



## Not Just a Poster on the Wall

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Dear TC Family,

At Turlock Christian, we make an **EPIC** commitment. A commitment that aligns with our mission of “Preparing students for college and life in the vital areas of faith, virtue, and knowledge.” EPIC stands for Excellence, Partnership, Impact, Character. Here is what each of those actually means, and what it should look like when you hand us your child.

### **Excellence**

We strive to do our best always and to realize fully our God-given potential. **Colossians 3:23** puts it plainly: **“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.”** That same conviction applies to the smallest, most ordinary moments of your child’s classroom, not just the big projects and the report cards, but an ordinary Tuesday.

### **Partnership**

We serve in partnership with students, their families, churches, and others who share our values. Paul writes in **Philippians 2:2** about being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, intent on one purpose. That means we are not doing this alone, and we are not doing this *for* your family; we are doing this *with* you. Staying connected, knowing a name, knowing a story, that is partnership in its most basic, daily form. You cannot be of one mind with a family you have never taken the time to know.

### **Impact**

We are committed to living unselfishly, making life changing differences in others, our community, our country, and our world. **Matthew 6:10** says it as a prayer: **“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”** That starts small. A teacher speaking with real enthusiasm on a tired day is choosing to give energy to a room of students rather than withhold it. Impact begins in one classroom, long before it reaches a community or a world.

### **Character**

We seek to be, and to produce, people whose lives are marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control, the fruit of the Spirit named in **Galatians 5:22-23**. This is the value underneath all the others. Excellence, partnership, and impact without character are just performance. Character is what makes the other three true.

This is the part of the job I am most passionate about: making sure those four words are lived out, in every classroom, every day, not just displayed on a wall. Of the four - excellence, partnership, impact, character - which one is most evident to you right now? Which one is the reason you chose this school, or the one you find yourself praying over for your own child? I would genuinely love to

hear your answer. I invite you to join me at one of the upcoming **Coffee with the Head of School** events to learn more about my heart and vision for TC!

In partnership,

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