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A Message from the Head of School

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. - 2 Thessalonians 3:16. NIV

Peace. The LORD offers us peace in many places in His word. This reminder is needed while approaching the busy holiday season. It's easy to get wrapped up in cleaning and decorating the home, in holiday shopping, in meal preparation, and in travel plans. The holidays are a flurry of activities and although this time can be fun and exciting, it can also become stressful and burdensome. Many even navigate this season feeling isolated and lonely. But as I had the opportunity to sit with the precious second-grade class one day and share this verse that God placed on my heart, I was reminded that peace is always available to us if we allow God to share it with us.

Paul reminds us that God Himself is the LORD of peace, and as Lord, He has "all authority to give it and take it away", as one astute second-grader shared. The LORD of peace freely offers His peace to us (John 14:27) and we just need to accept the peace that He offers. When we place our focus on God, we will experience His peace which is present *at all times.* God's peace is not dependent on our circumstances, it is present as He is present because He is the LORD of peace. God's peace is complete. Jesus reminds us that it's not like the world's idea of peace which is really more like a temporary cease-fire. God's peace endures and allows us to have peace with Him, with others, and within ourselves. God's peace is all-encompassing and is freely available to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The holidays are truly a wonderful time. Personally, it's my favorite time of the year. I admit, I do enjoy the festivities and relish the get-togethers, especially with family and friends that I haven't seen in a while. Honestly, I enjoy the festive dishes that I don't usually get to eat too often. However, I also appreciate that the holidays serve as a reminder for us to stop and reflect on the goodness of God. Starting with the season of thanksgiving through celebrating God's gift of grace through Christ's birth to welcoming a new year, we get this time marker that reminds us that through it all - God is good. He gives us peace. At all times and in every way, God is with us.

Please enjoy perusing God's goodness to FCS through the pages of this newsletter. Hopefully, I'll see you soon at one of the upcoming holiday events. Whether I have the pleasure to see you or not, may God's peace be with you all.

> - Chantal Nelson Head of School

New Faculty Members

Mr. Daryl Tom

Mr. Daryl Tom has a love for teaching, which is evident from what his middle school students say about him. With his calm nature, he presents his deep

knowledge of history in an engaging way, that leads students to love learning. He has taught for over seven years. He attends First Baptist Church of Flushing, where he is actively involved.



<u>Mr. David Lou</u>

Mr. David Lou brings fresh energy and a love for physical education to our Elementary grades. Students are learning new games while staying active and having fun with their



friends. He brings his enthusiastic energy to 4th grade math. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Flushing and enjoys playing volleyball in his free time.

Applebee's Silent Auction



Our annual Applebee's Silent Auction was held in conjunction with our amazing PTFA, on Saturday, October 26th. As always, the event was well attended and enjoyed by all. We had 20 beautiful gift baskets up for the silent auction. By the end of the 1.5 hour event, all the baskets were sold out. We earned a record \$3,300! Thank you to our families for your generous support for our tuition assistance program.





Pastors and Youth Workers Breakfast

We held our Annual Pastors and Youth Workers Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13th. Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast and a time of fellowship. They had meaningful discussions about the mental health crisis affecting our youth. Pastor Mike Herbert, the Vice President of our board, explained the negative effects of smartphones and how they re-wire the developing brains of children. We shared some helpful resources and took our guests on a tour of the school building.



Operation Christmas Child

Every year we are honored to participate in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse . Our families relish the opportunity to bless children around the world. We pack shoeboxes with

essentials such as school supplies, hygiene products, and toys. We pray for the recipients of these boxes, as a school. We desire that the children will not



only be blessed by the items in the box, but that ultimately they would see and tangibly feel the love of God. Our 3rd grade students added their personal touch with some beautiful handmade cards and notes. Our goal this year was to send 200 boxes. We were blessed to ship 227 boxes!





Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

"Tidings of Joy" is this year's theme for our Christmas concert. As we celebrate the birth of Christ together, we are pleased to invite you, our supporters and friends, to join us at either of our two showings:

Thursday, December 12th at 7:15 pm

Thursday, December 19th at 7:15 pm

Doors open at 6:45 pm. Be there early to get the best seats in the house.

Please use this link or scan QR code to RSVP. <u>fcsnyc.org/FCSconcertRSVP</u>





Open House and Re-Enrollment Day

Save the date! Our Open House Showcase is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2025. Join us and learn more about our school. Enjoy a continental breakfast as you meet the Head of School, staff, teachers, parents, and current students. You will have the opportunity to hear testimonials and tour the school building.

Know someone who might be curious about what education from a Christian Worldview looks like? Send them the QR code below so they can register for our event as well.

Please use this link or scan QR code to RSVP. <u>fcsnyc.org/</u> <u>OpenHouseRSVP</u>



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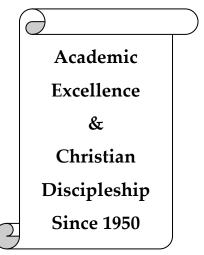
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Our Faithful God fundraising campaign. He truly gives us strength and wisdom. Would you consider a donation to our annual fundraising campaign to raise money for our tuition assistance program? Because of your generosity, we are able to give away over \$200,000 to assist families who would otherwise not be able to afford a private Christian education for their child. Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued financial and prayer support.

FCS has SWAG! • Family Support • Biblical Worldview • Stellar Academics

Stunning Generosity

Are you a past parent or student? If you had a memorable experience and would like to share it, please submit a Google review for our school. It would mean so much to us.







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