



The Courier

The Geneva School Parent Newsletter

October 2003

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October 10: First Auction Committee Meeting. 10 a.m. at the School in the Media Center

October 11: The Geneva School Garage Sale

October 13: October GPA Meeting. Michael Eatmon will give a feature presentation on LOGIC. What is Logic? Why does Geneva teach Logic?

October 17: - 20: Fall Break

October 21: PSAT and SAT Testing

October 27: Dedication of New Building

October 31: All Saints' Day Celebration. End of First Grading Period

Announcements

MOMS IN TOUCH: Moms meet every Monday at 8:15 AM for approximately 45 minutes to pray for The Geneva School - students, parents, teachers, staff and Board. Come as you are to the Media Center.

DEDICATION SERVICE: On Monday, October 27, we will gather in the new gymnasium to dedicate our wonderful new building to the Lords service. More details to follow.

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Sharing the vision of Christian Classical education

By Headmaster, Robert Ingram

We are always eager to tell The Geneva School story, and we look for opportunities and platforms where we might have receptive audiences. In mid-October we will have our best opportunity to promote Christian Classical education as Michael Eatmon and I travel to New York City. We have been invited to participate in The King's College Consultation on Teacher Training, convened by the school of Arts and Education.

The objective of this event is stated as a summit of educators, policy makers and entrepreneurs gathered to assist the School of Arts and Education as it seeks to pioneer fundamentally new approaches to the preparation of classroom teachers and educational leaders in the United States. The meeting is to take place on October 16 and 17 at The King's College at the Empire State Building, and The Harvard Club of New York City. I have been asked to bring the keynote address on "The Classical and Christian Model."

The consultation is by invitation only, and leading members of the educational community in the Northeast have been invited. The goal is to present classical and Christian education to an audience of very well established educators from some of the outstanding private preparatory schools. We will also have interaction with professors and current authors. Others who will address the consultation include Dr. Diane Ravitch, Research Professor of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University (you may be familiar with her newest book entitled, *The Language Police: How Pressure Groups Restrict What Students Learn*), and Dr. William Kilpatrick, Professor of the School of Education, Boston College, and Dr. Peter Wood, Professor of Sociology, Boston University.

The goal of Kings College is to present "an immodest proposal" regarding the need for classical and Christian approaches to education. As a college they are shaping a vision and commitment to train their students classically, especially as it relates to education majors. Their goal is to graduate students who are trained in classical pedagogy and curriculum in order that schools such as Geneva will have a growing resource of potential faculty members. The classical model across the country must partner with colleges and universities that can provide us the faculty members we so desperately need. Be in thankful prayer for this opportunity in New York, and for the visionary leadership of King's College.

Technology Update

The new computers are coming in!

Since its inception, by God's grace, The Geneva School has succeeded in doing a great deal with relatively meager resources. One area where this is true is in the area of technology, where Geneva has managed in the past to creatively deploy a small number of donated systems to meet the needs of both the administration and the classroom.

That is now changing.

During the summer of 2003, while the attention of many was focused on the enormous challenge of moving into a new building, the Board had the foresight to request that a technology proposal be drawn up that would allow Geneva to take a quantum leap forward in its computer systems for both administrative and educational use. The desire was to establish a computer infrastructure that would provide Geneva with the potential to offer a benchmark technology program, yet without dominating the classical classroom or requiring troublesome and distracting amounts of time and effort to maintain.

The Board accepted the resultant proposal in mid-August and the resulting program is already underway, including:

- A total of 44 brand new computer systems (bringing the total number of systems to almost 80), featuring:
 - * Microsoft Windows XP Pro
 - * Microsoft Office productivity suite
- High speed internet access throughout the school
- State of the art internet filtering technology to protect against virus attacks, network intrusion and damaging web content
- Accelerated Reader work stations for students in grades 1 through 8
- A new computer lab in the media center, with 18 networked student workstations
- Genevaschool.org email addresses for all school employees
- A new domain server running Microsoft Server 2003, providing secure access to the TGS network
- A new file-server providing network access to shared file systems with backup
- Many other software systems for classroom, library and administrative use

These systems will continue to be deployed during the Fall - we appreciate your patience as this work continues.

One other important change in this area is the addition of Pam Bouch to the School. Formerly with Covenant Christian School, Pam is now responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the computers at the School. With her experience in system administration and computer instruction from Covenant, Pam is well qualified for this challenge.

Coming next month: further details and news of an innovative new use of interactive technology in the classroom called *Beyond Question*.

Welcome New Board Members



Richard (Rick) W. Tressler, Jr. earned his undergraduate degree in Accounting from the University of Florida and his MBA from Crummer Graduate School at Rollins College. After completing college, Rick worked in both public and private Central Florida organizations serving in various capacities of financial management. In 2002

he started his own financial services consulting company and real estate investment company. He has lived in Orlando since 1986 and is an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Winter Park.

