## CHRIS HAUGEN RETIRES FROM THE KING'S ACADEMY AFTER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chris Haugen has blessed and served The King's Academy for 21 years but will be retiring at the end of this school year.



Mr. Haugen was a founding School Board Member and served on the Board for 12 years. He was also TKA's Assistant Principal for 6 years and Math Department Supervisor for 15 years. Throughout his tenure, he has taught a wide variety of subjects at TKA including Physics, Economics/Government, Bible, and Band. Currently, he teaches Algebra 2 Honors and Algebra 1. From Stanford University, he earned both a B.S. and M.S degrees in Engineering and an M.A. in Education, and he studied youth ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. Mr. Haugen also served for 10 years on the Young Life staff.

Mr. Haugen is known for his humor and insatiable curiosity along with his passionate desire to share what he has learned with others. In his teaching, he seeks to make things as simple and clear as possible, creating his own materials, workbooks, and videos to help students. It won't be the same next year on the Tecate service trip without Mr. Haugen's early morning trumpet reveille to wake the "troops" of students, parents, and staff.

"Chris has been instrumental in establishing the Math Department and keeping us on track. He has made outstanding contributions both in terms of instruction as well as ministry. Many times when I'm coaching students, I find myself saying, 'This is Mr. Haugen's method'. His investment in Math Club and competitions has blessed many students. And when our department meeting discussions would rabbit-trail, Chris brought us back with apt comments about our ministry purpose. We will miss his guidance, energy, humor, and wisdom." - Rick Palm, Math Department Lead

Mr. Haugen describes how God led him to The King's Academy:

I was on the staff of Young Life for 10 years, where I saw the needs of young people. My teaching experience in secular schools convinced me of the need to train students in more than just academics. I was excited to become involved when Jack McBirney told us of the dream to start a Christian school. My wife, Janet, and I joined the Board right away. I had to wait 2 years to teach at The King's Academy, until the school became big enough to need a full-time math teacher.

Principal Bob Kellogg reflects, "Chris Haugen has brought a deep passion with regards to his personal faith, his teaching, and his sharing of God's truth with students and staff. On behalf of the TKA community, thanks to Chris for his many years of dedication and service."

In June, Mr. Haugen will join his wife, Janet, as they move to Riverside to help their daughter and son-in-law with the grandchildren, two of whom have special needs. We praise the Lord for Chris Haugen's love of Jesus, his passion for teaching, his ministry to youth, and for his many years of dedication to The King's Academy,

If members of The King's Academy community would like to send a card or note to Mr. Haugen, please send it to him c/o The King's Academy, 562 N. Britton Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94085 or email him directly at <a href="mailto:Chris.Haugen@tka.org">Chris.Haugen@tka.org</a>.