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Educating and Developing the Whole Person for the Glory of God

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Dear Parents,

Our new tuition and fee schedule for the 2012-2013 school year has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Please see the attached Tuition and Fee schedule. We know the cost of a quality Christian education is a major sacrifice for many, and we are fully aware that the current downturn in our national economy is having an effect on everyone. We are committed to diligently managing your tuition dollars as faithful stewards, carefully overseeing our expenditures, and actively looking for ways to hold down tuition costs. However, we do take seriously our responsibility to steward the future of our school in a way that will provide excellence in personnel, programs and facilities, and the funding of these three areas is crucial to their level of excellence, particularly personnel.

The 6.2% increase for the 2012-2013 school year reflects those dynamics mentioned above. Our desire to attract and retain quality faculty, administration, and staff remains a priority. With the State of Texas significantly increasing teacher salaries over the last several years, we must remain competitive.

You may not be aware that 75% of our operating budget is for salaries, benefits and professional development. It remains our priority to provide our teachers with competitive salaries and benefits, so the largest portion of the increase (80%) goes directly to our faculty, reflecting our community's primary desire (based on the 2010 Parent Survey).

The remaining 25% of the budget covers operational costs – energy, technology, maintenance, insurance, safety, programs, textbooks and everything else it takes to maintain a school. As you can see, the majority of your tuition dollars are used to keep excellent teachers, coaches, and support staff.

Because we are a debt-free institution, none of your tuition dollars is used to pay interest or to retire debt. The land and facilities we all enjoy have been paid for by past and present donors who have given above and beyond tuition. We all reap the blessings of those who chose to sacrifice in the past!

We have committed to another year of our contract with SAGE Dining Services, as well. A minimal increase of \$20 per student per year will cover the increase in the cost of this service.

Thank you for giving us the privilege of partnering with your family as we carry out our mission to educate and develop your child(ren) for the glory of God.

May God richly bless you and your family in 2012!

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David Ward
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Ron Crosby
Vice Chairman

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Scott Dennis
Past Chairman