

Newton's News— Feb. 3, 2010

Choosing God

Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV) describes an encounter Joshua had just before he led the children of Israel against Jericho:

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" **14** "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" **15** The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua is basically asking the angel of God, "Which side are you on?" The angel turns the question around by replying that he has been sent by God. The unspoken question from the angel is "Which side are you on, Joshua? Are you on God's side?" Joshua did choose to be on God's side and became a great leader of God's people.

As our children grow older, they will increasingly be asked to choose sides in almost everything they do - in their choices of friends, activities, entertainment, even careers. The mission of a Christian school is to provide our children with Biblical knowledge and training to make the right choices. Our goal is the development of spiritual discernment to enable our children to recognize that the choices before them are opportunities to choose God and serve him. We want them to be like Joshua, who at the end of his life could say, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

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Developing Christlike Character
and Academic Excellence

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Psalm 127:1a

Solos Ready!

All City Instrumental Solo Contest is Saturday, Apr. 10, at Jefferson High School. Solo entry forms are available in the office. Forms must be fully completed and turned in to Miss Hungerford by Mon., Feb. 22 with the \$8 entry fee. Please make checks out to Isaac Newton.

Calendar

FEBRUARY

5 Early Dismissal- 11:45/12:00; No Lunch

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25 Enrollment Open House 7:00 PM

26 Second Trimester ends

MARCH

2 PSO Meeting-6:30 Lounge

12 PSO Carnival

19 ACSI Spelling Bee at Eldridge, Iowa

19 Junior Leadership Program hosts

Middle School Outreach with 89.1

Spirit Radio at Oakland Church of the Nazarene

APRIL

6 PSO Meeting-6:30 Lounge

9 Annual banquet featuring

Josh McDowell

10 Parenting Seminar featuring

Josh McDowell

15 Kdg.-5th Grade Music Program &

All-School Instrumental Concert

29 Middle School Music Program

Moms (and Dads) in Touch

All parents are invited to meet in the lounge on Thursday mornings from 8:20-9:00 to pray for our school, students, faculty, and staff.

Fall Delivery for Yearbooks

We are continuing to take orders for the 2009-2010 school year. In order to include pictures from graduations, the 8th grade trip, etc., the yearbooks will not be available until fall, not in May as previously announced. Cost of the yearbooks is \$24.00.

Congratulations to Lego League!

Isaac Newton's first Lego League took 1st place in the regional qualifier and then on January 16th took 3rd place for Creative Presentation for the State Championship at Iowa State University. Congratulations to the team comprised of Quentin Gaeta, Ryker Dillman, Andrew Greeb, Nathan Langholz, Kate Stewart, David Gorman, Joey Bushman, Greg Brandt, Alex Stone and Lufe Wessel.



The SWAT Team is Coming!

Mark your calendars now for your family "packet party"! Packets will be coming home on Friday, February 12th, with the initial return date on Tuesday the 16th! This year we are encouraging family fun with this project! Look for the flyer in the Wednesday envelope for details! The Serve and Walk-A-Thon will take place right after spring break.

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-ups Begin Next Week

