will be bus service. *School will resume on Tuesday, November 27th.*

Our Next Half-Day of School is Wednesday, December 5th, an in-service day for teachers. School will be dismissed at 12:00, and there will be bus service. As a reminder, the Schoolhouse must be cleared by 12:15 P.M. Otherwise, late pick-up notices are issued.

Geneva Conservatory of Music Faculty Concert will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 123 West 57th Street, in the Sanctuary on Thursday, December 6th, beginning at 6:30 P.M. instead of November 15th as previously scheduled. ***Please make a note of this change.***
