

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Finishing Strong!

As this school year comes to a close, time seems to speed by faster each week and I, once again, feel like I’m running toward the finish line of a very long and challenging race. Pressing on, even when exhausted and out of breath, wondering if I’ve prepared well enough to finish strong because there are days that I feel so very weak. It’s at times like these I have to remind myself that it’s not about what I can do ... it’s about what God will do through me (*Philippians 2:13*)! We are all running the race God designed uniquely for us, and the course marked out isn’t always easy. In fact, sometimes it can be pretty demanding. It is at these times we must focus on our goals with perseverance and commitment. We have to examine any obstacles that stand in our way and rid ourselves of those pesky sins that hinder us from living into God’s call on our life. We cannot become weary and lose heart! And so, I fix my eyes on our mission to direct students and families to the truth of Jesus Christ and His Word. I know God is faithful and will provide me with what is necessary to accomplish His plan for the year and beyond (*Philippians 1:6*). As you near your own finish line, consistently turn your eyes to Jesus, knowing He will equip you to do more than you could ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in you. (*Ephesian 3:20*). Consider, too, that you were the joy on His mind as He completed His race and exclaimed, “It is finished!” This truth should empower you to maintain your form, kick into high gear and finish strong!

Prayer:

Abba, Father...

Thank you so much for all of the dedicated people you have placed into service within our Pacific-Southwest District. Please continue to strengthen and equip us all as we move toward the end of this year; help us to recognize and release anything holding us back from pressing on toward all You have in store for us and for the students and families we serve, in Jesus’ name! Amen.

~Stephanie Lynch, Director of Staff & Students

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