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“ It is the 21st century, and many ancient civilizations are transitioning from the old ways to the new. A wave of retaliation has spread across the Middle East, and the people refuse to continue living under such harsh conditions. ”



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Newlin joins family as latest principal

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Photographer

Gregory Newlin, Grimsley's latest principal, looks forward to leading the faculty and staff of this school of excellence. While previously working in Charlotte, he recalled hearing about Grimsley's premier status back in 1997. Newlin had heard impressive remarks about the school's academic programs and engaged himself in learning about its affluent history. Upon visiting the beautiful campus for the first time, he was certain that he made the right decision in accepting the position. Though he had heard stories about school disturbances in years past, they did not intimidate him.

Newlin's interest in an educational career began at the College of Charleston when "Coach Harvey asked for his help in coaching a high school basketball team." As time progressed, he became passionate about the field of education and eventually obtained his Bachelor's degree in math. Newlin furthered his education by earning both a Master's in Education and one in Secondary Supervision in Administration from The Citadel, the military college also located in Charleston, South Carolina.

After his involvement with educational development in Charlotte, Newlin recognized that Grimsley's Leadership Team members "are incredibly dedicated to the students' futures and present



Beginning August 1, principal Greg Newlin prepares for a successful school year. He was eager to meet his administrative team, staff, and study body. Jenkins photo.

successes, and they're very capable of handling situations of any kind."

Because of his previous experience in education, which also involved administrative roles at Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and Jordan High School in Durham, Newlin is eager to share new ideas for improving test scores and "bridging the gap" for low achievers.

"The culture of excellence needs to touch everyone," said Newlin, who believes that in order to obtain a perfect learning environment, classes should become smaller as the future progresses. "With fewer students in the classes, it is easier for teachers to personalize their students' education." Newlin further explained that with smaller classes, teachers have

opportunities to cover material more effectively, providing more individualized attention and fewer class distractions.

To the relief of many students, Newlin does not believe Standard Mode of Dress (SMOD) is necessary, especially in the Whirlie future. He witnessed SMOD in a former school and disliked it because it limited students' individuality.

"Allowing students to wear the clothes of their choice can help them express themselves and possibly even help them build friendships with other students with similar interests," said Newlin.

Outside of the school environment, he enjoys eating a good cheeseburger, Oreos, and ice cream. Newlin also likes visiting local theatres to

view the latest film releases. Additionally, Newlin is a big sports fan; he is an athlete as well as a spectator. His favorite teams include UNC-Chapel Hill's football, Duke's basketball, the Philadelphia Eagles, the Arizona Cardinals, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Music of various genres also feeds Newlin's passion. Favorite artists include Otis Redding, Rascal Flatts, Wynton Marsalis, Eminem, Run DMC, Adele, and Christina Aguilera.

Newlin appreciates the role models in his life who have influenced his past and still hold an impact on his present and future. His father, who often reminded him to live by the Golden Rule, "taught him how to be a good man, how to take care of others and how to work hard." Dr. Calvin Wallace, Keith Kramer, and Jackie Tobais all helped shaped his views on education.

While many members of the Grimsley family were sad to see Anna Brady leave her post as principal, they have welcomed Newlin with optimism, expecting more positive outcomes.

"I feel like Mr. Newlin is going to be a good principal because he is putting in new policies like the moment of silence in the morning. I also like that he hasn't changed up things too much so that there wasn't a huge culture shock when we first came back to school. I feel like Grimsley will continue to achieve success like it has in the past, but maybe we will grow even more with a new leader guiding us," said senior Selena Tran.

Audience in media center views 9-11 telecast

BY CAROLINE GRANDIS
Reporter

September 11, 2001 was both shocking and tragic for the United States. Citizens insisted that people remember the day and mourn the many innocent people, young and old alike, who lost their lives. Therefore, several institutions provided programs for these very reasons.

Curriculum facilitator Ashly Morrison organized a gathering in the media center on campus on Thursday,

Sept. 8 during fifth period. Students and teachers viewed a live telecast to which they could send in questions regarding that infamous day and the impact it had on the US. People answering the questions worked for a foreign policy research institute in Philadelphia.

Students who attended the assembly enjoyed it, though found it rather emotional, and learned interesting facts that they did not know prior to the airing, which paid tribute to this important Remembrance Day.

