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Welcoming A New School Year

Another school year is well under way!

The end of August started the school year with a celebratory Opening Ceremony. The middle of September held a powerful Spiritual Emphasis Week. And now October holds the junior and senior class trips. When we return from class trips is generally when I feel the school year can settle into its rhythm.

In about two hours, I'll be on a bus with 49 seniors and 11 other chaperones on our way to Italy for the senior trip of the class of 2026. This trip at the start of the school year is such a significant event for the class. In addition to the amazing historical sites that students get to learn about experientially, it is a time of strengthening ties and an opportunity for spiritual development for them, as the group establishes who they want to be as a senior class.

Since we have an administrator chaperone on both the junior and senior trips every year, I've participated in these trips for about half of my years at BFA and deeply value the opportunity to connect with the students in a different setting.

Our theme for this school year is *Remember*, coming from Psalm 77:11:

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD."

As we leave on this trip, I'm thinking back to previous trips and how God moved in and through senior classes in years past...I'm praying for this year that we see Him move in significant ways again.

Would you pray with me over this next week?



THROWBACK PHOTO!

This is a photo from my first time chaperoning the senior trip, with the Class of 2017. The group is the students who were in the Middle School House when I was an RA my first year at BFA.

As we leave on this week-long trip, I would welcome and appreciate your prayers.

Please pray with me...

- For good learning experiences and spiritual growth
- For the students to connect well with one another
- For good communication among the chaperones
- For the students to use their opportunities for independence well
- For good communication with parents and for their peace while their students travel
- For our bus drivers and the hotel staff to see, hear, and respond to the gospel through our interactions with them

A couple of other start-of-year photos



Each year I get to give the charge to the senior class at Opening Ceremony, calling them into their role as student leaders in the school.



One of the activities at Fall Party was the opportunity for students to pie a teacher. I loved **remembering** my days camp counselor and channeling that energy to

have fun with our students.


Let's remember and celebrate together that God is at work.

"I will remember the deeds of the LORD."

Psalm 77:11

Thanks again for your prayers! We look forward to seeing how God will work in this new school year.

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