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All of us have heard at one time or another familiar words, "you can't take it with you" or "you came into this world with nothing, and you'll leave with nothing" or how about this one, "I've never seen a Brinks truck following a hearse." We laugh or at least smile at these statements, but as Christ followers we know that <u>all</u> our earthly treasures will be left behind when the Lord calls us home.

Some time ago though I heard a very insightful and profound statement that indicated that we can indeed take something to heaven with us. . . Our children! When I thought further about that statement I realized that parents have the supreme opportunity (and responsibility) of leading their children into a relationship with Jesus Christ, ensuring that they will have the promise of eternal life. The Christian school is a place where the opportunity of accepting Christ as Savior is not only given to students, but is a foundational value that is central to the mission of a Christian school education. Through godly teachers and a curriculum that integrates the truth of scripture, the Christian school serves not only as a place where students are educated to be totally devoted disciples, but they are given the opportunity to make that all important decision of beginning their spiritual journey by accepting through faith, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Christian school believes that "we can't take it with us" but, parents can (in a manner of speaking) take their children to heaven with them. It's a core value - it's part of the Christian education fabric. Why would Christian parents want their children anywhere else?

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Christian Education Week 2008

Walking in the Light

Mark the date of April 20-26, 2008 on your calendar for the official celebration of Christian Education Week! Begin planning now for promoting the value of Christian schools in your local community. Although the date is officially established for April, you may choose to celebrate it when it fits best in your school year, perhaps in conjunction with an anniversary, dedication, or enrollment period for the next school year.

Each year Christian Schools International produces bulletin covers, brochures, and worship service litanies to help your school promote Christian education within your community. The 2008 materials are now available. For your convenience you can now download the forms. Please visit this website for more information:

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Public Schools

Christian Schools

Purpose of Education: *To prepare* citizens for a humanistic society that tolerates all lifestyles

Content of Education: Humanism - no values are absolute and no truth is final

Control of Education: The State determines the content and methods of education

Science: *Naturalism* - everything comes from matter, time, and chance

History: Controlled either by autonomous man or by an impersonal process

Math: A tool that is useful because it seems to work in manipulating the natural world

English: *Literature must be representative* of all cultures, which are seen as having equal value, and has no inherent meaning

Teachers: Varied backgrounds -Christianity or some other religion. humanism, atheism; may be straight or gay

Rules: Determined by state and federal laws and guidelines

Peers: Varied religious backgrounds, often receiving little moral instruction or values at home or church

Purpose of Education: To prepare citizens for the Kingdom of God who are equipped to spread the Gospel

Content of Education: All of life is studied in submission to the Word of God and its precepts

Control of Education: The school functions in loco parentis, reinforcing and supporting parental values

Science: God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things; science involves knowing God through knowing His world

History: Controlled by an omnipotent God who knows the end from the beginning

Math: A reflection of the mind of an orderly God who has made us in His image to understand His world

English: Students are exposed to a variety of quality literature, which is appreciated as a demonstration of common grace and interpreted in the light of God's Word

Teachers: Born-again, committed believers seeking to model Christ before their students

Rules: Determined by God's Word and its moral standards

Peers: Students from Christian homes who are there because their parents support Christian values

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Reflections from a Christian school alum

An Open Letter from a Christian school graduate - Class of 2004

My name is Alex. I began attending PMCA in 8th grade and graduated with the class of 2004. I was stirred to contact you after reading the recent letter that you mailed.

PMCA came at a crucial time in my life. While growing up I was being pressured in the

lusts of the flesh and eyes; my spirit was in need of a major paradigm shift and transformation! It was out of desire for more of God's leadership in my life that I asked my parents to send me to PMCA, after hearing about it from a friend. God graciously opened the doors for me to attend PMCA. The next 5 years would be some of the most crucial in my life.

I was taken back to a very vivid moment in my school days. Romans 12:1-2 was theme verse. To this day I can remember sitting in those chapel seats crying out in my spirit for God to set me apart from this world and to transform me by renewing my mind! In addition to hearing Romans 12 in chapel, the spirit was speaking to me in other avenues of my life. Even then, it was clear to me at that time how important is the renewing of my mind.

PMCA provided a foundation that is and will be the key for my growth as a child of God and as a man of God. Simply put, I believe that what PMCA taught me in many ways was crucial for everything else that God has built and will build in my life. I was nurtured as a young man in a biblical worldview at PMCA. I highly value the revelation I received at PMCA. I say revelation, because that's what it was. It was more than an education!

My prayer for PMCA and its students is that they would be strengthened with might in the inner man and to be able to comprehend the length, and width, and depth, and height, of Christ's love (Eph 3:18). In growing strong in the revelation of Christ's love, one is motivated to say "yes" to His leadership. Then the transformation and renewal described in Romans 12:1-2 becomes possible. It was in those chapel seats where I said "yes" to God and made a covenant with Him never to conform to the patterns of this world. I didn't realize how significant it was, but God is faithful to those who say "yes" to Him! Renewing the mind brings great joy to the Father and much enrichment to His people, namely me!

Alex and his wife Jaclyn currently live in Kansas City Missouri serving with the International House of Prayer.

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A word from those "in the know"

HBCA is much more than a school for my daughter and my family. I have never felt so secure in regards to my children's educational and spiritual development as I do with HBCA. The teachers are more like angels;... *Linda M.*

HBCA is a school that we feel secure and safe in sending our son too. We are confident that the school and staff will protect, educate and help instill Christian values in our son while he is there.

I would recommend HBCA to other families definitely. Beth and Juan S.

HBCA's preschool program is absolutely wonderful... I am amazed at who much he has learned already, but the best part is that he like doing the work. *Melissa N.*

I had the privilege of attending HBCA as a student. I felt more than prepared entering high school and more prepared than many of my peers. I am proud to now send by son to HBCA where he is learning academically and spiritually. He feels at home at HBCA where the staff is wonderful. They share God's love and grace with him on a daily basis. *Becki G.*

To me and my children, HBCA has been a great addition to our family. I personally owe a lot to all who are charge of running the school and for being understanding and loving my family. The men and women of HBCA are one of a kind. To tell you the truth there are no words to describe exactly what this school means to our family. So all I can say is thank you very much HBCA for being there for us. *Adam G*.

HBCA is my children's home away from home. I feel safe and secure when I drop my children off each day. The staff and teachers are dedicated 100%. My children love HBCA.... Alice L

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President Ronald Reagan

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