

In listening to alumni of Immanuel Christian School fondly recall the experiences from their elementary years, there is no question about the significant role that Immanuel has played in their upbringing. The elementary experience is both impressionable and formative.

Whether it's recalling antics of friends or it's recalling a faux pas made by a teacher that creates peals of laughter. Whether it's that touching moment with a teacher or with friends when one's feelings were validated that doesn't fade over time. Elementary experiences will last a lifetime.

This week we are holding our Kindergarten Open House. It's to help parents decide what kind of school will best equip their child for life. Parent decisions are made on something that runs deeper than the programs, the teacher's qualifications, or the type of facility. What runs deeper is the vision for life that students develop. We offer parents a vision that through servant leadership each child can make a positive difference.

There are many building blocks that make up the vision. The formation of friendships, the quality of the program, the dedication of each teacher in the well-being of each student, the learning support given to each student, that moulds each child's vision for life.

So how do we measure the success of our Immanuel? High schools track the educational and vocational choices their graduates make. Universities track the number of undergraduates who go into graduate programs. We simply expect all our graduates to choose a high school. So one measure of success for Immanuel is tracking how many of our graduates successfully complete high school.

In tracking the Immanuel graduates of the past decade I have yet to find one that has dropped out of high school. We work to equip our graduates so they develop a vision of hope for the future. We teach our students to advocate for themselves and give them opportunities to take on leadership roles. We motivate them to achieve their goals by giving them the building blocks that ensures success.

What vision do you hope your child will catch starting in kindergarten?

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