

August 2017

Dear Parents,

Summer has been really nice and fairly mild considering what Northern Virginia usually brings us. We have enjoyed swimming in our pool every day and Mrs. Ferguson's swim lessons have a waiting list in all levels. We have been bowling, Geocaching, exploring different exotic islands, building with legos and learning new VEX Robotics skills for the upcoming school year.

It has been great to see some of our students coming to enjoy special activities with us. We also welcome back many students who come to spend their summer with us each year.

The weeks to come promise to have fun activities for all age groups. Some upcoming events include: Water Extravaganza, Space week with a visit to Udvar-Hazy Center, Talent show and Art week with trips to our local art galleries. Come spend a week or more with us. We miss you! We are excited to have several friends from Korea here spending six weeks of their school break with us. They are learning English culture and language and we are learning to be good mentors.

School is right around the corner. With August upon us we are busy with painting, repairs, ordering curriculum, Teacher training and finalizing class list. **Just a reminder that tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month beginning in August.**

Our school is closed August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> for teacher training and preparation time. Our **Open House is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** This is a great time to come meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and sign up for special events in the coming year. Lunch tickets, ice cream tickets (1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades), and Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be available for purchase. Mr. Weedon will hold an ED-line training in the gym at 5:30 p.m.

Our **Uniform Buy-Back** is over flowing!! We have a lot of gently worn and outgrown uniforms for both boys and girls. We are no longer accepting donations since our room can't hold any more- come "shop" here if you need any items to complete your child's uniform. We will conclude the buy-back the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the school year.

**We will be holding a new family orientation on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This event is open to all families but especially new families entering Manassas Christian School for their first year. Care for your children will be offered as well as refreshments. We will be reviewing policies, events, and general information. Mr. Weedon will be conducting an Ed-line training and giving out family access codes.

We hope to see all our new families and anyone who wants to hear what's coming for the 2017-2018 school year.

Teacher letters and the school calendar will be mailed in the next two weeks.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer reading. Book reports are due the 1<sup>st</sup> week back in school.

**Transportation and Extended Care** forms were mailed in June. Please be sure to let us know if you are interested in these services that we offer, so we can plan staffing needs and bus schedules.

I hope you have had a restful, memorable summer with family and friends. I miss my students and am anxious to hear all their stories. Come by and see us. Mr. Bartholomew and I are always here!

Very sincerely,

Linda Bare  
Principal