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A Wise Investment

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the beginning of another school year! Whether you are a first year Prince parent or the parent of a senior in their thirteenth-year, we are thankful for your decision to invest in a Christian education.

Once a month you can expect a letter from me addressing a topic relative to your investment. Parents of children in K-12 schools often differ in the spiritual, scholastic, and co-curricular goals for their children due to the different seasons of their parenting journeys; therefore, I will strive to focus on topics germane to

us as a school community, providing you with insights and opinions from a strategic perspective. I hope these topics serve as catalysts to stimulate other conversations in your family about your student’s role in God’s greater plan.

Many of our Prince families live in some of the finest counties in Georgia that have excellent school systems, which periodically raises the question from neighbors, “Our schools are great, why are you sending your child to a private Christian school?” Well, I am glad they ask that question!

Public schools, and there are many fine ones, prepare their students for careers, just as we do at Prince with a robust selection of honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment college courses in our high school. On a side note, did you know we had a 94% college acceptance rate (29 of 31 applicants) last year to the University of Georgia? But unlike public schools, preparing a student for a career is not our most important objective; preparing them for the kingdom is. Our much broader goal as defined within our mission statement, “to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ” requires us to think and teach strategically to impact your student, spiritually, long after they leave the safety of our campus.

Your investment is providing a competitive, college preparatory education in a Christ-centered environment replete with biblical influences saturating your child in scholastic content built upon the truth of God’s Word. We are aware of, but “set apart” from, teaching content that incorporates popular, pluralistic beliefs defined by rapidly changing standards of relative morality that too often send confusing and conflicting messages to our young people. The values and beliefs we model and teach are based upon a solid foundation that never changes - God’s Word.

God is clear about his guidance to us as parents regarding the teaching of His Word: “Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deut. 11:19). Since children spend most of their waking hours in school during the most formative and impressionable years of their lives, your investment in a Prince education enables our dedicated faculty of believers to educate not only your child’s mind, but to also cultivate their spirit with the goal of preparing them for the kingdom. Regretfully, since the Supreme Court’s historically recent 1948 landmark decision in *McCullum v. Board of Education* that ruled

mandatory religious instruction was unconstitutional in American public schools, biblical instruction has all but vanished from the educational landscape for the vast majority of our nation’s young people.

I commend you for the sacrifices you are making in order to ensure a Christian education is a reality for your child. The window of youth closes quickly; your wise investment during this brief, critical time yokes family and school together in preparing your child for the kingdom, and a career, today.

Today, much is made about grades, curriculum, course rigor, standardized testing, and perfection in athletics and the arts; however, the knowledge students acquire in school is only the means to an end; the end itself is a personal relationship with Christ. In Matthew 6:33 God reminds us, “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you every thing you need.”

The leadership required to preserve and foster a distinctly Christian school cultural must be more deliberate than ever in the wake of rapidly changing standards of relative morality aided, in part, by our nation’s lawmakers. At Prince, we are thoroughly committed to developing Christian character in our students by hiring highly qualified teachers, staff, and administrators with similar values who are dedicated to pursuing scholastic achievement and excellence in co-curricular programs to aid in the development of your child to his or her full potential. Thank you for your partnership; with God’s blessing we will succeed in our critical mission of preparing students for college and His kingdom.

In His Service,



Col Seth Hathaway
Head of School