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Welcome From Our Administrator



**L. Joe White,
Administrator**

Welcome! We are honored to have your family as a part of the Praise Academy family. As a school family, we hope you will take advantage of the many ways that parents can be involved through the PEP (Parents, Educators, and Pupils), classroom, and co-curricular support activities. Parents (and grandparents) are vitally important to us!

PA has become known for its family atmosphere and a place where faith inspires love, life,

and learning. We are growing disciples to make disciples through Christian education (Matthew 28:19). Our philosophy is anchored by three distinct pillars: Christ (Colossians 2:3, 6-10), Self-Worth (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 29:11), and Academics (Colossians 2:3; Proverbs 4:5, 7; Proverbs 9:10). Our unflinching mission is to partner with Christian families by providing a Christ-centered educational system where students can achieve academic excellence, a lifelong commitment to Christ, and a passion for success.

At Praise, you will find a commitment to high academic standards built on a foundation of biblical principles that

have attracted both faculty and staff with a love for God and others, high academic credentials, and years of professional experience. Yet, we believe that you will find in them, above all else, not only people who were simply trained and prepared to teach, mentor, and serve, but also people who are called to this place—people who truly care about your children and their future.

Praise Academy has outstanding programs, wonderful facilities, and an exciting mission and vision, but it is our people who make us truly great. Our administration, teachers, and support staff provide an inviting and safe environment

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Now Serves Breakfast

The PA cafeteria will serve hot items varying daily including biscuits, French toast, pancakes, waffles, fresh baked cinnamon rolls, sausage, bacon, and breakfast potatoes. We also have cereal, assorted pastries, breakfast bars, yo-

gurt, fruit, and other "grab and go" snack items. Purchases may be made in cash or through the student's account. Come to school early and have breakfast with us! For more information or if you have any questions,

please contact Mrs. Shelly Ford at s.ford@slamgmt.com.

Breakfast Times:

- 5th-12th grade from [7:20-7:50am](#)
- K3-4th grade from [7:40-8:10am](#)

Department of Spiritual Life

Many of you know me, I'm Jill Libramento a.k.a. Mrs. Libby. I am the Director of Spiritual Life. Part of my job is to oversee the Elementary and Middle School Bible teaching. I also teach a Biblical Worldview Class for parents, organize Praise Academy's Great Christmas Giveaway and other spiritual growth and missions activities at the school.

In addition to those responsibilities, this year all discipline issues will be handled through the Department of Spiritual Life. The school has adopted a discipline program called "Discipline That Restores." You can read all about the details of the program in the school handbook. School Policies and behavioral expectations will all

remain the same. It will be slightly different in how we deal with discipline issues. Discipline issues that escalate in the classroom to the point where the student has to be removed from the classroom will no longer be handled by Mr. and Mrs. White, but rather by Mrs. Libby and a few other teachers trained in the program. Of course, serious School Policy violations will be handled by Mr. White.

The biggest difference is that we will be taking our partnership with our parents more seriously. Teachers are trained and committed to contact you, the parent, early in the conflict, and we will expect you to handle the discipline issue at home. If the behavior continues after you've been

contacted and have been given the opportunity to address it at home, then you will be asked to come in to have a Family Conference with your student, the teacher, and possibly administration. We truly want to be Biblical in our approach to discipline and the Bible clearly states that parents are responsible for the education and discipline of their own children. As your partner, we need you involved.

We are very excited about this new program and we believe it will be a way we can minister and disciple your child even within a discipline issue, because as you remember we are "Christ First!"

God bless you and give you and your family peace.



**"Growing Disciples
to Make Disciples"**

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where students can grow spiritually, academically, and socially. It is a new day at Praise Academy because God grants each one of us the opportunity to serve Him and others every day.

I invite you to experience a new day at Praise Academy. We believe that each person should love God and

love others. It is our goal at Praise Academy to demonstrate the love of God through a lifestyle of love and caring for each other. We believe in the family as the most important institution that God has created. It is our goal at Praise Academy to partner with our parents in the educa-

tion of their children. We believe that the Bible is immutable, inerrant, and infallible and all education should begin with God's Word as its foundation. It is our goal to teach all subject matter from God's point of view ... a Biblical Worldview.

