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Thankful!

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As my turn for writing for Leadership Monthly approached, I began to put my thoughts together. Should I write about the latest athletic trends? Should I write about the great seasons our fall sports teams had? Should I write about things we can do to help our student athletes? All seemed appropriate, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized how blessed we are to have Prince Avenue CHRISTIAN School. As Christmas approaches (very quickly!), I think that we should stop and take a minute to think about how good God has been to us. Here are several things I am thankful for as a coach and a parent as we approach the Christmas season.

I am thankful for the spiritual foundation of our school. We are so blessed to have administrators, faculty, support staff, coaches and parents who are committed to sharing the love of Jesus and His Word with our children. Facilities are important, but it is the people who work with our children that make us who we are. It is overwhelming to know that my children have had and are having the love of Jesus poured into them every day at school. Think about that for a minute! I never have to worry about the ever-changing philosophies of our world being pressed on our students. I know that they are being taught the unchanging, absolute truth of God's Word. I will never take that for granted!

I am thankful for so many people whose generosity allows us to have our incredible facilities. God has used so many of you to help us continue to grow and remain debt free. It is humbling to think how far we have come in the last ten years. I am always amazed how God uses people's gifts to improve our school.

Words cannot express how thankful I am for how this school has impacted my own children. One is still here, but two of them are now "out in the world". The biggest desire for our children as parents is that they would be true followers of Jesus and always be sensitive to His leading. I have a peace knowing that my children are better prepared for the world after being taught from a Biblical worldview from pre-k all the way through high school. I know there will be ups and downs, but I also know that what was planted in my children by so many of our staff members will one day be reaped. That is something to be thankful for!

Christmas is a time of giving. I was reminded this past Sunday about the gift of God's only son, Jesus. Of all the gifts we should be thankful for, none are greater than the gift of Jesus. Just stop and think. God loved us enough to send His only Son to come to earth, walk among us, and die for us. I am humbled and thankful for the gift of Jesus. The words from the song Amazing Love express it clearly. "Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true It's my joy to honor you In all I do, I honor you."

Our school is not perfect. It never will be as long as there are people in it. But I am so thankful to work in and have my children in a school that seeks to "honor Him" in all it does!

Merry CHRISTmas!

Go Wolverines!



Congratulations to our four-time Region Champion and 2016 semi-final football team!