

Dear Board, Faculty Members, Staff, Parents and Students,

As of Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Plumstead Christian School has completed the process of paper/personal interviews and has hired our new Spiritual Life Coordinator/Bible teacher, Mr. Stephen Armandt. God blessed us amazingly with many qualified candidates who applied or inquired with sincere interest pertaining to this position. We had the pleasure of reviewing numerous applications resulting in scheduled interviews with nine candidates. Some of these interviewees were brought in for second interviews so that the decision-making process was thorough. Mr. Stephen Armandt demonstrated the qualifications that Plumstead Christian School has delineated in the job description for this position and he has evidenced, through the interviewing process, the personal character which matches our wishes for this Jr. and Sr. High position.

Mr. Armandt will be moving this week to Pennsylvania from Ipswich, Massachusetts and he will be able to join us for faculty in-services and the actual first day of school with the students. His wife, Luraine, will be joining him at the end of October, when her theater arts teaching position is complete at Gordon College.

Steve has been working with youth in youth groups and summer camps since he was in junior high school. His mother and father were missionaries who decided to settle in one of Boston's roughest neighborhoods, Roxbury. In high school he was accepted into a classical education program at Boston Latin High School. He was awarded a full paid scholarship to Gordon College based upon his leadership activities in school and in the community. At Gordon College he graduated Magna Cum Laude majoring in Biblical and Theological studies, as well as Philosophy, a later added major. He worked as a Gordon mentor for the Freshman Seminar which focused on aspects of Christianity's place in the world, and he also served as a teaching assistant in the Philosophy department at Gordon. His passion is teaching and children, and he has a sincere desire to see the goodness of God worked out in the lives of his people.

Please welcome Mr. Stephen Armandt as he joins the faculty at PCS in our endeavor to provide, as our mission statement proclaims, "a caring community where students are educated to think Biblically, serve effectively and lead Christ-centered lives."

We are looking forward to seeing God's plans unfold with this new position.