

Staff Retreat Day



Today was our Staff Retreat Day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center. Again, this is another first for me in getting ready for a school year. But, what a great way to get fired up for the year! We did a lot of personal reflection and then shared some of those reflections with the rest of the staff.

Of course, I have goals for the school year, and I will be sharing those with you as the weeks go by. But, my biggest take-aways from today really didn't have to do with curriculum, instruction, assessment, and how to run an efficient school. Not directly anyway.

I learned that I need and want to integrate my faith life more fully into my daily work life. I cannot be the best principal possible for your children without being in a healthy relationship with God. And, the converse is also true. I cannot be in a healthy relationship with God unless I am actually becoming the kind of principal He wants me to become.

This is true of each and every one of us at school. We each have gifts from God and He wants us to develop them and use them. In order for us to be the best school we can be for your children, we each have to use our gifts. If only some of us use them and others don't, it makes our school less effective than it could be. It hurts all of us.

Therefore, we're not only responsible for ourselves, we're also responsible for encouraging and helping each other use their gifts. We have to build each other up in their walk with God in order for us to experience and enjoy the kind of success God wants for us. All for one, and one for all.

One last thing I want to share with you about today. We had to think of a teacher that we had when we were students who had the biggest impact on our lives. We talked and shared in our small groups about how that one person literally changed our lives for the better. When it was time to share out in the large group one of our younger teachers told us about the person who influenced her so greatly. And then, she revealed that this person was right there in the room with us and she thanked her. Talk about a touching moment. Talk about building someone up. That is putting Ephesians 4:29 into action!

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