



Dear Parents,

Kindness, empathy, love, are strong characteristics that we always hope to import into our children. What do you think is the best way for us to teach our children the importance of these and other life changing traits? From the latest Christianity Today comes this quote from Rebecca Randall, a science editor, in her article called, The Key to Raising Kind Kids,

*“Teaching our kids to practice empathy and kindness toward those unlike us, including those outside our faith tradition. “That’s core,” he said. “That’s what I’m hoping everyone gets [from the study]. We all need to learn to appreciate those that don’t belong to our community.” One of the best ways for parents to demonstrate the value of empathy, Richard Weissbourd, In the [report](#) “The Children We Mean to Raise,” told me, is volunteering as a family and finding ways to serve both local and global communities. If the first challenge we face as parents is developing moral character in our kids, the second is a deeper, correlated challenge: We have to recognize our own need for moral development. Day in and day out, we have to “practice what we preach,” loving in action not words (1 John 3:18), and model the character virtues that lead to a flourishing life. That’s the message our kids need most, according to Weissbourd. “We will, too, have to resist the tendency to assume that it is other parents—not us—who are raising disrespectful and irresponsible kids,” he writes. “To one degree or another, the problem is each one of us.”*

Its so important in todays society where it seems everyone is less understanding, less empathetic, less tolerant of other opinions that we as Christians remember its what we do, our actions that count. Especially when young eyes are watching. We pray each morning with our faculty to reflect Jesus to all our students and parents. May God continue to bless each of our families as we take on our unique struggles and trials at home. Thank you each for sharing with us your most prized possession, your child. Thank you for trust. Don't forget Parent meeting on the 16th in my room at 6:30 PM

In Gratitude,

Stephen Stokes  
Principal

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# March 17 to April 30

