

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

Our international student families provide an interesting experiment. They have a nearly unlimited number of schools they could attend as they are often not constrained by geography like our domestic families.

So when I met the father of one of our international students this week, I found myself encouraged by the story he shared. As Christians, they were very committed to finding a Christian school for their daughter and in a school decision tour in January, they visited the leading Christian schools in southern California. Every one of those schools charges more in tuition than we do. In terms of prestige, we cannot compete.

However, the Dad shared with me that when the daughter visited our school, toured and met students and staff, they convened in the parking lot after the visit and the daughter gushed, "This is where I want to go to school." As her Dad pressed her more, she kept coming back to the sense of community that she felt even in the short visit. Students were friendly and real. The environment demonstrated that students were joyful and took pride in their school.

Now, a month plus into her time with us, her Dad shared that she was having a fantastic time in our upper school. She was making friends. She was thriving in classes. The vibes she felt when she first visited were consistent with her continued experience.

I share this knowing that we are NOT perfect as a school. We must continue to improve as a school. The reality is that none of us are perfect... not our students, not our faculty, not our parents and not our administrators (especially not the head of schools!).

However, it is helpful to hear from someone who had some perspective by comparing us to the leading Christian schools throughout our region. Made my day!

Have a great week.

Brian