



Morningside Academy serves to nurture the spirit, educate the mind, and train the body to shape Christian citizen-servants for the next generation of leadership.

Upper School Newsletter

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Resolutions...

This is the time of year that people make resolutions. I may have even made some myself. In fact, I think I have been making resolutions for the past 30 years. I have even gone to the length of writing them down, asking other people to hold me accountable, and various other measures to try to accomplish my resolutions.

So, if we are going to be honest, other than the couple I have written down, I do not remember the majority of resolutions I have made. And, if I do not remember them, I have not fulfilled them. So what is the point?

Two different people in the past 24 hours have challenged my thinking on resolutions. One perspective given was, "Why do we wait until a certain date to start changing something that obviously needs changed?"

The other position stated, "If Christ is strengthening me to do all things, why am I waiting and getting discouraged?" When I questioned them on their rational, they went deeper. Instead of (insert resolution) in our power and getting discouraged when we do not accomplish what we want, do you give it to God?"

So, my perspective on New Year resolutions has been changed. This year's resolution is to not procrastinate and make resolutions but to be proactive with His power and strength to improve as much as possible.



I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens *and* empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.
Philippians 4:13
(Amplified)



News and Dates.

- **Spiritual Emphasis Week – This Wed. through Fri.** we will be having chapel. Our speaker (Daniel Jones), a youth pastor from Noblesville, Indiana is bringing a series of messages to challenge us as we start a new year and semester. Virtual students, do not forget to log in and watch chapel with us!
- Yearbooks are now available for purchase! Reserve your copy today at www.yearbookforever.com.
- Hot lunches will resume on January 11th with the menu coming home the week before.
- **The Washington DC Trip (8th/9th) will be hosting a yard sale on January 30th here at the school. The event is open to anyone. A flyer will be coming home this week with more details.**
- **There are several basketball games this week. Do not forget that all of the information you need regarding athletics, policies, beliefs, menus, etc are on our website.**

Lastly, please continue to be proactive in monitoring your child's health. We are thankful for a safe first semester and would like to have the same smooth and healthy result for the second semester.

Morningside Church has a youth group that meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm in the Family Center. Students from 6th-12th grade are welcome for music, worship, small groups, snacks, and activities.



January 4th – Return to school.

January 6th – NJHS meeting

January 6th – 8th – Spiritual Emphasis Days

January 8th – Report Cards

January 18th – No School – MLK Day

January 30th – Washington DC Yard Sale at school



JOIN US!

Please remember that we will not have guests in chapel this semester. However, you can livestream the service via the link found on our website. This week, there is no chapel due to Mid- terms.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you and your student to visit one of our three services at Morningside Church. Check out our website at www.morningsidechurch.com.