

## School Culture @ TDChristian 2020-21

"If you *change* the way you look at things, the things you look at *change*." – Dr. Wayne Dyer

Over the course of this past summer, I spent considerable time thinking about this quote. We all know the struggles, the disappointments, and the loss of "normal" that we have all experienced in different ways. What I want to emphasize in my own life, and in the life of TDChristian, is that these struggles, disappointments, and loss of "normal" don't need to remain places of pain. Our focus moving forward is the different opportunities that may have arisen in this time.

Specifically, at TDChristian my prayer is that God will show us as staff and students new opportunities to celebrate the many good things that happen every day at school. My prayer is that we experience a school year where we change the way we look at things that were and how by changing the way we view these things, we may, in fact, grow. While school will look and feel different from last year – mask wearing, limited social interactions, and protocols such as hand cleaning and distancing – I pray that we will also see more and more beauty in the new normal.

This year at TDChristian, we will continue to strive to create meaningful connection amongst students and staff. Creating a vibrant school culture is a main objective every year, but in 2020-21 it will be more important.

I look forward to working with staff and students to creating as many avenues as possible to foster a positive and enfolding culture. I am confident that by changing the way we look at things at TDChristian we will in fact see change.

Why am I confident? It is not because of my own ability, or in the ability of our students or staff, but in the ability of our heavenly Father to work through us with the power of the Holy Spirit. We will be blessed by working together under God's care and direction.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work **within** us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20

So this year, please join me at TDChristian, expectant to see change infinitely more than we could ask or even imagine.

Sincerely,

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