



August 8, 2011

Dear Tri-Cities Prep Parents;

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year; a new year of growth and excitement at Tri-Cities Prep! This fall we will welcome new families into our community, add another year of memories to our history, and we are thrilled you will be part of it.

During a summer leadership retreat with the elected student officers I was provided the opportunity to see our school through their eyes and was delighted by their passion for Tri-Cities Prep. While our student population has grown, our mission stays the same: *a college prep academic experience in a faith-centered environment*. With God's grace and the generous support of the Tri-Cities Prep community our wonderful school will continue to grow and serve.

When looking to set directions for this year, we turned to our mission and the tenants articulated in the Grad at Grad document. As a staff we will continue instructionally to prepare Tri-Cities Prep students to be Open to Growth, Loving, Religious, Intellectually Competent and Committed to Justice. Our programs, instruction and interactions will continue to focus on forming Prep students to be young men and women who will serve God and their community.

This year we will once again be welcoming a large double-section freshman class and three foreign exchange students (I believe one still is needing a host family, let me know if you might be interested). In order to accommodate the growing student population, we will also be using a newly finished classroom in the new wing and this fall look forward to breaking ground on our new multi-purpose room and chapel. What a wonderful and exciting time for the Tri-Cities Prep community!

From a staffing perspective we will be welcoming Mr. Peter Kelley as our new religion teacher and member of the campus ministry team. We will also be welcoming back Ms. Felicity Hampton who will be teaching sophomore World History. Both educators come with an impressive educational background and will be wonderful additions to our Prep community.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer, make sure your student has done their summer assignments, and use sunscreen – summer has at long last arrived.

In His service,

Arlene Jones
Principal



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Fellow students of Tri-Cities Prep...

Another exciting summer has gone by and with it we've had some good times and made some lasting memories to take with us into the new school year. Hopefully we can all come back to school feeling rested, ready to learn, and energized. As we move forward into the year, let's take that energy and apply it to our academics, our athletics, our friendships, and our commitment to making Prep a better place.

Things are going to change this year, but change is part of a healthy life. Schedules and routines will be different than what the upperclassmen will be comfortable with, but that is part of the growth that our school is going through. Throughout these first few weeks of transition, I want us as a student body to focus on two very important things: Stewardship and Community.

After a mountain leadership retreat during the summer, your elected ASB officials came to the conclusion that these two things are fundamental to an education here at Prep. We also observed that the student body as a whole needs to make marked improvements in demonstrating these two core values of Prep.

This year I want all students, Freshmen and Seniors alike, to make an effort to keep our school in a condition that makes us proud to be students at Prep. This does not just include cleaning up the hallways after lunch or picking up around your desk in between classes; but it also includes living the values of Prep in your everyday life: Character, Competence, and Compassion. With your help I hope to make this year the most memorable year of our high school careers.

Those memories start on August 24th. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in class and in the hallways.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Connor'.

Connor Smith