

Dear Parents,

October 9, 2009

September flew by, and October seems to be doing the same. I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend. The cooler weather is certainly welcome.

Episcopal Day School Sunday on September 27th was well attended by our families to celebrate EDS' 50th year. There were more students in attendance than I can remember, and we had a turnout of over 150 in the parish hall for lunch. During the homily, I spoke of the many shepherds that EDS has been blessed to have over our 50 years, the importance of chapel which has been a constant for our entire history, and our mission to provide a strong foundation for life long learning through quality education in a Christian environment. How do you measure the mission? One way is to see how our graduates and former students are doing. There are three EDS students who attended three different high schools who have been nominated for the prestigious Morehead Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill which takes into consideration: leadership, scholarship, athletics, and service. Three others who graduated were all North Carolina individual state champions in high school golf and again were from three different high schools. There are many more of these examples, but believe me, the foundation does start here at Episcopal Day School!

We currently have 192 students, and we would like to have more. If you know of friends who may be interested in EDS please send them my way. Word of mouth is the most frequent way we enroll most of our students.

We have had one serious case of H1N1 flu. The other cases have been of the three to four day fever variety. We continue to be most vigilant about cleaning the classrooms, washing hands frequently, and hand sanitizers everywhere. Pediatricians are telling us the three to four day variety is what they are seeing most. Vaccines should be available soon.

Our wonderful PTA is gearing up for Awesome Autumn on Thursday the 29th of October, and our terrific EDS Annual Auction is just around the corner at The Fairbarn on Saturday, November 21st. Please save the date and join us for a great night of fun, food, and a great auction which supports EDS. In our 50th year we are most thankful to our local businesses which have been so supportive of our school over our history.

Warmest regards,

Jay St. John
Headmaster

