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“Living the Faith” has become our tagline to call attention to our mission. Christ the King School develops Character, Knowledge and Spirit in its students and community by living the Catholic faith through sharing the sacraments, promoting academic excellence, and engaging in service. **Living the Faith** – that encompasses what we do here. Each day brings us something new, often *different* than what we had planned, but how we deal with it, *how* we face it, is what’s important - how others see us living our faith. We all deal with challenges, difficulties *and* successes in a way that let’s others see how we rely on our Catholic faith.

The Book of John tells us, “These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress. But have confidence. I have overcome the world.” We want our students to “overcome the world by living the faith.” Facing challenges and overcoming failures and disappointment should be a badge of honor that strengthens our children and prepares them for the world. Our other Bible verse for the year is from 1 John, which reads, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, *our faith*. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” In this world we are here to learn from the experiences we face, and trusting in God allows us to overcome anything.

This is why one of our goals for the year is to teach our students *resilience*. We are Overcomers. We can’t make the world perfect for our children, but we can teach them strategies in dealing with an imperfect world. We will focus on teaching them grit, or as some say, how to be a tough cookie! We all make mistakes. We all experience failure. That is life, and that is how we often learn our most important lessons. Resilience is how we handle it. And we want to celebrate being overcomers, and for our children to be proud of it, for it is all part of God’s plan.

We have many goals this year. And, in fact, goal-setting itself is a goal for us this year. We will be rolling out our new Strategic Plan that our faculty and leadership team have been working on. We will be sharing that throughout the year, particularly our annual goals for the 2018-2019 school year.

Also, our teachers are growing professionally to understand our responsibilities as servant leaders. We are here to serve one another - not to serve our own agenda, but to drive toward the mission of living the Catholic faith. Our faculty and staff are incredible, and put their heart into Catholic School education!

Of you, as parents, we ask for your prayers, your support, and your involvement in meeting our goals. We need your help. We especially need your help with Oktoberfest. It’s only weeks away (September 7th & 8th), and there are many volunteering spots that need to be filled to make this parish event a success.

We thank you for all your support and dedication to Christ the King!

Many blessings,
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Principal

