

## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR AT ACA!

Dear ACA families,

Welcome to the 24-25 school year. We have planned and prepared for another fantastic year. This summer we welcomed Mr. Venema, our new secondary principal, and Dr. Aukes, our new assistant elementary principal. We have seen some wonderful facility upgrades. I have had the joy of meeting with over fifty families this summer. We greeted and gifted our new students with ACA merchandise. We have the blessing of celebrating Mrs. Hansen's 42 years in education and 19 years at ACA throughout this year.

From my earliest memory, I have always been excited for the beginning of school. Whether you're a begindergartner or a senior, God has something special for you. Why does he have something special for you? You are His creation, and He has created you in His image. He has a purpose and plan for you, and He does not make mistakes. Let's begin this year trusting in what God has in-store.

This year our school verse comes from Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." We will look at how we can let our light shine. Earlier in Matthew chapter five, verses three through eleven shows us how we can let our light shine. Each month we will explore a beatitude and see how we can move them from our hearts to habits.

We will continue to work to improve and own our ACA values. Last year we introduced; <u>A</u>cademic Excellence, <u>C</u>hrist-centered Discipleship, and <u>A</u>uthentic Relationships. We aspire to see these values as an integral part of our culture. The ACA values describe our mission of equipping students to be Christ-centered disciples to engage the world with the Gospel. Please join us for the following events.

August 22nd – Back-to-School Night August 23rd – Back-to-School Bash August 26th – First Day of School (1t-12th grades) August 27th – First Day of School (Begindergarten and Kindergarten)

See you soon, Mr. Knoll

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