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# Planning for the Fall #3 – Celebrating Teachers and Students

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The beginning of a new school year presents the opportunity to celebrate school ministry and the teachers and students returning to school.

### How to celebrate teachers and students?

### 1. Students

- Ask the students to bring their backpacks to church one Sunday for a backpack blessing.
- Do a Bible giveaway, providing third or fourth graders with their very own Bible.

### 2. Teachers

- Be sure to recognize both parochial and public school teachers.
- Call teachers forward in worship to pray over and bless them.
- Present them with flowers or a small gift.
- Remember to support them throughout the school year with notes of encouragement, prayers, and small gifts.
- Recognize members of the school staff as well.

### 3. Involve the congregation

- Ask individual members or couples to adopt a classroom or student.
- Suggest they send birthday cards, read to the children, and bring special treats around holidays.

## 4. Celebrate school ministry

- Do a prayer walk through the school and pray in every classroom.
- Schedule and publicize clean-up days.
- Ask teachers for lists of items people could donate for their classrooms.