Having been a Certified Public Accountant for the past seven years and serving on The Geneva School finance committee during the 2002-2003 school year, Rick brings to the Board expertise in the area of finance. He has previous experience of serving on the Board of Directors for both private and charitable organizations.

Rick has been married to Julie for 12 years and they have two children, Trip (8) and Katie (6) who attend Geneva.



John Riley and his wife, Laura, have been married for 14 years and have two daughters, Shannon (8) and Brooke (6). Both have been at Geneva since kindergarten. They met at Rollins College, where John received his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts in 1982. He then went on to Georgia Tech and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical

Engineering in 1984. After graduating, John sold specialty chemicals in the U.S. and Canada for Alcoa Aluminum in Detroit, MI. In 1987 he moved back to Florida where he co-founded Transworld Services Group. In 11 years Transworld grew into one of the largest independently owned staffing companies in the Southeast.

After selling Transworld, John co-founded Co-Advantage Resources, an HR outsourcing enterprise where he currently serves as President of ZeroChaos. ZeroChaos sources, manages and administers the contract labor workforce for many Fortune 500 companies.

In his spare time, John serves on various for-profit and not-for-profit boards. He also enjoys hunting, golf and a variety of water sports with his children, including surfing. John and his family are members of Willowcreek Church in Winter Springs.

Grammar School Youth Sports

By Steve Schultz - Grammar School Sports Coordinator



The Geneva School Grammar students are enjoying a great fall season of soccer. We have a record number of eight teams participating in the ACYS soccer league. All teams are competing well and everyone is having a great time! Our parents love seeing each other at the games and they do a great job of cheering for our teams. On Friday, October 3, we will celebrate TGS youth soccer. Our boys and girls may wear their TGS soccer jerseys to school. We are proud of their good sportsmanship, great teamwork, and most of all how they glorify God both on and off the playing field.



On Wednesday, October 8, we will hold registration at the School from 8am-9am for our boys flag football teams and our girls running club. Boys and girls in grades 1 - 6 may sign up. The flag football games will be held after the soccer season finishes and the running club may enter one or two events in our area in November and/or December. More information will be sent home soon.

**SIGN UP FOR
BOYS FLAG
FOOTBALL AND
GIRLS RUNNING
CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 8**



Geneva Parents Association

TO ENRICH THE LIFE OF THE GENEVA SCHOOL THROUGH PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

by Gordon Cloke - GPA President

I am delighted to announce that following the recent nomination process, Chrissie Schutz will serve an additional two-year term as the parent-nominated member of the The Geneva School Board of Governors.

Chrissie completed her first term as parent-governor this fall and graciously agreed to stand for a second term. Since there were no other nominations, an election is not required and the Geneva Parents Association is delighted to affirm Chrissie as the single candidate for parent governor.

Those of you who know Chrissie, or have had the opportunity to labor alongside her on behalf of The Geneva School, know that she has made an enormous contribution to the life of the School. This was especially evident during this last year, serving as parent governor at a unique time in Geneva's history. Her heart for the school and for the Lord are evident in all that she does. We thank God for her willingness to serve in this way.



Chrissie and her husband, Alan, have been married for 21 years and have two children, Elizabeth (15) and Zachary (12). They are both on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ, specifically with the ministry of Priority Associates. Priority Associates ministers to the business and professional community.

After graduating from Stetson University in 1981 Chrissie worked as a paralegal with the primary responsibility of handling all of the firm's guardianship and estate files and real estate closings.

Chrissie has been involved with TGS since the moment her children first walked through the front door in the fall of 1996. Zach and Elizabeth have been at TGS since their kindergarten and third grade years, respectively, and are currently in the seventh and tenth grades. Additionally, Chrissie and Alan were involved in the initial group that started the Geneva Academy in DeLand.

Chrissie has been passionate about classical Christian education from the moment she first met Michael Eatmon and sat in on his logic class. She is honored to serve as a member of its governing body for two more years.

Auction Committees Forming

This year we are getting started early on the auction (the date is set for Saturday, March 27, 2004) by setting up committees this fall. We need you to help make the spring auction a huge success for The Geneva School. Please come to a short, informal meeting Wednesday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Media Center. If you are unable to attend and would like to help out please call Lea Steinberger at 407-622-7193.

GENEVA UNIFORM ITEMS FOR ADULTS

TGS Polo shirts, sweatshirts, T-shirts, fleeces and hats make great gifts and are a wonderful way to show your support for the School. Come and see the selection we have at some really great prices.

Polos - \$5 - \$15, Sweatshirts - \$10
T-shirts - \$10, Fleeces - \$15, Hats - \$18

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Friday, October 31

Lots of parent volunteers will be needed on this day so please mark your calendars

More information to follow

The Geneva School Garage Sale

Proceeds will benefit TGS athletic programs and the PE department

Saturday, October 11, at TGS

Bring your donations to school

Please call Leigh Kennedy if you can help
407-869-6347