



Back to School!

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

"The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book" – Author Unknown

From an educational perspective, summer is over! New teachers will arrive on Monday, followed by returning teachers on Wednesday. As I begin my fourth year as Head of School at Whitefield, I am very excited to see how God continues to bless and bring together His idea of Kingdom Education. I am grateful for the support I have received and the many new friends and family I have made.



This year is also significant because we are celebrating 'Forty Years' of providing Christ-centered education. In those forty years, God has used the faculty, staff, coaches and volunteers to influence approximately one-thousand students which have graduated from Whitefield. These students have gone on to be teachers, business managers, missionaries, pastors, doctors, lawyers, professional athletes, and the list goes on. It is our prayer that these individuals are fulfilling Whitefield's vision to "...produce powerful and effective student leaders who will impact their world through Biblical thought and action..." This past year we graduated forty-eight seniors, who collectively received a little over \$4.1 million in scholarship funds. Prayerfully, as they move on to their college of choice and careers, they will make a difference for Christ.

Whitefield's faculty and staff continually seek opportunities to grow professionally. This ensures we are prepared to fulfill our mission and vision. This year we will focus our attention on gaining a clearer understanding of a biblical worldview and integrating God's truths into the course content we teach. We will cover a study based on the DVD series 'The Truth Project,' produced by Focus on the Family and led by Dr. Del Tackett. As we embark on this school year, I ask you to please be in prayer for your students, your student's teachers and Whitefield Academy. Pray that we strive to allow God to speak to us and through us as we focus on this study.



As always, I am grateful you allow us to partner with you in the education of your student(s). I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Mr. Gary Mounce

School Theme 2016-17

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

I'm excited to announce that our school theme for the 2016-17 school year will be "Transformed," which comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17. We are going to approach this theme from a variety of angles throughout the school year.

In chapel, we'll be exploring how our "identity" is transformed in the gospel of Christ. A few identities we'll discuss include: I am Born Again, I am Forgiven, I am Adopted, I am a Disciple, I am a Citizen of Heaven, and more. We will also be talking about how a relationship with Christ transforms how we approach things like relationships, sports, hobbies, and how we engage with the culture around us.

In missions, we will strive to live out our identity in Christ by seeking to transform the world around us. We will be collecting money and items for local and global missions opportunities throughout the year.

In the classroom, we will always be focusing on how Christ transforms the way we view all subjects. How can we learn about God through science? What can History reveal to us about the nature of sin? How does literature point us to our need for redemption?

In extra-curricular activities like sports, fine arts, drama, and robotics, we will use those challenges to transform our students into disciples of Christ, and also to show the community what it means to be transformed by the gospel of Christ.

It is going to be a great year! I'm excited to see how the Lord is going to transform our students and use them to transform the world around them!





Student Life Updates

All School Prayer Gathering

Join us Friday, August 12th, 7:30-8:30am for a time of prayer in Room 101. All students, faculty, staff, and families are invited to attend. (Come and go as you please)

Chapel

The first chapel will be August 18th.

Elementary Chapel 8:25-9:10am

Middle School/High School 9:46-10:30am

Transformed Theme & Whitefield Shirt Sales

New shirts will be available to purchase with the 2016/17 theme Transformed and the new Whitefield Logo! See samples and complete your order form at Parent Preview night, Monday, 8/8/16 at 7:00pm. All shirts are approved for Friday Wear! (Sponsored by the Class of 2017)



RESOURCE CENTER HOURS

The resource center is where you can purchase additional spirit wear:

Sunday: 8:45AM-12PM

M-Thursday: 2:30-3:30PM

Wednesday: 6:00-8:00PM

The resource center is located across from the large glass globe in the East Wing foyer.



Important Dates

August 2016

- 8 Parent Preview Events: Fegenbush
6:15-6:45 New Family Reception
7:00-7:30 – **PS-12** Parent Preview
7:30-8:10 – **PS-8** Classroom Visits
8:15-8:45 – **K-8** Classroom Visits
7:40-8:30 – **HS** Teachers (Church Foyer)
- 9 New Student Fellowship 12:30pm
Student Open House 2:00-4:00pm
- 9 East Campus Parent Preview 6:00-7:30pm
- 10 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
- 15 Drop/Add Begins
- 17 Fall Sports Pictures
- 18-20 Senior Retreat
- 26 Drop/Add Ends
- 29 8th Grade Trip Parent Meeting 7:00pm

September 2016

- 5 No School – Labor Day
- 7 PS-5 Picture Day
- 8 6-12 Picture Day
- 9 East Campus Preschool Picture Day
- 10 Arts & Crafts Festival 9:00am–4:00pm

Social Media



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Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

Welcome to Preschool! We are excited for this school year and for all of the fun-filled activities that we have planned for the year. Just a few reminders before we start out the school year. Please make sure that you have turned in a current immunization record to the office. Your child cannot attend preschool unless we have that on file. We also need to make a copy of the state issued birth certificate, if we have not already done so. Please contact the preschool office if you have questions about any paperwork that is needed.

Preschool hours are from 7:45am to 2:45pm. If you need our Extended Care Program for before or for after school, please make sure that you have completed the application and turned that into the office. The morning extended care begins at 7:15 and ends at 7:45 and the afterschool program begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:45.

We can't wait to see you and your children at Parent Preview (Fegenbush Campus Only) and Open House!