PEP—Parents, Educators & Pupils

What is PEP? PEP stands for Parents, Educators, and Pupils. This is Praise Academy’s version of the PTA. The PEP is a volunteer organization made up of parents working together with educators and students to support the staff and administrators to enhance the academic and social environment at Praise Academy.

There will be a PEP Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 10, at

7:00pm, in the Sanctuary. PEP will be going over fundraisers, membership, and opportunities at Praise.

Want to help out from time to time? Once a week? Once a month? Or just whenever you can? Come to the PEP Parent Meeting to find out how you can be involved.

Our First Bake Sale of the year will be September 10 & 11. This is a fun opportunity for the kids to enjoy treats while supporting Teacher Ap-



preciation. The Bake Sale will be during lunch periods with items from 25¢ to \$1.00. We are always in need of store bought goodies and volunteers. If you would like to donate and/or volunteer, please contact Dana Williams at bdnc12@att.net.

Casual Day 101

Praise Academy has a paid casual day every Friday of each month (except the last Friday of each month). This is a fundraiser for the building fund.

The last Friday of each month is a free casual day.

Paid casual day cost is \$2.00 per student or \$5.00 per family. Participation is voluntary for paid casual days. However, if students do not partici-

pate, they must dress according to the standard dress code.

Students may wear modest blue jeans (no holes, tears, frays, tatters, and fit properly) or modest warm-up pants (no sweat pants or yoga pants), and modest casual shirts (no shirts that advertise inappropriate groups, organizations, language, or behavior). Students may wear Praise Academy

shirts, Christian

t-shirts, team shirts (Braves, Falcons, college teams, etc.), or Nike, Under Armour, Abercrombie, etc. However, students may not wear shirts that are inappropriate in the opinion of the administration.

Students may have one casual day per year for their birthday.



Box Tops for Education

Welcome back to school, parents! Our school participates in the Box Tops for Education™ program. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school’s earnings goal is \$2,000.00

To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and

send them to school. (We do not collect Labels for Education.) For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school’s progress, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and to learn about extra ways for our school to earn.

I hope you’re excited for everything we can do this year with Box Tops! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Darci Smith at darci.smith@praiseacademy.com. I’m here to make our school’s Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year. Thanks for your help!





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“Growing Disciples to Make Disciples”



Purity, self control, and integrity are all marks of a good leader. In our media and technology-saturated culture, it is easy to become desensitized to unholy things. In order to gain and maintain our leadership credibility, we must guard

our witness and practice purity in all areas of life. This conference will explore what purity should look like in our media choices, our relationships with God and others, and in our inner lives.

Our middle school will be attending this conference on October 14. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.

Grandparents Day on September 18th is a wonderful opportunity for our Praise grandparents to come visit the school. RSVP forms will be going home with all students on September 8th. There will be a short program with light refreshments to follow. Each grade has been as-

signed a refreshment to send in for Grandparents Day.

- ☆ K3-K5—Donuts
- ☆ 1st-3rd—Muffins
- ☆ 4th-6th—Fruit
- ☆ 7th-8th—Juice
- ☆ 9th-12th—Water

More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.

Special People Deserve A Special Day...



Mark Your Calendar...



9/10-11 — Bake Sale

9/10 — PEP Parent Meeting @ 7pm in the Sanctuary

9/14 — Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Hiram, 5-8pm

9/18 — Grandparents Day, 8:30am

9/24 — Yogli Mogli Spirit Night, Hiram, 3:30-7:30pm

10/14 — Middle School Conference, Conyers, GA

10/19 — Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Hiram, 5-8pm

10/29 — Yogli Mogli Spirit Night, Hiram, 3:30-7:30

11/7 — Fall Family Fun Day

11/12-13 — Bake Sale

11/16 — Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Hiram, 5-8pm

11/21 — Ladies Christmas Extravaganza

Wednesdays — Chick-fil-A Biscuits

Fridays — Frozen Friday

“It’s a new day at Praise Academy.”