

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

Once again, I have the joy of connecting with you, our FCA family. I always look forward to sharing with you important information and updates on the life of FCA, its student body, and the school community.

This month, I wish to begin by encouraging you to continue praying for our FCA ministry, especially for our spiritual life ministry. Please target your prayers toward these areas: teaching of God's Word during our chapel services, Bible study in our daily Bible class times, and also throughout the day, when during regular academic classes, our faculty seizes opportunity to integrate subject matter with a Biblical world view. At times, I fear our students become numb, disinterested, desensitized, even resistant to Biblical teaching, for reasons sometimes known, but usually unknown. Periodically, the students (particularly in JR/SR High) tell us they get tired of hearing about 'Bible things' day after day at school, then on the weekend at church. It is during these times, we must be most sensitive to the spiritual needs of our students, because we know that our enemy, the devil, would like to draw the attention of our precious ones away from the marvelous truth in the Word, and cause them to stumble in their walk with the Lord.

Our school theme verse for this year, which we presented to our faculty and students at the very beginning of the year is found in II Peter, 3:18a, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." As we face the challenges of training and whetting the appetite of our students toward God, I ask you to daily pray for our children, that they might have a hunger for the Word. And pray daily for our staff, that they might come to the classroom, prayed up and ready to lovingly minister the Word of God. FCA strives to remain committed to our spiritual ministry, and we will pray in agreement with you that these children, who will be the leaders of tomorrow's church, will continue to grow in grace and knowledge, which will not only set them free, but also set free those whom they will impact in the future.

Moving on to other things, I don't wish to bore you with the same details, but I am once again so very pleased to report to you that Fairfield Christian Academy continues to remain on a sound financial footing this year. As a matter of fact, while reviewing the November financial reports (representing five months into this budget year) we find ourselves ahead of budgeted income, and below budgeted expenses! I can't help but [first of all] thank God for his provision regarding our budget. I secondly wish to thank you again for your commitment to making the sacrifices necessary to put FCA on such sound financial footing. With the continued oversight and help of the FCA financial team and God's continued blessing and favor, we will indeed end this fiscal year in the black, with adequate overhead to retire a portion of our past financial obligations as planned.

I am also so pleased to see friends and families of FCA, stopping by the academy to encourage us and to make end-of-year donations to our ministry. We have particularly been blessed by having several new business partners offer their support to FCA this year. I invite you to check out our website to review the list of our current business partners and I encourage you to consider their businesses as potential providers for services you might need. We appreciate their support, and are pleased to list them on our website as FCA supporters.

You too might have wanted to consider an end-of-year donation to FCA. If you feel you might wish to give a donation to FCA, which is tax deductible, we would be so grateful for your gift. In recent times, those gifts have helped us to work toward balancing our budget. But this year, in light of having a balanced budget, your donation could greatly help in many other ways. A few examples would include: covering a month's tuition for a family who recently lost employment, making a donation for the purchase of library books, donating to our athletic boosters for one of their many projects this year, donating to our scholarship fund, giving a financial gift toward the refurbishing of our pre-school playground, or making a Christmas donation to honor your classroom teacher which can buy something special for students to use, etc. Should you wish to consider a donation (large or small), please know that every gift will help us immensely and would be greatly appreciated. Don't hesitate to give me a call if you might wish to discuss your gift ideas with me. Please make note that the gifts would have to be received in our treasurer's office or post marked by December 31st to receive 2011 giving credit.

I was so pleased to hear the results of our recent preschool and school age child care program annual inspection. Our program was found to be in full compliance with the Ohio Department of Education requirements and we received no citations, or warnings during the inspection. Our program was evaluated by a representative from the Office of Early Learning and School Readiness who, at the end of the inspection, stated, "If I had kids, this is where I would want to bring them." In my opinion, that is a strong endorsement for our program, our curriculum, our facilities, and our staff. I offer my thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Erica Neal and her entire staff, for providing us with such a quality program.

I have been informed that several parents who have called the academy about issues concerning their child, have been unsure of who to call. I realize that the recent transition of school leadership may have caused some confusion and you might be unsure of who to call. I believe the most efficient way to handle this is to call your principal's office as their responsibilities are broad in scope, so most questions will be best responded to by them or their administrative assistants. In case of preschool or child care needs, call your director's office. If the principal/director is unable to answer your question, they will certainly know to whom you should be referred for help. We are committed to serving you any way we can, and will continue to respond to your calls as quickly as feasible.

As you well know, I am sure, Christmas break begins on December 21st. The FCA Superintendent's office will be open for business during the break as follows:

December 21 & 22	Open from 8:00AM – 3:30PM
December 23 & 26	Closed
December 27, 28 & 29	Open from 8:30AM – 3:30PM
December 30 & January 2	Closed

School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Shortly after our return to school in January, the school board and I would like to invite you to the FCA Stakeholder Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. During

this meeting we will be sharing with you several reports including: budget, Athletic Boosters activities, recent accomplishments, and a progress report on our institutional goals for this year. We also will be describing our achievement testing program for this spring, which will be different from the past several years and will be introducing to you our annual school survey.

In closing, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you take time to be with your family during this holiday season, it will be my prayer that the sense of peace that you have, which our God availed to us through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, will reign supreme in your hearts and in your home.

God bless you,

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Ed Reck, Superintendent