

## *Spiritual Enrichment*

"Come and see what God has done", Psalm 66:5 was our theme for the 2007-08 school year. God continues to astonish us as He faithfully lavishes His love on ACS, both with the building of our new school and within His body here.

In January a book study was offered to the Mom's of 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The book "***Your Girl –raising godly daughters in an ungodly world***" by Vicki Coutney, offered Moms biblical, straightforward and relevant ways to approach and counteract the worldly influences our daughters face today. The book study opened doors for encouragement, godly conversation and prayer.

In the spirit of discipleship, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls were also invited to participate in a book study. They went deeper into the story of young Esther and learned about this beautiful, obedient, courageous and godly teenager who chose to live her life holy, pure and set apart for God. The girls focused on how to **be** modern-day Esther's, set apart from the world as followers of Jesus. These girls committed time each week during their lunch break to come together to pray, study truth, and grow in godly character.

One of the book study participants, Josie Baar, won an essay contest sponsored by Sharpe Buick Chevrolet. She received a \$1000 college scholarship as well as \$1000 for ACS. Mrs. Spaanstra asked Josie to decide which fund should receive the award money -it took Josie a half a second to decide the money should be used for the continued growth of Spiritual Life at ACS.

During the week of April 28, The National Day of Prayer was observed and celebrated by ACS teachers and students for the entire week. Each day they focused on specific scripture and prayed through the topics of prayer. It was a beautiful thing to see students walking the halls praying, to see an entire class gathered around Mrs. Spaanstra and Mrs. Kuperus praying and to see friends kneeling in their classroom praying. An eager student volunteer was chosen from various classes to close each day in prayer over the intercom.

As a committee we are committed to building up the ACS community in truth and walking along side teachers and students in every aspect of spiritual development and growth. We look forward to the things God has planned for us during the upcoming school year. Please pray for ACS teachers, students and their families. Pray for God's Spirit to fall on His body here, for fruit to grow in abundance, and for His sovereign love and protection of ACS. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, its direction or its needs, please contact Alice Spaanstra and she can put you in touch with someone on the committee.

### **Spiritual Emphasis Committee Purpose Statement**

Our desire is for God to impact our school community by deepening our connection with Him and with each other through worshipful chapels, discipleship of the student body, strengthening the sense of unity among parents and spiritually encouraging the teachers and staff.