Dear New Parent,

As our Head of School, I am deeply grateful for your family’s commitment to Cannon School.

At our recent New Parent Reception, I shared three bedrock ideals of our school. Cannon is built on an abiding belief in the power of community, partnership, and love.

We unite here to serve our children’s growth within a network of meaningful and necessary relationships. As you read and will experience in our mission, these concepts of growth and relationships are the foundation of our community.

A key relationship is the partnership between your home and Cannon. Your children’s development over their school-age years will require different types of partnership. As I’ve watched my own kids move from Lower to Middle, and for one next year, Upper School, my partnerships with our teachers, advisors, and deans have shifted to support our kids’ appropriately increasing ownership of their learning. The sowing of these trusting partnerships early in your time at Cannon will reap great rewards for your child’s growth.

Finally, everything we ask of one another and all that we hope for our children rests on a willingness to sacrifice for our children—to love them. From my view of Cannon School, this can happen best when our core values are felt in our conversations, expressions, actions, and decisions. By each of us committing to learn with and serve one another, we reinforce all that makes Cannon School a shining light of hope in our families’ lives.

Thank you for contributing to this community, developing trusting partnerships, and acting with love and in service of our kids.

Warmly,

G. Christopher Jones