

From the Desk of Miss Wilber

October 9, 2020

In the past week, with the help of recommendations from the teachers, I chose students of the month for September and reviewed progress reports. The teachers' comments are so positive and encouraging. I am so proud of our student body for their academic achievements, their positive attitudes and maturity, and their character and spirit. On Wednesday one of our board members, Attorney Omer Ahern, came to discuss the U.S. and NH Constitutions with the students. When I spoke with him the next day, he said that he woke up with a new (more positive) outlook on life. He said our students are exceptional young people who ask great questions and are fortunate to attend a school like NECA.

He pointed out that we need more students like the ones who are being educated in wisdom at NECA. These young people are our future. By educating them with the purpose of forming them in the good, we do our part in transforming the world. The educational experience at NECA is an invaluable gift – one I wish I had had access to as a child.

Ours is a school based on the educational philosophy that we learn in order to become better persons. The purpose of education is to conform ourselves (our thoughts, words, actions) to what is true and good. Plato saw education in this way, as a means of growing in virtue in this life in order to be prepared for union with God in the next. Plato thought that if education were merely an earthly endeavor, then it would be meaningless. Education is about the things above. Rather than materialistic questions: When will I ever use this in daily life? How will this help me to make money? What can I do to gain power over others?, we ask transcendental questions: What is justice? What does it mean to be human? How can I be truly happy? We need more students asking these questions, growing in virtue, and seeking to do good in this world for the sake of the next. Imagine what more and more people like that could do to improve the world in which we live!

This desire to expand our positive impact in society is why one of my top priorities right now is promoting and preparing for our series of fall information nights. These are primarily for prospective families, but we welcome anyone who wants to know more about our school and about classical education. We need your help inviting people to attend. Anyone who refers a family (or better yet, brings a family with them) to an information night will be entered in a drawing for 2 free tickets to the murder mystery in November.

Sincerely,

Miss Wilber