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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! (PART III)

I've been working with students for more than 30 years. One of the things I realized through my experience is that poor attitude is directly correlated with lack of gratitude. Usually, students--as well as adults--have poor attitude because they have a *crooked perspective* or a *tinted "lens."* Such people do not realize how "good" their life is because they always complain about what they don't have, how awful are the things they have, why they must get what they want immediately, etc. Often, they compare themselves with those who have more, spend more, and display more! If they would just stop comparing with others, or compare their lives with the less fortunate, then they'll realize how blessed they are!

Even the low income families in this country are doing w-a-y better than their counterparts in places like sub-Saharan Africa or parts of Middle East or North Korea. How fortunate is it that we are

living in one of the most developed and flourishing countries in the world! How blessed are we to have food on the table,



clothes on our back, and roof over our head!

I'm sure that some readers will say, "Come on! That's not fair! We're living in the 21st Century, and we need technology, we need fancy cars, we need a spacious home, etc."

Well, that all depends on your standard of living, how you define success, and against whom you reference your life.

The key is, "Do you define things the way God defines them?" Are you grateful for the breath that is in you? Are you thankful for your parents, children, family, and friends? Do you appreciate what you have? Have you developed a spirit of gratitude regardless of your circumstances?

Let me share an important principle with you: be thankful for little things in life, and count your blessings by thinking and reflecting on little things. Over time, you'll develop an attitude of gratitude. Remember the old hymn that says, "Count your blessings: name them one by one...see what God has done...and it will surprise you what the Lord has done" (Johnson Oatman, Jr. 1897). Cultivate an attitude of gratitude by counting your blessing, today. Your complaints will quickly disappear from your mind and your mouth.



11/5 @ 7 PM (Thurs.)

Please mark this date on your calendar. We're having our PTA Night as well as Fall Open House on Nov. 5, Thursday, at 7 PM. Please share this information with all prospective students and families. We strongly encourage all interested families to RSVP so that we can better serve them. As usual, some light snack, food, and drinks will be provided. See you at the event!

FALL CAMP 2015 @PINECREST CCC



Each fall, all students and teachers in Grades 2-12 participate in the Annual Fall Camp. This year, rather than going to Campus-by-the-Sea, we went to Pinecrest Christian Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead. We had a guest speaker, Pastor Chris Hushaw of Cornerstone



Covenant Church in Palm Desert, who spoke to us about our identity as worshippers of living God. The camp had lots of activities: zip-lining, basketball and volleyball in the indoor gym, rock-climbing, archery, swimming, and even a game arcade! We cried, prayed, laughed, and made wonderful memories. :)



Calendar

Items

Oct. - Nov.
2015



- 10/3 SAT Administration
- 10/8 Legoland Trip (K & 1st)
- 10/9 Mock PSAT (9-11th only)
- 10/12 Columbus Day:
School is closed
- 10/14 PSAT Administration
- 10/22 Pumpkin Patch (K-5)
- 11/5 Open House
- 11/7 SAT Administration

Introducing.....

MRS. NARAE CHOE

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Narae Choe, and I am an Australian-Korean now living in Los Angeles.

Although this is my first year of teaching in California, I have 6 years of experience teaching English and History to 7th through 12th graders at Pacific Hills Christian School, Sydney.

I am currently teaching Social Studies in Middle School, and I have had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful students from 4th to 8th grade. They have been very patient with me and have quickly learned how to understand my Australian

English accent.

If there is one thing I wanted everyone to know about me, I'd want you to know that I love Jesus, and I am so thankful for His amazing grace and love towards us all. Because of grace, I am here today, and because of His love that He has shown me on the cross, I am saved and can love others.

I became a teacher because of that love. Jesus commands us to love God and love others. My philosophy as a Christian teacher is rooted in this simple, yet profound commandment. I see it a blessing to be working with children as a teacher. It is one

of those rare opportunities where you can sow the seeds of God's words into the lives of young people everyday. For this, I am thankful.

I know that God has a purpose for me here at NCA, and I am excited for the times ahead. I have already learned so much through teaching the students here, and I am increasingly intrigued about the history and geography of the world in which we live. My prayer is that students at NCA will come to learn more about our world and through it, be able to see God's majesty.

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