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What CELA Means to Me

Throughout my time at CELA I have been surrounded by great friends and amazing teachers. I have deepened my faith and have been able to thrive in my academics. CELA has helped me with my academics, my faith, to become a leader, and has given me great memories.

In every grade that I have been through, I have learned a lot that I wouldn't have at other schools. For example, being in advanced math has pushed me further than I ever would have gone by myself. I have had to learn things that are more difficult than I ever thought I would have been able to. Also, the teachers make learning fun. With Mr. Hays in Social Studies, to review for a test, we play the review game. We have to answer questions that he asks us correctly and get to shoot a basketball for extra points. Also, last year in 7th grade, we made a project that linked all of our classes. We had to make a new world and convince people to live there. It was a very detailed project and was extremely fun. We don't only learn a lot in our academics though; we also learn how to grow our faith.

Every morning, our first class of the day is CVLD. Here, we learn about different Christian values and discuss them among our class. Every year we learn about new values, which helps us in different parts of our lives. The values are always interesting and give me a fresh reminder of what I need to do to make myself better. This helps us to understand what we need to fix in our lives and ways that we can fix it through Christ. Also, on Wednesdays when we get to go to the Chapel, we get to learn about a value from other students and how they apply in our lives. As the name CELA suggests, we also learn about leadership.

Leadership is one of the three pillars at CELA. It is a core value that they have taught us throughout our time here. One of the many ways that we have been able to show leadership is with our Chapel buddies. Every Wednesday and Friday we get to pick up the younger grades and take them to Chapel or Chapel Families. We get to bond with the younger grades while teaching them things. Another way that we have been able to show leadership is by representing our school on field trips. While we were in D.C. on our field trip, we got to represent what our school stands for with every interaction. It was a great way to get experience in what being a Christian leader really means. Finally, I was able to show and gain experience in leadership through sports. They meant that I was able to show leadership to the younger students and other teams I was playing with. While at CELA, I have learned many different things that I wouldn't have been able to anywhere else.

CELA has provided hundreds of opportunities that I wouldn't have been able to find anywhere else. From talking to my chapel buddies to learning about the fall of the Roman Empire, CELA has been an amazing place. It has helped me boost my academics, strengthen my

faith, and has helped me to become a leader. Without the friends and teachers that I have had at CELA, I wouldn't be the same person I am today.