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## ***Please welcome our new administrator beginning July 1st .***

It is with great anticipation that I write this to introduce myself to you as the Oroville Christian School administrator. With over 30 years of experience in Christian education as a principal, athletic director, math instructor, and coach, I am excited for the next chapter that God will write for my life.

I grew up in Southern California and attended Christian schools, one very similar to Oroville Christian. It was there where some godly men invested in me and modeled for me what it meant to live as a child of God. Since then, I have taught every secondary math class from Math 7 to Calculus, coached football, baseball, and softball, served as an Athletic Director, and a secondary school principal.

I have a passion for Christian education. It provides a unique opportunity to partner with parents and the church in evangelizing and discipling young people. What a great responsibility we have to use the interactions in the classroom, on the stage, on the court, and on the field to model our love for God and our love for each other (Matthew 22:37-39).

As I move into my new role, I look forward to working with the great teachers that God has brought to Oroville Christian. I will work hard to implement a strong system of support so they can devote their full time to teaching and preparing students for success in the classroom and beyond. It is my goal to create and sustain a culture where each student has the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

In the same way we strive for spiritual formation and academic excellence, I want each of our students to involve themselves in the activities that interest them. While working to hone their artistic expression and competing with athletic distinction, our students will learn teamwork, cooperation, and humility, which are skills necessary to succeed in education and life.

As we look to the future, my wife and I are excited to find out what God is doing at Oroville Christian and get on board with so many who have laid a solid foundation.

Go Eagles!

**Mark Bates**

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31*