

Dear Alumni and Alumni Parents,

The 2020 election has revealed an America which is sharply divided on many political and moral issues. This divide plays out daily in heightened media coverage, social media threads, and discussions with family, friends, and neighbors. Regrettably, these divisions are also visible within the Christian community. We continue to lament over the brokenness in our country including the events unfolding in Philadelphia just this week.

This myriad of anger, frustration, opinions, and theories will surely be elevated in the days ahead. In this emotionally charged time, it is important that we as a school community remain grounded on Truth. Psalm 135 reminds us that our hope is not in our government or the earthly leaders around us. Our hope, trust, and strength is in the Lord, who is the great I Am and who reigns above all things. As Mark Dever once stated, "Before and after America, there was and will be the church. The nation is an experiment. The church is a certainty!"

As a community, we have an important and critical opportunity to model a biblical response to the 2020 election. Let us be a community of grace, compassion, and humility. May we seek to be agents of restoration and healing; there is no room for gloating or tearing down of others in our community.

School-Wide Holiday Planning

The coming weeks and colder weather will bring additional challenges as we continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our immediate and extended communities. Additionally, many of you will be welcoming college students back to their homes for the first time in several months. With this transition in mind, DC's Pandemic Safety Officer has compiled a list of considerations and protocols intended to minimize risks to our individual family units and the school community as a whole. Please take the time to read over this [important information](#) which is posted as a resource document on our Plan for 20-21 School year webpage.

On the heels of Thanksgiving, we will prepare to celebrate Christmas. We praise God that DC has remained healthy with no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community to date. This is possible in large part to the commitment of our school families to adhere to our health and safety protocols. And yet, I recognize our entire community has sacrificed many things in order for us to be open and in-person. Our community is a clear testimony to the larger Philadelphia area of walking in humility and putting others before ourselves.

Staffing Updates:

We are excited to announce that **Dawn Poulterer-Woods '90**, is joining us as an Upper School Resource Room Teacher. Dawn holds a B.A. in English from Messiah College and earned her Masters degree in Christian Counseling from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Her teaching career includes tenures at Charlotte Christian School and Covenant Day School. She has also worked in numerous ministry capacities. For the last two years, she has worked as a Family Coach, Writer, and Speaker.

At the Lower Campus, school parent Katie Gricco is joining the ECC as a part-time Kindergarten Aide. Katie holds a B.A. in Communications Studies from West Chester University and resides with her family in West Chester.

Lisa Campbell '82 is stepping away from her role as Director of Communications effective November 5. She has served DC in a variety of ways for nearly two decades as a volunteer, alumni council member, board member, and employee. Please join me in thanking Lisa for her exceptional service to DC.

As we come to the close of the first marking period, let's be sure to pause and give thanks to the Lord for his bountiful provision to our school and let's resolve to bring honor and glory to him in word and deed as we press on together through these challenging times.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Dan Steinfield
Head of School