



2013-14 Family Photo

**Some things are too sacred to photograph.**

When he said, "I want all of my teachers around me," we knew it was going to be a special time. One of our students accepted Christ last week. After a long and serious discussion with him and his mother to determine if they understood what this commitment meant, Mr. Zimmerman asked him where he wanted to make his commitment to the Lord. The student wanted to do it at school so all his teachers could be with him. So, Thursday at lunch, ten adults greeted him in the front office. This included every teacher at Hope Academy. Mr. Z told him they would get on their knees and he was going to lead our student in a prayer. As soon as they knelt, so did everyone else in the room. When our student started to repeat the prayer, adults started to cry at the sacredness of the moment. After the "amen", everyone stood and burst into applause and hugs. In that moment, heaven and earth met in a joyous celebration in the front office of Hope Academy.

**What a difference a year makes!**

The changes in our students this year are remarkable.

**Last year** the students were fighting all the time.

**This year** the discipline issues deal with being disrespectful but not fighting.

**Last year** they wanted to check out of academics by putting their heads on their desks.

**This year** they set a goal to make A\B honor roll.

**Last year** many wanted to go back to their old school.

**This year** they are grateful to be back, and never complain about the 7:30am-5pm school day.



**Loving one another**  
Here's an example of how one of our returning students is welcoming a new student. This 8th grade student escorts this 5th grader to and from school everyday. She rides her bike to the younger girl's house then, they ride their bikes together. After they get to school, our 8th grader then styles the hair of the younger student like she would her own little sister.

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