



## PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Faith • Virtue • Knowledge*

### EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

God created man. Man and woman, He created them. He created man in His image, and yet knowing that we would fall. Amazingly though, before the foundations of the world, God had already finalized redemption's plan – His ultimate gift of love for humanity. And now, summarized in Jesus Christ's own words in Matthew 22:37, our primary purpose in life is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

All of life, including education, needs to be placed into the context of these commandments; its purpose either to encourage learners to love God with their whole being or to equip students with that which is necessary for them to be obedient to these commands. Everything our school engages in needs to be held captive by the question, "how will this encourage or equip learners to love God and our neighbors more?" This question is at the heart of why our school is committed to the integration of the Christian faith into every curricular and co-curricular activity. There is no division of "secular" and "sacred," because God is the author of all knowledge, and all truth belongs to Him.

Through the inspired Word of God – our final authority for life and faith – God reveals not only the two greatest commandments, but also a specific plan so that His people can know how to love Him and their neighbors in this way. From the beginning God defined the family unit as husband, wife, and child(ren). Through His Word He instructs parents to, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

According to the Bible, parents are not the only teachers. God also established the church, the bride of Christ, to function as one body (Romans 12:15; I Corinthians 12:27). Within this body some have been called to be teachers – people who are spiritually gifted to equip learners with the truth they need to love God (Ephesians 4:11).

Our school is an extension of the body of Christ with a commitment to establishing and maintaining an effective partnership with parents and local churches. Just as Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52) our school strives to be a place where our students will grow, adding to their faith virtue and to virtue, knowledge (II Peter 1:5). As a school, we celebrate each student's uniqueness and provide opportunities for students to grow in their God-given gifts, talents, and personality so they can understand their role in today's world, equipped for kingdom service (Prov. 2:1-5).

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