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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

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Unity Brings Blessing

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand new school year at Christian Chapel Academy, where we have been providing Christian values and educational excellence since 1980. We had over 90% attendance at our Back to School Night! I really appreciate you taking the time to come together for this special event. We are off to a great start with 123 students!

As we come together for the vital purpose of Christian education, I want to direct our thoughts to the following theme for 2011-2012:

Unity Brings Blessing

The basis for our theme is found in the Psalms: "How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity. For there the Lord bestows His blessing..." (Psalm 133:1,3a). I want God's blessing for our school, don't you? As a matter of fact, it's not just a nice idea, it's a necessity! We need provision, health and safety, wisdom and understanding, academic progress and spiritual growth—all are dependent upon God's blessing. And God's blessing is dependent upon unity.

Scripture teaches that unity is a gift from God in this letter from the Apostle Paul:

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement **give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (Romans 15:5-6)*

However, if we back up a couple of verses, Paul also presents keys to developing unity. When we approach one another with the right attitude, it puts us in a position to receive the gift of unity. Here are Paul's instructions to us:

- We should be patient with one another
- We should seek to please one another rather than pleasing ourselves
- We should accept one another as God has accepted us
- We should forgive one another

The end result is that we will bring praise to God!

The federal employees who are parking on the west side of our parking lot have been out of town for training sessions during the past two weeks. We will gradually see more cars parked on our parking lot as they return from their training and resume their jobs in the building just south of our property. Please drive slowly into our parking lot so that you are prepared to stop for federal employees who are walking across the tiger paw.

Next week is the kickoff for our magazine fundraiser! We encourage you to participate by renewing your subscriptions, giving gift subscriptions to relatives, and inviting friends and neighbors to order magazines. This event is the major source of funding for all the PTO projects of the school year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Art Morgan, Principal