



THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

Newsletter October 2016



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat Ring– October 1
Jennifer McConnell– October 4
Jodie Marusarz– October 14
Audra Cranfill- 1October 17
Paula Shipp– October 19
Patty Goldsmith– October 23
Carrie Collins– October 25
Wayne Turbeville– October 31



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From the Head of School

The Foundation of Kingdom Education...

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

“Education is about shaping and creating certain kinds of people” – J.K.A. Smith

Last year, as we pursued the concept of being a Kingdom Education school, it became evident the foundation of Kingdom Education was being Christ-Centered and Biblically-Based. As you may know Whitefield Academy identifies itself as a Christ-Centered, Biblically-Based school.

But what does this actually mean? In a Christian school, as we address the academic needs of our students, these terms communicate the truth behind learning and the real reasons for pursuing knowledge.



To say we are Christ-Centered communicates a desire to ensure our students develop spiritually; to become Christ-like. In essence, we are talking about spiritual formations. As Roger Erdvig stated in his article ‘Looking Like Christ, Seeing Like Christ,’ “spiritual formation is the shaping of a person’s spirit – that part which is eternal.” It is an inner work of transformation resulting in Christlikeness.

When we speak about being Biblically-Based we are referring to a desire to develop how our students think, specifically focusing on the culture and the world around them. Our goal is to challenge students to see everything from a Biblical perspective; we call this a Biblical Worldview. Again, Roger Erdvig states, “a biblical worldview is a substrate saturated with God’s Word, so that one’s answers to *life’s* questions are consistent with God’s written revelation of the way things are.” It is a transformation allowing one to see things as Christ does.

So, our ultimate desire in developing as a Kingdom Education school is to produce students which look like Christ and see like Christ. Thus, it is important for our faculty to not only understand Christ-Centered and Biblically-Based but to be life-long students themselves. Our monthly study of ‘The Truth Project’ throughout this year will assist in this goal.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to assist in the education of your student(s).

Mr. Gary Mounce



PTF UPDATES



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PTF
Chili supper, bake sale and basket auction!
Friday, October 21
5-8pm



Chili supper will be served in the World Café. After enjoying a delicious dinner, stop by the east wing for a dessert at the bake sale and to make bids on your favorite auction baskets! All proceeds go to benefit the PTF, which works to better our school!

BASKETS NEED:

Each grade level puts together a themed basket for this event. In the past, many families and local business owners have donated additional baskets and items to be auctioned off that night. This was a HUGE success and we need your help again this year!

If you own a business or have a connection to anyone, we would love your help! Scentsy, Norwex, Thirty One, Photographer, Car business, Cleaning business, tickets to sporting events, and many more!!!

To donate, please contact:

Traci Hargadon- tpmh@bellsouth.net
Heather Wacker—hwacker@rocketmail.com

BAKE SALE forms will be coming home on October 17th!

PTF
Fall/Winter Fundraiser with
Yankee Candle!

Begins Monday, October 24th
More details to come!





Whitefield Academy Theatre

WHITEFIELD ACADEMY THEATRE

Proudly presents

Joseph Kesselring's Halloween Comedy....

ARSENIC and OLD LACE



Thursday, October 27th at 7 PM

Friday, October 28th at 7 PM

Saturday, October 29th at 7PM

\$5.00 General Admission

\$3.00 Students, Staff, Alumni

WHITEFIELD ACADEMY MINISTRY CENTER GYM

Important Dates

October 2016

- 4 FAFSA Workshop 7:00pm
- 6-7 No School – Fall Break
- 10-11 No School – Fall Break
- 14 1st Quarter Ends
- 19 PSAT
- 19 Report Cards
- Junior Beta Induction 1:00pm
- 21 PTF Chili Supper/Bake Sale/Auction
- HS Bonfire
- 24 Picture Retakes
- 24-27 High School Spirit Week
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 27-29 HS Fall Drama Production
- 28 Preschool Fall Festival 8:30-11:30am

November, 2016

- 3 8th Grade HS Info Meeting 7:00pm
- 3 East Campus Preschool Family Night
- 6:30-8pm
- 8 No School -- Election Day
- 10 5th Grade MS Info Meeting 7:00pm
- 11 Veterans Day Service
- 16 Mid-terms
- 16 Winter Sports Pictures
- 21 High School Career Day
- 22 Powder Puff/Turkey Bowl
- 23-25 No School – Thanksgiving Break



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

On Wednesday, September 28th over 75 Whitefield students, parents, teachers, and staff gathered for the annual "See You at the Pole" prayer rally!

