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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Last week in Senior School the students attended camps in various places.

Camps are great because they grow students as people as well broadening and deepening their relationships with each other and the even the teachers. Camps are exhausting but worth the effort.



At the camp I attended, students were given challenges to make them work together. I watched as they battled and I noticed that they had to learn how to work as a team. Students had to learn how to communicate; how to contribute; and even how to receive help. Yet by the end of the last challenge, the group I was with had moved closer to being a solid unit.

And, of course, this reminds me of a bible passage!

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...

- Romans 12:1-5

From this passage I learned three things.

God designed humans to work together - like a body. To be part of a body is superior to being alone. There is nothing better than being part of something that is greater than ourselves! This is especially true of Christians who are one in Christ.

We belong to each other. As organs belong to each other so do we. We are designed to be interdependent, giving and receiving from each other. The body is greater than the sum of the parts

We have a responsibility to determine the gift that God has given us and start using it for the benefit of the body.

Remember Christ did not die to save individuals, he died to form a community. Let's show the world what is possible in Christ!

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