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### What Makes Prince Avenue Christian School Unique in the Eyes of a Newcomer



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Before coming to Prince, I spent all of my collegiate days and early work life in the North Georgia Mountains at Young Harris College. When I first visited YHC the first thing that caught my eye was the breathtaking views. YHC is located in a beautiful valley with some of the most magnificent scenery. However, after a few years of living in the mountains, I began to stop taking notice of my surroundings. I was caught up in the everyday routine, and it took having someone else pointing out the view before I would once again take notice of the sights that once astounded me.

While I now consider myself part of the Prince family, I had the unique opportunity to come into Prince with fresh eyes two years ago and see the beauty that truly makes up this special school. While I hope as Prince families you have not lost sight of the small things that make Prince so special, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of what really stood out to me as a newcomer.

**ACADEMICS.** When I first started working at Prince, I was thoroughly impressed when I began reviewing the academic successes. Before my time at Prince, I worked in a collegiate admissions department for several years accepting and denying hopeful applicants, and I immediately realized that Prince was equipping their students well for not only the college admissions process but also for success once they arrived in the higher education world. While standardized testing is not the central point in classrooms at Prince, the successes shown by our students on these tests are a true testament of how well prepared students are at Prince. This past year, 97% of Prince students scored above the ACSI average in all subjects tested. Additionally, the average ACT and SAT scores of our high school students continue to surpass the local public schools. While the importance of

standardized testing is not forgotten, Prince also wants to make sure learning is engaging and fun for the students. With our small class sizes, we are able to incorporate more individualized learning that the students enjoy.

**CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES.** It is truly rare to find a private school of our size that has as many co-curricular opportunities as Prince. It is even rarer to find a school that not only has athletic teams that are ranked top in the state, but also a fine arts department that was recognized at the Shuler Awards. In addition to their successes, I have been very impressed with the collaboration between the two departments. At a school the size of Prince, we have students who may run from band rehearsal over to basketball practice, and numerous other examples. Our students have the unique opportunity to participate in fine arts activities and athletic teams simultaneously. They truly get the best of both worlds.

**CARING FACULTY.** My first year at Prince I set a goal to observe as many classes as possible to get a better feel for the school. I was blown away by the extra effort the faculty put into building interpersonal relationships with their students. It is evident that our faculty truly care about the well-being of every student. The faculty and staff take the time every Friday morning to pray for students specifically, by name.

**HIGHER PURPOSE.** While academics, co-curricular activities, and a great faculty are very important components that make Prince so unique, Prince's true mission is to help students with their eternal path after leaving this life. By investing in their education at Prince, this allows your child to receive a competitive education built upon God's word that will lay the foundation needed to be successful in the secular world while also holding close the Biblical truths that have been instilled in them.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Prince family with open arms. We may all get caught up in our everyday routines, but I challenge you to take the time to notice the wonderful gift that is Prince Avenue Christian School. After all, at the very core of Prince are great families like yours that make Prince such a special place.

If you have any questions about your family reenrollment, enrolling new students at Prince Avenue Christian School, or if you would like us to contact any prospective families who may be interested in making an eternal investment through their child's education, please contact me at [vcarter@princeave.org](mailto:vcarter@princeave.org).