It was a cool and breezy morning, but our students gathered and prayed together for nearly an hour straight. We prayed for our nation, our community, our churches, our families and friends, our school, and for those in need of God's provision and healing.

A special thanks to our Student Leadership Institute who planned and led this event!





Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

Of all of the things that we want to teach our children, learning to show empathy to others is a character trait that will last their life time. Most toddlers are empathic at an early age especially if they are together. We have all seen how one toddler starts crying and then they all start crying. Fostering this empathy and making children aware of how others feel may take some practice.

One of the best ways to encourage your child to be more empathic is talking about our emotions during activities during the day. Examples of this are when your child shares with a sibling, or when a friend talk to them about how that made them feel, or even how you feel when they did it. Let your child know when something happens that makes you sad so that they can see you handle emotions and treat others when things are not always right. Talk about all emotions that you feel: good and bad.

For preschool children, seeing their parents being empathic to others is most important. When parents react to their emotional needs and respect their feelings, they are learning how to treat others. When you make it a priority to care about others you are teaching your child about caring for others in the world. Know that you are always the model for your children in handling emotions and caring for others.

Preschool Dates to Remember:

- October 3- Fegenbush Campus Fire Truck Visit
- October 6,7,10 and 11- Fall Break— NO SCHOOL
- October 24 – Fegenbush Picture Retakes
- October 25- East Picture Retakes

Elementary School

by Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

According to many children scholars, the benefits of play for children serves many valuable purposes. It is a means by which children develop their physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral capacities. When children are given the opportunity to play on their own terms and have the time to do it, they thrive. Play, after all, is the language of children.

4 Benefits of Play

- **Play Encourages Creativity**
Creativity involves tapping into the imagination and thinking outside the box. Through imaginative play, kids explore new ideas and interests.
- **Play Strengthens Relationships**
Play helps children relate to others, improving sociability. Through play, kids establish new friendships and strengthen existing relationships.
- **Play Provides Stress Relief**
Kids are constantly growing and learning. Stress relief is one of the important benefits of play for children. They work through their feelings and confront triggers of stress, a process that increases self-awareness.
- **Play Fosters Empathy**
Play, be it group or solitary in nature, helps children slow down and think about others. Within group play, kids learn to work together and listen to one another. If they don't, the play comes to an end. Empathy is a skill that helps connect people together.

Resource: *The Value of Play* by Professor Peter Gray



Around the School

Middle School

by Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal

As technology continues to advance at a faster and faster rate and students are adapting to these technologies at a younger and younger age, parents can become bewildered and stressed about what to do. The following excerpts from an article entitled "Who is More Powerful: Technology or Parents?" will hopefully be beneficial to parents.

The Power of Technology

Technology may be the most powerful force in the world today. Technology isn't neutral because it does, clearly, have an impact on our lives. The nature of the impact is what determines whether technology is good or bad. Technology influences your children (and you) both indirectly and directly. All of the developments in technology of the past two decades are having effects on our children in so many ways, including cognitively, emotionally, socially, culturally, and physically.

The Power of Parents

So what are parents to do so that our children don't drown in the tsunami of technology that is overwhelming them? We can't raise our children in caves. We can't teach them that technology are evil, because it isn't. Technology is just a tool and it is what we do with it that determines whether it helps or hurts our children. At the same time, we can't just sit back & let our children be influenced by technology.

A Complex Relationship

There are four questions that can help determine the degree of influence that technology has on children:

- How often are your children immersed in technology?
- What is the quality of content to which they are exposed?
- To what degree do you provide limits and guidance in your children's interactions with technology?
- How much counterbalancing exposure do your children get from positive influences and experiences?

Resource: *Raising Generation Tech: Preparing Your Children for a Media-fueled World* by Dr. Jim Taylor

High School

by Gary Mounce, High School Principal

BEING ORGANIZED MATTERS!

"No one ever plans to fail; they just simply fail to plan." –

Though some students seem to be organized, most teenagers are not inherently blessed with the skill. Most teens (7th – 9th grade is a great time to start) need to be taught strategies which will help them be more successful during high school and life.

