



PRINCE

AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

August 8, 2016

Dear Prince Parents:

As our first full day begins, our school building is once again filled with the sights and sounds of children as the faculty and staff engage in our important mission of providing a competitive college preparatory education in a distinctly Christ centered environment. As we partner in your child's education, the following back to school prayer is shared with the understanding that our collective efforts are stronger than the sum of our individual labors as we join forces to prepare the next generation of leaders for Christ. Thank you for your investment in a Christian education.



A Family-School Partnership Prayer for School Year 2016-2017

Father, as we begin this first day of school, we thank you for the gift of children and for your written word replete with the responsibilities placed upon our shoulders as parents, teachers, and staff members who partner together to raise our young people in admonition of you. Lord, from toddler to teenager we lift them up to you as we pray for their physical and emotional safety from dangers seen and unseen. We ask that the Holy Spirit instill wisdom and discernment within us on how best to raise and educate these children in safe harbors during a time in our country's history when so many confusing and conflicting moral messages are being sent to our young people.

Thank you for the gift of unchanging truth contained in your Holy Word, and we ask for your blessing on our family-school partnership and that we would seek counsel from your Word and from trusted advisors on how best to educate our children and raise them in a sanctuary built upon a foundation of Christian principles.

Help us, as a community of believers, to grasp the power in the simplicity of joining our families, schools, and churches together to sow the seeds of our Christian faith to provide a kingdom education so that it would take root and set our children boldly upon the path less traveled to take a stance for Christ and to remain on that journey long after they leave the safety and comfort of our homes and campus. Lord, as our children work diligently in a society that places a high value on education, we also pray that the scholastic, athletic, and artistic mastery they work so hard to achieve would NOT become a substitute for you, and that they would grasp the deeper meaning in understanding that the knowledge they acquire in school is only a means to an end, and that the end itself is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, the master teacher, and our Savior. Amen.

In His service,

Col Seth Hathaway
Head of School