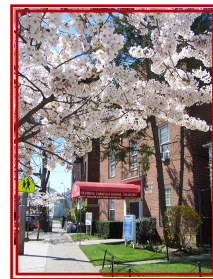




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## **A Message from the Head of School**

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my  
children are walking in the truth."*

- 3 John 4

A young girl leans out of her stroller, straining for the shiny toy necklace in the store window. It may be plastic, and it may be relatively cheap, but to her it is valuable. Something that shiny *must* be valuable. We smile at the misguided earnestness of a sweet child. She is simple and naïve, though eager. But we may not be as amused if an adult acted the same way. Imagine the scene if the girl's mother pays top dollar for the plastic necklace but completely overlooks the diamond pendant couched on a dark pillow under the counter. This would be ironic and ultimately tragic.

In a sense, our society has learned to value the wrong things, pursuing them at the expense of truth. We often seek entertainment over meaning, comfort over growth, experience over accomplishment, trifles over truth. And our children grow up learning to prioritize those same things. **In a time when truth is rare, it becomes even more valuable.** Truth is the one indispensable commodity, the key to seeing and living in light of reality. This way of living brings stability, even joy. So John expresses what every parent and teacher hope to say: that his children continue to walk in truth.

This, then, is the goal of a distinctly Christian education. We are convinced that the

God of heaven has created us and designed us with true personhood as male and female. He has defined moral reality, ordaining truths and commands that will best equip us to live and enjoy His gift of life. And in His greatest of acts, He has sent His Son Jesus Christ, full of grace and truth, to model a truly godly life and to save His people from their sins. **This grand understanding of reality, of truth, defines our mission as a Christian school.**

Truth forms the foundation to the education that we provide at Flushing Christian School. More than informing children's minds, we are forming their hearts and instincts to know, recognize, and love truth. **In short, we long for them to value and walk in truth.**

This happens in our opening assembly, when we recite the pledges, a core Scriptural verse, and rehearse our honor code. Truth appears in the Bible classes, both the instructional and the devotional aspects of the period. Truth forms the lesson plans for the day, orienting every subject to adhere to the realities revealed in Scripture. Truth underlies the experiences and exercises of our electives. Truth is present when the co-valedictorian of the Class of 2022 reminds his peers of the truths they have learned, or when his fellow co-valedictorian prays over her classmates.

Because we invest in truth, we are certain of a joyful outcome.

# Showcasing Spirit

## Spirit Week!

Our school spirit week unifies the student body and adds some zest at the end of a long school year. With themes like Wacky Head Day, Grandparents Day, and Class in Black, our student body showed up in style!



## Student Talent Show



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Watch as our students use their gifts to bless others.



# End of Year Celebrations

What better way to celebrate the end of the school year than by honoring diligent workers? Our end-of-year awards ceremonies highlighted academics, attendance, and outstanding accomplishments in special electives classes.



✦ A special alumni panel shared advice and insights based on their high school experience. Their input helped our seniors plan ahead.



The fifth grade class was especially excited about being promoted to middle school! Seeing parents stand behind their child in prayerful dedication was very memorable! May God continue building upon this foundation!

✦ The honors club celebrated their accomplishments with an outing to Chelsea Piers!





# Graduations

## Kindergarten Graduation

The kindergarten graduation prepared by Ms. Marrero and Co. was a delightful program with lovely décor, fun songs, and memorable awards. Throughout the event, kindergarten graduates eagerly shared what they have learned this year. This enthusiastic class will surely make a difference in the world!



## 8th Grade Graduation



Capping off a monumental middle school experience, our 8th grade seniors proudly crossed the threshold into high school. The class has persevered through a challenging three years of middle

school, maintaining a healthy sense of community and personal stability along the way.

They are unusually talented, with classmates from the Navigators (national champions of the 2019 NatGeo team competition). Several graduates will attend specialized and top notch private high schools in the city. Most importantly, these new alumni have supported each other in the faith. They exhibit grace and wisdom fitting for their cultural moment. May God use them to shine His light forward!



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### A return to “normal”?

- ✦ “Normal” reflects our learning experience. While maintaining appropriate COVID precautions, we enjoyed a typical school experience. God is good!
- ✦ For us, “normal” describes our high academic expectations, a standard that was met again this year. Our students’ standardized test scores well exceeded the national average, with several students scoring in the 90th percentile or higher.
- ✦ “Normal” indicates that we are meeting our goal for spiritual formation: to nourish students with a strong faith in God and love for Christ. Now, as under all normal circumstances, they prepare to live out their faith with wisdom, grace, and truth.
- ✦ You can follow our “normal” updates online:



[linktr.ee/flushingchristianschool](https://linktr.ee/flushingchristianschool)

### Jogathon Success!



With your support, our jogathon raised **\$28,215, over 112% of our fundraising goal!** These funds will target our tuition assistance fund, enabling all families to enroll their children with us, regardless of their income status.

From our hearts to yours, thank you!