As a parent, you can help your student develop these skills by teaching and ensuring the following:

- Use a Planner to keep up with daily homework and especially long-term projects/test. We provide one for every student.
- Develop a routine of reviewing the planner prior to leaving school and prior to leaving to go to school the next day.
- Maintain a specific location for doing and leaving their school work. This helps them not have to run around the house looking for items at the last minute.
- Encourage/teach them how to break projects and studying into smaller parts.

October

- 4 FAFSA Workshop, 7:00pm
- 5 University of Louisville on campus
- 14 Senior Lunch
- 19 Josten's rep on campus
- 19 Testing
- 21 HS Bonfire, 8:00pm-10:30pm
- 24-28 HS Spirit Week
- 28 Senior Lunch
- 31 Campbellsville University on campus

November

- 3 8th grade HS Informational Meeting, 7:00pm
- 4 Senior Lunch



Teacher Spotlight



Mr. Tanner Huss

High School Bible
Freshman & Sophomore

Where are you from:

Born: Orange, California; Hometown: Crawfordsville, Indiana

What college did you attend and what was your major:

Moody Bible Institute

Biblical Exposition / Pastoral Studies

Currently enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program at Southern Seminary

Hobbies, things you enjoy outside of school:

Spending time with my wife, rock climbing, roasting coffee, learning new languages, reading

What do you love about Whitefield?

My first day at Whitefield was only my fourth day back in the States after living in China for two years. The way all the teachers, administrators, and the students welcomed me helped tremendously with that transition and has made me feel at home here. No school is perfect, but I do believe God is at work in our community, and I have had a blast being a part of that work in the high school. Of all the things I love at Whitefield, I love the students the most. My freshmen and sophomores are a lot of fun, sometimes a little goofy, but they do not mind saying what they think, asking tough questions, and admitting when they do not know something.

Other information:

God used a few key people and events in my high school days to shape my faith in Jesus Christ. Through this time, God showed me that my true identity is only found in who I am in Christ. He showed me that true satisfaction in life only comes in a life lived for his purposes, not in test scores, popularity, wealth, success, or entrance into an Ivy League school. *My hope is that God will use me at Whitefield to help students find their identity and satisfaction in Jesus Christ and the life he offers.*

"[Jesus said], 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'" John 10:10b



REMINDERS

From the Health Office

EATING, EXERCISE AND BEING HEALTHY

Kids are busy being kids, learning, growing and discovering with little time to worry about their health habits. Eating a healthy, colorful diet and exercising regularly isn't just for the birds. A healthy diet and regular exercise are essential to children's growth, health, development and general well-being.

Our environment today is everything on speed dial from the time our feet hit the floor, until they are tucked in the sheets at night. The drive-thru's after a sports practice or game is all too inviting to us to partake. Childhood obesity and improper nutrition is a growing problem in our world today and it is showing in our kids.

A child who is not eating properly and facing weight issues is at risk for many health complications, including sleep apnea, exercise intolerance, esophageal reflux, hypertension, diabetes, joint pain, stomachaches with constipation among others. Parents must be the role model of health for their children by eating a healthy diet, getting exercise and getting enough sleep.

A consistent sleep routine is CRUCIAL for a good night's rest. Dr. Rettie, MD, pediatrician at Kentucky One Health Pediatric Associates-Nicholasville, KY says, "Poor sleep habits contribute to many daytime problems, including attention, behavior and academic problems. Children should have a regular bedtime and bedtime routine-and ALL electronics should be put away at least 30 minutes before bedtime."

Other reminders:

- Flu season begins in October and runs thru May, get your flu shots.
- Please do not send unauthorized medication(s) in for your child to self-administer; ex. cold pills, allergy tablets, vitamins, pain reliever, etc. All medication(s) are to be dispensed from the Health Office for the safety and well-being of ALL the children on campus.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retakes will be October 24th for PS-12 Grade Fegenbush and October 25 for East Campus Preschool.

Job Availabilities

Highview Baptist is hiring for a Night Work Cleaning Position.
Whitefield Academy is looking to add to the Substitute Teacher list.
If you are interested, email whitney.hopperton@whitefield.org

Blood Drive



American Red Cross Blood Drive

October 25

World Cafe