

A Note from the Assistant Head...

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”
(1 Samuel 16:7).



The first day of school holds so much potential. It is one of the many reasons that I love being an educator. Teaching is such an exciting, fulfilling and hopeful vocation. My friends who work in the fields of medicine, business, technology and government have good jobs and important work, but they don't have anything like the thrill of “the first day of school” in their work-a-day world.

As a fellow educator, you know what I am talking about.

The “first day of school” is a big event and many of you have spent hours and even days preparing for this one big moment in the course of the school year. Bulletin boards, lesson plans, seating charts, nametags, and a review of the “classroom rules” are just the beginning of all that is entailed in this most anticipated day.

For the students, and their moms and dads, it is a big day too. That new, “first day of school” outfit has been pressed and laid out for a month. That first day notebook complete with paper, pen, pencil and a class schedule are tucked safely away in the confines of the new backpack sitting next to the door. And of course there are those first day jitters that have been jumping around in the stomachs of the students (and the teachers) for a week now.

The “first day of school” is such a bittersweet event for moms and dads. They are always glad to see the kids go back to school, but behind their smile can be seen the glint of a tear in their eyes (especially for the parents of Kindergartners and High School Seniors).

At TCIS, “the first day of school” holds so much potential because of whom it is about: teachers, staff members, residence staff, parents, students and God. At TCIS we recognize and believe that each student is, “. . . *a person made in the image of God,*” and every member of the TCIS faculty and staff are key to, “. . . *provid[ing] the kind of environment in which each student's unique gifts of intellect, personality, stature and spirit are given the best opportunities for development toward maturity.*”

Your work unto the Lord is so important. As you embark on this new school year and engage in and affect the lives of students, I want you to know this: I thank God for you and am praying for you. I look forward to partnering with you this year in the important work of God at TCIS.

The first day of school holds so much potential. I hope you have a great one.

Warmly,

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