Elementary School

by Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

The start of a new school year can be really exciting and can be a very anxious time for children. There are some ways that parents can help their students to have a smooth return and start to the new school year:

Remove as much uncertainty as possible. This is especially true for the younger elementary grades. Anxiety often feeds on the fear of the unknown. Change is stressful, so parents talk with your children about expectations.

Create a sense of community. Students feeling a part of things is important at every age. Parents tell your student(s) that each new school year is a time to make new friends. Even if returning students are not in the same class with their friends they will undoubtedly know children in their new class.

Get into a routine. Establish back-to-school procedures whereby your children start practicing going to bed and waking up as if they are in school already and eating breakfast so that they can acclimate their bodies for when school really does start. This will help to also reduce the stress associated with the start of school.

Source: www.empoweringparents.com

Chapel Time: Elementary chapel is at a new time this year; the new time is now 8:25am to 9:10am. This change is a result of moving the Middle and High school chapel to an earlier timeframe.

Computer Lab: The K-8 computer lab received all new touchscreen all-in-one computers and the existing all-in-one computer units will be reallocated to classrooms for student use.



Around the School

Middle School

by Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal

There is always a certain level of excitement about the start of a new school year. Last year the middle school schedule was changed, removing home room assignments and going to a 7 period day very similar to high school. Additionally, a Fine Arts Special area where students could make a choice between **Art, Choir and Band** was introduced. These changes all worked very well last year. This year we are making some slight adjustments to the Special Area Schedule implementing what is called a **Blue/Gold** schedule, whereby students will have two Special areas each week on an alternating basis (3 days in one special area and 2 days in the other then switch the following week) throughout each of the two semesters of the school year. This was done in order to provide more continuity for students who have selected Band as their Fine Arts class. Those students would have Band the entire school year instead of just the 1st or 2nd semester. The teachers will provide a detailed explanation to students during the first day of school.

Robotics: The Whitefield robotics programs had another great year last year and all indications are that the interest level for participation is high again this year. There will be a parent interest meeting scheduled for sometime late August. The actual date, time and location is TBD.

New Chapel Time: There is a new time for MS and HS chapels this year. Chapel will now start at 9:46am until 10:30am.

8th Grade DC Trip: The annual parent/chaperone 8th grade trip informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29th at 7pm in room #228 (adult choir room) on the second floor of the East Wing.

High School

by Gary Mounce, High School Principal

THE BEST OF TIMES; THE WORST OF TIMES!

"Learn as much as you can while you are young, life becomes too busy later." – Author Unknown

An old commercial (I believe it was for Staples) promoted the idea that going back to school was "the most wonderful time of the year." While the students were being pulled around the store behind the shopping cart with upside down smiles on their faces, the parents of the older students were agreeing with the idea.

Starting a new school year can be both exciting and at the same time worrisome for students. For freshman, everything is new. For seniors approaching their final year, the excitement reigns high. But let's remember, each new school year brings with it new opportunities, new classes, new classmates, new teachers, new friendships, and opportunities to exhibit new perspectives.

Encourage your student(s) to make the most of this year by overlooking their concerns and getting involved. Simple things like being prepared for class, asking questions and sharing in discussions, having a positive outlook, taking the time to work through difficulties, and participating in extracurricular activities are helpful. Most importantly, look for opportunities to encourage your student(s) to grow spiritually, holding them accountable to spending time in prayer, reading God's word, and walking the talk.

Below are some of the things taking place over the next few weeks – **GET INVOLVED!**

August	September
15-26 Drop/Add	8 Picture Day (Seniors will be in tux/drape provided by photographer)
18 First Chapel	10 Arts & Crafts Festival
18-20 Senior Retreat	10 ACT
26 Senior Lunch	



Arts & Crafts Festival

30th Annual

Whitefield Academy Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday, September 10, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Featuring Juried Artists and Crafters

Arts & craft selections will include

Ceramics
Floral Crafts
Glass
Holiday crafts

Home décor
Jewelry
Metal work
Paintings

Primitive crafts
Pottery
Wearable art
Woodcarvings

**Located on the grounds of Highview Baptist Church
7711 Fegenbush Lane, Louisville KY**

For more information, call (502) 239-2509

Join us for a great time of fun, food and crafts!

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Safety Patrol

We are in need of a few parents who could help out in carline in the mornings from 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. They would hold doors and/or assist students getting out of cars, giving a warm smile, and wishing blessings to their day. Parents interested will have to have a background check done or have one on file before they can participate. If you're interested, please email Jill Tedder at jtedder@whitefield.org.



PTF UPDATES



Chick—Fil— A Spirit Night

AUGUST 1st | 5:00—8:00pm

Glenmary Location

Free candy, tattoos and the "COW"



Marks Feed Store

AUGUST 24th | ALL DAY

Fern Creek/Bardstown Road

Dine in or Carry Out

From the Health Office

Welcome back students and parents! If your child has any health concerns that I need to be made aware of, **PLEASE** contact my office by phone or email.

Please refer to our website for information on school policies for **ANY** medication(s) (emergency, or otherwise) that your child may need during the school year or day, protocol for any types of allergy conditions your child may have, or any other health related issues. There are pertinent medical forms located here that may be necessary for your child to have on file.

Please make sure that your child's teacher has been made aware of any health concern with your child. It's **VERY** important that we all have consistent information.

Directions to the Health Office portal thru Ren web are click on School Services, then click on Health Office tab



Work Day 2016

A HUGE thank you to our families and staff who came to Work Day on July 23rd! We appreciate all of you and are so blessed to have each of you as a part of our Whitefield Family! We are thankful for a family who has the "same mindset" as Jesus in serving!

