



# The Anderson Private School NEWSLETTER

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*"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires."* (Hannah Moor)

## PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

What is the essence of a happy child? If we were to live again all those glorious, fun filled and memorable years of our youth, what would we want to do? How would we spend our time? And, importantly, what would we avoid?

These are crucial questions for us as we plan for our students today by spending considerable time remembering what our childhood was like.

What were the things we learned in school that were crucial to our success in college and later in life? What were the specific activities, events and moments that made a difference in how we felt about ourselves and our futures? What happened to cause us to want to continue our schooling beyond what was required by law and by our parents?

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What happened in our lives that led us to believe in ourselves and in others? And who were the people that so influenced us that we chose to do what we do for a living?

Each of us can pinpoint pivotal moments that forced us to give serious thought about our time on this planet. But nothing happened without some stimulus. Each of us was moved, in some way, to serious contemplation. Our lives were given internal direction by some externally

motivating moment. The compass was ours but the metal of someone's personality perceptibly moved the needle, giving direction to our wandering ways.

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We thank God each day that the orbit of our lives intersected with the compassion, wit and wisdom of those whose memory we treasure. These loving and dynamic people influenced us so much, that they still abide with us, in our daily thoughts and actions.

Teachers can be the most influential people in the lives of children. They can truly make a difference. But those that did, were free to do what they felt was best and free to speak to our hearts from their hearts. This is fundamentally the difference between today and yesterday.

The previous generation of educators and parents possessed the requisite time and the freedom. They were not fettered to artificial contrivances of so called accountability. Our society trusted our teachers to do what they felt was best for each child and they did not fail us.

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*- It's what you learn after you know it all that counts. -*  
(John Wooden)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 8 - 12	Fall Break Holiday
Nov. 12 - 16	Fall Adventure Trip (New Mexico)
Nov. 21 - 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 5 - 8	T.A.G.T. Conference
Dec. 21	Last Day of First Semester
Dec. 24 - Jan. 6	Winter Break Holidays

*- If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade. -*  
(Tom Peters)

## STUDY TRIPS

This semester had an exciting start with a visit to the intriguing Rock and Science Shop on Highway 80 West where everyone was treated to a scavenger hunt in the backyard. Many interesting specimens were found and returned to school for a thorough inspection. The gift shop was also a treat. An afternoon was also spent at Half-Price books where many great "finds" were purchased for leisure reading.

We enjoyed a day exploring the Pate Museum of Transportation, dining at a German restaurant, and shopping around the town square in Granbury. A special thank you to Angela Smith, Mother of Cody Smith, and to dear friend, Frank Adams for their patient assistance.

We spent a fun day at the Fort Worth Zoo where beautiful weather helped us in our exploring. This trip was highlighted with a special, private behind-the-scenes tour of the magnificent hospital for animals, graciously conducted by veterinarian, Dr. Sophia Papgerorgiou. Our "thanks" to her and to Marcene Bauer, Mother of Nick Bauer, for providing this opportunity.

*- Often the best way to win  
is to forget to keep score. -  
(Marianne Murphy)*

## PERSPECTIVES, continued

Certainly it wasn't perfect. But just look at what this atmosphere of trust produced. Take a close look at our country today - its dynamic institutions of higher learning, the technological and medical milestones achieved and the economic well-being of the country.

The state of our nation is no accident. It is the direct result of countless teachers who were in love with their chosen profession and free to truly care for children. The academic freedom that teachers experienced and expressed was directly related to the degree to which they were able to love each child. Freedom has been the chief cause of every blessing we possess in this country. Freedom.

*- Learn to say 'no' to the good  
so you can say 'yes' to the best. -*

## NEW APPLIED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

We welcome Bonnie McCamey to our staff and are excited to be offering a dynamic new course that she teaches with practical, hands-on instruction in applied computer technologies.

She not only designed the highly pragmatic curriculum but also planned and set up our new computer laboratory. Her impressive program offers students project tasks that encompass planning, design, development, and importantly, presentation and evaluation phases.

Bonnie is the mother of Brandon and Devin McCamey, both outstanding students at the Anderson Private School.

*- Eighty percent of success  
is showing up. -  
(Woody Allen)*

## TAE KWON DO SELF DEFENSE CLASS

For many students our new self defense class is their favorite. It is taught by Sam Bseiso and his lovely wife, Alicia, a very personable couple, who emphasize the rules and tenets of Tae kwon Do:

Rules:            Respect your parents,  
                      Exercise  
                      Sportsmanship  
                      Take care of your school

Tenets:           Courtesy  
                      Integrity  
                      Perseverance  
                      Self-control  
                      Indomitable Spirit

Tae Kwon Do is a mixture of all styles of martial arts, combining hand and feet, karate and kick boxing. It provides a practical use for physical and mental development, as well as self-defense. It shapes and conditions the body, brings a fluidity to motion and grace to movement and physical harmony. It brings self-strength, self-knowledge, self-confidence and self-control.

The Tae Kwon Do program is offered in conjunction with Sam's Martial Arts Academy, offering the advantage of small, more focused, group instruction through the level of black belt. It is located at 10736 White Settlement Road (817-246-4937). We highly recommend Tae Kwon Do or adult self defense classes from Sam and Alicia.

*- Life is like riding a bicycle.  
You don't fall off  
unless you plan to stop pedaling. -  
(Claude Pepper)*

## ORAL HYGIENE TAUGHT

Intermediate students are being treated to a dental hygiene awareness program thanks to Sara Andrews and Melissa McBride from T.W.U. The program teaches the techniques of brushing and the importance of good nutrition

## LATIN, GERMAN & ARABIC OFFERED

We are delighted to welcome Blair Miles to our staff. Blair come to us with a wide variety of skills and experience.

His background in web design and systems analysis is complemented with an impressive array of knowledge and skills in various languages. He is presently instructing Latin, Latin & Greek roots, German and Arabic.

While in the United States Army, Mr. Miles graduated valedictorian from the Defense Language Institute in intensive German and with honors in intensive Arabic from Technical Language Systems. He has attended the U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School, The University of Texas in Austin, where he was Vice President of the Classics Honor Society, Eta Sigma Phi, Richland College, Dallas Baptist University and The University of Dallas.

He is also a fellow Eagle Scout, awarded in 1987, and will soon be completing his B. A. from the prestigious College of Saint Thomas More.

*- I'd rather be a failure  
at something I enjoy  
than be a success  
at something I hate. -  
(George Burns)*

## CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Parents interested in visiting the Anderson Private School for the Gifted, Talented and Creative are asked to call 817-448-8484 for an appointment.

Campus tours and interviews are typically provided on Sunday afternoons. Please bring your child(ren) with you.

*- Kind words can be short  
and easy to speak,  
but their echoes  
are truly endless. -  
(Mother Teresa)*