

Our School; God's Gift

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An opening statement: *As we begin the 2026-27 school term tomorrow, everyone is looking forward, with the Lord's help, another year of learning. Our prayer is that God will bless and prosper the students and the teachers throughout this school year, as He has done for so many, over many years.*

We have so much for which to be thankful regarding our school.

The students need on-going support from both the home and the school. The increased level of instruction and increased level of learning is the result of the ever-changing education world and updated requirements by the state of Pennsylvania.

Education for many years focused on students memorizing many facts and completing many repetitive tasks until they mastered them.

In today's world, education focuses much more on critical thinking and all the different ways to organize and analyze information—in a world filled with so much information—available at the tap of a finger.

Yes, we should all be thanking and praising God on a daily basis for blessing us with a school where our children have every opportunity to receive a basic education.

One only has to read a little bit of news to learn of the horror stories that public schools have become. In addition to all the horrible cultural and lifestyle influences, there are a growing number of high school students who cannot write good basic sentences with good spelling and proper punctuation. Many of those same students, who in some cases now, are applying for college cannot handle basic middle school Math.

Our prayers can be for the students to realize the importance of following Bible precepts and instructions: Doing our schoolwork as unto the Lord. Redeeming the time (with worthwhile things, activities, and subjects). Colossians 3:23-24 KJV *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; [24] Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."*

Learning for these students during these school years can be a once in a lifetime opportunity for them to learn new and important information. The lesson (the learning and the information) may not pass our way again—it can be lost for a lifetime.

Learning is very subtle—it can be elusive and should be gladly accepted whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

Also, in our prayers each day we should be praying not only for the success of our students but also for God to continue, through His Holy Spirit, to show our teachers and administrators how to proceed as they apply necessary requirements, along with new ways and methods that will better help our children be prepared for the next phase of life.

Having teachers who not only *explain* lessons, but who also *advise* students how to *meet* things right, and the need to trust God for the ability to learn, is a very important aspect of our school. AV Proverbs 22:6 *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

It is a responsibility and a privilege for the teachers to explain scriptural responses to the children concerning situations that arise. Advising the students to *not* strike back but rather *forgive* each other; to *share* their lunch and to always *treat* others as *they* want to be treated, would almost certainly *not* be heard in a public school.

Studies and books within the parameters of God's Word, is a major concern—as readers and subjects that are opposed to Bible teaching are common today. Many subjects are unnecessary, unscriptural, and would *not* have God's approval. Public schools approve of alternative lifestyles and

the theory of evolution.

The lie of evolution destroys faith in God. AV Romans 1:18 *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."*

Another issue to consider—most who purchase textbooks for public schools do not trust God in their own personal lives—so selecting textbooks that would *not* include alternative lifestyles or unscriptural material is not even considered when making purchases.

Christian teachers who give Christ-centered advice form the *foundation* of Christ-centered schools. Classroom instructors have the privilege of explaining Christlike responses to the children as they educate them in other studies. With geography, history, science, math, or economics for instance, the teacher has the opportunity to include God's plan of trusting Him for health and finances—pointing out to the students how differently the *world* thinks about such issues.

School readers today include abnormal lifestyles that are portrayed as *normal*—but God says they are *not normal*—rather are an *abomination*. AV Romans 1:26-27 *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections"*—both men and women, the Bible says, *"Did change the natural use into that which is against nature."*

Since the *truth* of Creation is *rejected* and the *lie* of evolution is *accepted*, public schools have become the breeding ground of every type of wicked lifestyle, corrupt thinking, and unscriptural way of responding. By rejecting *God* and His *Truth*, they *forfeit* their *soul* to the devil.

Jesus said NKJV Luke 10:16 *"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who*

rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” Reading the Bible to the class in a public school is not allowed, so it is not surprising that the world is in the horrible condition that it is today. The schools have removed the Bible from the classroom, so Satan took its place.

The evil, wickedness, and blatant unbelief are inexcusable in the world today, as the existence of God as the Creator of everything, is evident to anyone willing to consider the *evidence*. Psalm 19:1 “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard*”—except in homes of public-school children.

Since children in public schools do not *hear* the Bible read, and they may never be *told* of the Savior who sacrificed His life for them—that is the reason we operate our *own* school. What a *blessing* and what a *gift* God has given! It is a *privilege* for the children to *hear* God’s Word and *pray* before class.

Many issues are involved in educating children, but hearing the *Bible* read and saying the *Lord’s Prayer* before classes tops the list. Public school students pledge allegiance to the flag of a government that uses the worst form of human efforts for revenge and control. John the Baptist told the soldiers AV Luke 3:14 “*Do violence to no man.*”

Another very important concern, and one that is generally lacking in the public school system, is trusting God for His divine protection of students on their commute to and from school, all during classes, and in Phys-ed activities. Psalm 121:7-8 KJV “*The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. [8] The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*”

Being in class with the students for many hours a day makes it essential that teachers be *as committed* to doing God’s will in *their* life, as the parents are *committed* to doing God’s will in *their* life. The *home*, the *church*, and the *school* form a *vital* structure for the students.

Teaching in a Christ-centered school is a *high-calling* from God and is a *duty* that only He can enable each teacher to live up to by His Holy Spirit within. Each instructor should realize how important their position is, and how much their day-to-day attitude influences their students, as they interact with them many hours a day.

God will enable the teachers to be successful in their duties. 1 Peter 4:11 WEY “*If any one renders a service to others, let it be in the strength which God supplies; so that in everything glory may be given to God in the name of Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the might [for ever and ever AV]. Amen.*”

God will also give the students success in their studies, as they humbly seek His guidance every day. James 1:5 “*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*” Philippians 4:13 KJV “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*”

We all enter God’s kingdom by His *grace*, through *faith and obedience* in the Blood of Christ; and since *faith comes from hearing* a message of truth, Romans 10:17, it is necessary that the children *hear* the Truth from the *Bible* and to *say* the Lord’s Prayer at the start of the day.

Teaching children how to behave and conduct themselves in a godly way at *home* and all through their *schooling* is a priority issue. In this way, when they graduate, they take Christlike attitudes with them to be applied to the *next chapter* of their life. NKJV Deuteronomy 6:7 “*You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*”

It is vitally important for us all to *encourage* and *pray* that the children have a Christlike attitude toward their schooling, parents, the schoolteachers, crossing guards and police officers; showing *respect* for authority. This Christlike attitude will follow these children far into their Christian lives. Titus 3:1 NKJV “*Remind them to be subject to rulers and*

authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work.”

Every day, before their child leaves for school, parents should pray with their child to always be friendly, considerate, and respectful toward others in class and to *remind* them to *include* one another in their games and conversations. No child should *ever* be excluded from *anything* as it makes them feel unwanted and left out. Matthew 7:12 NLT “*Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.*”

There should be *no comparing* at any time—about *anything*. When playing sports; with graded papers; a student’s style of clothes. This could lead to a *proud* heart. NIV 2 Corinthians 10:12 “*We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.*”

Children receive spiritual training from three places—The *Home*; The *Church*; and The *School*! A good basic education and valuable spiritual knowledge are learned most effectively when *all three* point in the *same direction* to the *same God* of the Bible.

Therefore, we *thank* and *praise* God every day for the Gift He has given—the opportunity to operate our own *school* for the benefit of the families who support His *church*. Psalm 78:6 “*So the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—that they in turn might teach their children.*”



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