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Attitude is Everything (Part IV)



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Games, Costumes, and Fun  
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# New Covenant NEWS

## ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! (PART IV)

Please take a look at the chart to your right. You see that there are four types of people in the world: able and willing, unable but willing, able but unwilling, and unable and unwilling. The first type--able and willing--are the kind of people everyone wants or wants to become. The last type--unable and unwilling--are, well, the kind of people everyone wants to avoid.

The reality is that most people fall into the middle two categories: unable but willing, or able but unwilling. Let me describe these two in greater detail.

First, unable but willing. People in this category are willing to try, learn, and grow. But, they have not mastered or acquired needed skills. Nonetheless, because they are willing, with good coaching, guidance, and practice, they

will eventually become able and willing people.

Second, able but unwilling. Folks in this category are quite difficult to work with. Why? Because they have lots of skills or abilities, but they are unwilling to grow or develop greater capabilities. So, often these folks do not reach their full potential. Their skills may be "good enough" for now, but they do not become "better" due to their unwillingness. Also, folks in this category can be arrogant and smug.

The point is that a right attitude can invite guidance and help from others, but a poor attitude can actually force others to cease providing help. School is a perfect place to illustrate this point. Even though a student may not be the most intelligent person, as long as he/she has the



willingness (proper attitude towards learning), teachers are willing to go out of their way to help, coach, guide, and provide mentoring. However, even if a student is very smart or earn top marks, if that person has a poor attitude (arrogance, laziness, unwilling to follow direction), he/she will exasperate teachers.

So, ask yourself: which category do you belong to? Are you on your way to become an able and willing person?



## 11/5 @ 7 PM (Thurs.)

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. Boys Basketball Team will be serving coffee at the event. Please be there, all parents!

# HUSKY- WEEN '15

This year's Husky-ween was filled with games and activities, particularly for the middle school and elementary students. From color days, to twin days, to pajama days, to costume days, students donned their most colorful and interesting outfits to school. The MS and Elementary students were so cute in their costumes!

High school's main event was the the Scary Movie Night (Monsters University), but there were some technical difficulties. Still, many people came out to support the event.



## Calendar

## Items

## November

## 2015



- 11/5 Open House
- 11/7 SAT Administration
- 11/9 School Closed (Veteran's Day Observed)
- 11/13 Girls Volleyball Banquet
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/23-27 School Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
- 11/30 School Resumes

## Introducing.....

# MR. SALVADOR TORRES

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Salvador Torres. I am a Southern California local; I grew up in Orange Country. Before I came to New Covenant Academy, I spent 6 years working for a high school equivalency program for adults as a GED instructor. During this time I had the opportunity to see many lives obtain a second opportunity and restart their academic career.

Currently at NCA, I am teaching Biology, Physics and IB Chemistry to students in



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grades 9th-12th. It has been a pleasure to get to know the students and fuel their curiosity for the sciences.

The primary reason I became a teacher was because I wanted to give back to our youth. After spending many years with students who were unable to complete high school, I realized that I could make an impact on the lives of many children.

As a Christian who teaches science, my prayer for the students is that they may use their acquired science knowledge to strengthen and

defend their faith.

Something most people do not know about me is that I played lacrosse throughout high school, and afterwards had the opportunity to participate with various club teams. Lacrosse gave me the opportunity to travel to other states and even to Japan to compete in multiple tournaments. I hope to be able to extend that opportunity to our students in the near future.

