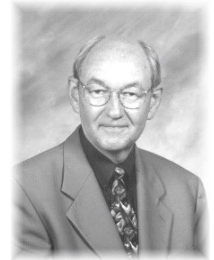




Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky

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From the Administrator...

We are a member of **The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)**, a fine organization that strives to enable and equip Christian educators and schools worldwide to effectively educate children and young people with the mind of Christ. Thus, students will be prepared for life because Christ, the creator and sustainer of the universe, possesses "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). The life and mind of Christ is nurtured in the lives of students through redemptive relationships with faculty who recognize that reconciling the heart and mind to God is the foundation of their work. In this, and future Head...lines, I will take the opportunity to give you key information on ACSI and just what will drive Dayspring on it's path "from good to great."

Essential Elements of an Effective School - ACSI

We believe that Christian schools exist to support parents in fulfilling their biblical responsibility to educate children. It is our intent not to define each school's philosophy but to provide a starting point, a framework consisting of five essential elements—**truth, intellectual development, Christian educators, potential in Christ, and operational integrity**—upon which a school can build and implement its own philosophy.

Truth: Scripture is the revealed Word of God and is taught as truth, and that truth is integrated into the learning experience.

Intellectual Development: The Christian mind should be the best mind, enlightened by the mind of Christ and having integrated God's principles with academic pursuits. The aim is to develop students with a biblical worldview who are well prepared academically.

Christian Educators: The Christian school must have a board, administration, faculty, and staff who are committed followers of Christ, teaching and leading from a biblically integrated perspective.

Potential in Christ: Every learning experience aims to engage students toward their full potential in Christ. Developing an eternal view of life.

Operational Integrity: The school's day-to-day operational practices are a consistent model of integrity, efficiency, and accountability. Biblical values are consistently implemented.

Reminders...

- **Picture Day Changes:** See the separate notice going home with sign-up forms for pictures. We are going with a "cool" new class picture format and ID cards for all the students.
- **Basketball forms: Due October 6th**...please return them to Mrs. Squibb.
- **In-school dismissal change:** THANKS to all parents who were surprised by our first practice session for in-school dismissal from the gym... YOU ALL did well and feedback is that it was the quickest dismissal ever. We will send more information and practice again. THANKS!
- **Lunch Program:** See a separate handout for the latest on hot lunches and October menu. We still need parent volunteers to help with lunch each day. Please call Darlene, in the office.
- **Dress-down Days:** Dress-down days will continue to go to the Field Trip Transportation Fund due to increased gas costs. We'd really like all families to participate, if possible.
- **Family to Family Services Directory:** We would like to establish a database that will list parents that have a business or trade that could be used by our families...a services reference guide. Please let the office know if you have a trade or service to offer.

"We are doing it by working together!"