

Dear TC Families,

As the calendar turns, we enter a season that invites us to focus on thankfulness. It's easy to think of Thanksgiving as the one time to be grateful, but in truth, thankfulness is not an event; it's a way of life.

Each of us faces trials and challenges that can weigh us down. Yet even in those moments, we are reminded, as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians:

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:15–17

Peace and thankfulness go hand in hand. When we shift our focus, not only asking for what we need in prayer but also giving thanks for what God has already provided, our hearts grow lighter. Gratitude reshapes how we see the world, and it strengthens our faith by reminding us that God is present, active, and faithful.

We are deeply blessed to have a Christian school where our children can grow in both knowledge and faith; a community and family who support, encourage, and stand beside one another; and teachers and staff who view their work not as a job, but as a calling. At the heart of Christian education is the task of every disciple: to learn to trust and depend on God alone so that their faith will grow. As this trust deepens, their capacity to do greater works for God—and to live lives marked by wisdom, strength, and grace—grows with it.

Raising and teaching children in a community shaped by gratitude builds more than good habits; it develops excellence. A thankful heart is open, humble, and teachable. It sharpens character, strengthens resilience, and nurtures joy. When our children learn to see God's goodness in every season, they are equipped not only for academic success and strong relationships, but also for an eternal perspective—a life anchored in Christ, overflowing with gratitude, and ready for the work God has prepared for them.

As we turn the page from October to November, let's make this month a time of teaching our children to live with gratitude, not just on a Thursday at the end of the month, but in the quiet, everyday moments that shape their hearts. May our homes and halls echo with peace, thankfulness, and the joy of knowing God is with us in all things.

Peace and thankfulness—today, tomorrow, and always.

In Faith, Family and Future,

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