

PERSONAL LIFESTYLE STATEMENT

A Christ-honoring lifestyle bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be the standard for the faculty, staff, and Board of Shannon Forest Christian School. The faculty, staff and Board members will embrace a lifestyle that is marked by the positive pursuit of personal holiness. (Galatians 5:18-25, Romans 14:13, I Corinthians 8:9-13, 10:31-32, I Thessalonians 4:4-6, Romans 8)

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred and you are that temple." I Corinthians 3:16-17.

In addition, a member of the Shannon Forest Christian School community shall:

- Be an active, communing member in good standing of a local evangelical church, as evidenced by references from ministers and involvement in church worship and service.
- Practice Biblical principles of conflict resolution. (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 5; Ephesians 4:29-32; Colossians 3:12, 14, 16).

"Remind the people to be subject to rules and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men." Titus 3:1, 2

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3

- Adhere to the moral principles of the Bible which are considered by Shannon Forest Christian School as indisputable and wholly practical. We believe that God has written His law upon the hearts of all mankind. (Romans 2:15; Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10)
- Follow the Biblical standards for sexual behavior. Immorality and promiscuity, including adultery, pre-marital sex and homosexuality, violate the occupational requirement of being a Christ-like role model. (Romans 12: 1-2, I Corinthians 6:12-20; Ephesians 4:1-22, 5:3-5; I Timothy 4:12; II Timothy 2:19-22

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slandered nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:9-11

- Demonstrate obedience to the laws of government, evidence of one's belief that God has ordained the authority of those in leadership over us.

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." Romans 13:1-2

- Exercise responsibility and authority diligently and in humility as servant, sacrificial, accountable leaders. Genuinely care for and encourage those for whom we are responsible, with Christ as our model.

"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." Luke 22:25-26

- Agree to be known by our love.

If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, it does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, endures all things, Love never fails" 1 Corinthians 13:2-8a