



Dear Friends,

This is the first of what will be monthly letters from me, updating you on what's happening at Plumstead Christian School as we labor together to prepare God's leaders for tomorrow. It's only appropriate that I'm sending this note on the first day of school – a day loaded with anticipation, hope and promise.

### **My Summer Vacation: Teaching at Liberty University**

First, I have to share with you what I did on my summer vacation: I went back to school. I taught Comparative Politics as an adjunct professor at the [Helms School of Government at Liberty University in Virginia](#) to fourth-year political science majors. It was exciting, exhilarating, and stimulating. While it was nice to get back into teaching in university, I couldn't wait to get busy working on this school year at Plumstead Christian. As I walked the halls and led chapel this morning, I saw energy, excitement, and eagerness by students and faculty alike. I am honored to be leading a school with a mission and courage to teach God's Word, God's Ways, and God's World.



### **PCS Enrollment Down Slightly**

While most private schools in the Northeastern United States have seen a dramatic drop in enrollment, a steady number of inquiries and registrations have brought fresh faces to our hallways and classrooms. We opened our doors this morning with 389 students – much higher than what we projected at the end of the last school year. Praise be to God!

### **New Peace Valley Principal**

Terri Miquel opened the doors as the new principal at the [Peace Valley campus](#) this morning; she has been working hard throughout the summer and will bring fresh new leadership to our elementary program.

### **New Faculty at PCS**

We also welcome Spiritual Life Coordinator and High School Bible Teacher Stephen Armandt and Physics Teacher John Dougherty.

### **PCS studying at PBU**

[Philadelphia Biblical University](#) has [opened its doors for current PCS juniors and seniors](#) looking for the college experience. Students will be bused to PBU's Langhorne campus to take classes along side college students for full college credit. PCS is the only school partnering with PBU in this effort.

### **BCCC comes to PCS**

For the second year, [PCS high school students will be able to take fully-accredited college courses](#), as teachers from [Bucks County Community College](#) come to the Plumstead campus to conduct classes. Plumstead Christian is the only private school in Bucks County to offer this option.

### **Mock Trial Club Convenes**

The Mock Trial Club will be meeting in Doylestown with prospective lawyers and judges, preparing for competition in the spring. A number of PCS students will be participating.



### **Strong Turnout for Fall Sports**

I'm excited about our [fall sports programs](#); both our Boys Soccer and Girls Field hockey teams will be able to field JV squads this year. And Girls Tennis has been out on the court the past two weeks getting ready for the regular season.

### **New Website Launched**

This summer, we launched a brand new Website at <http://www.plumsteadchristian.org>. The new design allows nearly everything you need to be accessed from the front page – so getting information will be easier than ever.

### **Sept. 4: Friday e-Folders**

Friday e-Folders will return to your inbox this week, keeping you up to date on all the happenings at both campuses.

### **A Balanced Budget - Again**

Also, in a time of economic uncertainty, Plumstead Christian finished the 2008-09 school year meeting all of our expenses – the fourth year in a row. In addition, through gifts and good budgeting, our debt has been reduced by nearly half of what it was four years ago.

### **Being Imitators of Jesus**

So as we look forward to this school year, our theme is a real challenge for all of us:

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*Ephesians 5:1,2*

This is our “theme verse” for this school year. For the next ten months, we will together discover how we can be better “imitators of Christ” and what that means in how we treat each other and how we show love to our friends and family.

I'm looking forward to sharing with you over this school year. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [dwhite@plumsteadchristian.org](mailto:dwhite@plumsteadchristian.org) or phone at 215-766-8073.

Co-Worker,

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