



HULL LOWER SCHOOL

September 5, 2008

Greetings from the MUS Department of Religion.

Proverbs 9:10 reads, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” We take these words quite seriously at MUS.

At MUS, we have a long-standing tradition of teaching the Bible and promoting its commandments concerning justice, kindness and humility as our boys learn to walk with God and serve their fellow human beings. The boys learn to live out these ideals within our unique culture of individual freedom and personal honor amidst a multi-cultural student body where moral education stems from a mature exposure to the classic Liberal Arts. Religious instruction from the Christian tradition is part of our historic Liberal Arts philosophy, and such classes aim to encourage the spiritual nature of our boys.

Our Religion Department instructs students in the historic interpretations of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Christian Theology along with rigorous study of Western Philosophy, Ethics, and Comparative Religions of the World.

Starting on September 17th, for boys who are interested, MUS alumni lead early morning Bible studies and prayer groups each week at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings here at school. Though not an official program of the school, MUS sanctions these additional efforts to mentor our boys by offering its facilities and support. **These meetings are not a mandatory school function.** They are offered as an option for boys who want a more personal, devotional activity each week.

This year, the seventh grade study is led by Tread Thompson ('01).

Tread graduated from MUS in 2001 and attended Vanderbilt University, where he received his degree in History. Following his time at Vanderbilt, he spent several years in Birmingham before moving back to Memphis in 2007 and taking a job with Summit Asset Management. While a student at MUS, Tread greatly benefited from playing basketball under Coach Peters. Tread attends Second Presbyterian Church.

The eighth grade study is led by Brian Kelsey ('96).

Brian graduated in 1996 from MUS. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. with honors in political science and economics. He received his law degree from Georgetown University and returned home to Memphis to practice law at Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, where he remains an attorney today. In 2004 Brian was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives for parts of Germantown and East Memphis, including MUS. In 2006 he was reelected and elected by his colleagues to serve as House Minority Floor Leader. Brian is a founding member of Fellowship Memphis Church.

If your family is interested, please consider this opportunity for your son. You can find additional information on the enclosed PDF file in the blog article.

Sincerely,

David Jackson
Chairman, Department of Religion