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## What CELA Means to Me

CELA has helped me in many different ways that later will help me in high school and the rest of my life. The three main topics CELA has helped me in are academics, leadership, and faith. I have also had a lot of memories that will stick with me forever. The main topic CELA has helped me most is academics.

The first and main thing CELA has helped me the most in is academics. By doing little things like making me put my last name on my paper to do different classes such as the ACT classes and Civics class. The ACT classes help you prepare for high school by having you take two practice ACT tests and going over as a whole class on the mistakes most people made. I did much better on my second practice test than my first practice test because of the reviewing we did in the class. I have no doubt that I will do much better on my ACT test because of CELA's help. CELA's Civics class can make you skip the civics class in high school if you do well enough. CELA has also brough me closer to finding hobbies I like, for example chess. CELA's regular classes such as Math and Social Studies push me to do my absolute best.

Another thing CELA has helped me with is leadership. CELA has helped me grow my leadership skills exponentially. Throughout my time at CELA I have gone from a little chapel

buddy to a big chapel buddy. I now have the opportunity to help and teach my little chapel buddy what my bigger chapel buddy taught me. At CELA I have also been able to collaborate with sports such as track, soccer, and basketball. I have also been in CELA's two leadership classes, Leadership I and Leadership II, these have taught me what it means to be a leader. My favorite thing that I got to do in that class was interview my pastor. For Leadership I one of the assignments was to interview someone who was a leader to you. I interviewed my pastor, and I learned a lot about him and a lot about what it means to be a leader.

Another thing CELA has helped me with is faith. CELA has a part of the day called CVLD, in CVLD we talk about God, read the bible, and discuss Bible stories. CVLD has helped my faith in many ways. CVLD helped me keep thinking about God whether I was having a good day or bad day. Throughout the consistency of CVLD every morning I have not only learned about God but devoted my life to him. Being around a Christian environment helps because there is always someone there for you in the darkest of times. Even in the younger grades I have learned more and more about God and his story. Through catchy songs and entertaining chapels CELA has taught me about Christian values and what it means to be a Christian. I now go to church Sundays, biweekly on Wednesdays, (if it is open) and every night I spend time with God through prayer and studying the Bible.

All these reasons lead me to conclude on how much CELA means to me. It has taught me so much, brought me so many memories, and helped me obtain new friends who will be going with me to high school. I am so glad my parents brought me to CELA. Some of the memories were hanging out with my friends, chapel families, sports teams, chess, Lego club, and the amazing teachers that helped me through my time here.