



Hi HCA families,

We are beyond excited for the start of the new school year tomorrow, August 16. We had our whole staff back for the first time last week and they, too, are ready to go. We are expectant to see what the Lord is going to do at HCA this year. In committing this year to the Lord, HCA has adopted the following verse as our biblical focus for the year: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9). We believe this wholeheartedly and are committing to your students' long-term growth and blessing here at HCA.

Our administrative team has been working through the summer evaluating student data and progress to ensure that our academic and discipleship programs are effective and growing. I am very encouraged to share with you that both are. We have seen widespread growth in student reading data that exceeds expectations in our lower school. Our eMPower tests showed that our students showed significant growth at every level in science and in English/Language Arts. On the high school level, our average student SAT score increased 92 points. Our student ACT score average increased 1.2 points. And our students earned more AP credit than ever before in our school's history. These are outstanding academic growth numbers and point to excellence in instruction and in student effort and learning. We are creating Christian Scholars.

Tying our academic goals into our mission to disciple and educate the whole child is a continued emphasis. Our intentional weekly chapel services and worship, along with student mentoring and weekly Vine groups are ways we have gained ground in discipleship. One of the most encouraging metrics demonstrating the effectiveness of HCA in producing strong, well-rounded students is college scholarship awards. The class of 2018 was awarded \$1,762,108 in college scholarships! These scholarships were for academics, theater arts, athletics, leadership and ministry. That is an astounding number and reflects on the cooperation between our families, teachers and staff to produce strong, well-rounded, Godly young people.

As we look ahead to this year, our vision remains the same. We will continue with a strong academic program and intentional discipling developing biblically-grounded students who will impact the world *greatly* for Jesus Christ. Our focus: "Relationship. Discipleship. Academics." We have been committing this school year to the Lord in prayer all summer and believe the Lord will move here like never before.

Can't wait to see you all tomorrow!

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