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A MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAN ANTONIO CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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## You Are Our Best Recruiters

That is right! Without a doubt our families are the best recruiters! And.....we have a small problem. Enrollment is great for next year, but the kindergarten is lagging. This is extremely unusual. We always have either a full or almost full kindergarten! And.....kindergarten is our feeder system for the first through fifth grades. Right now we have only 41 students in kindergarten and we usually have 70+ students primed and ready to start 1<sup>st</sup> grade the following year. Strangely enough, every other grade is full or near capacity! My personal speculation is that last year's economic downturn caused delayed enrollment in our pre-school program which has caused the 2010-2011 kindergarten enrollment to be low. Regardless of the reason, we are down roughly 30 students.

Two persons who are very close to the school have made a very generous offer as an incentive to our school families. For every student that is **REFERRED TO AND ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN** between now and the start of school, the referring SACS family will have \$500 credited to their tuition bill. This is for a maximum of 30 students! So, if you have Christian friends who wish to have a quality Christ-centered education, now is the time to act. Remember it is from now until the start of school. So become a SACS recruiter! Thanks for being our best advertisement for San Antonio Christian Schools.

## Administrative Change in the High School

It is with great regret that I am announcing that Todd Holzmann, Principal of the High School, has decided to not return next year to SACS. This decision was Todd's alone. Todd has served at San Antonio Christian Schools as coach, teacher, vice principal, and principal. In all these areas of responsibility he has been a credit to the school and to Christ. He has worked diligently and effectively and we hate to see Todd leave us. Todd feels God is leading him to serve elsewhere, particularly in the public schools and I agree that we need great Christian leaders in public schools now more than ever! We ask for God's richest blessings on Todd and his family in the years to come.

By the way, Todd will continue to serve through June and perhaps into July, depending upon his schedule. He and Tonia Willars will work closely with the new principal. Speaking of Tonia Willars, she will work as an assistant to the new principal to help with the transition. She will no longer work with discipline and will not be involved in student related issues. This coming school year she will work with the next principal regarding transitional issues such as learning our style of scheduling, recordkeeping, and a host of other things.

Finally, you should know that we have been actively seeking a new high school principal since Todd shared his decision with me a few weeks ago. I believe we will have our new high school

principal no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> and hopefully earlier. Please pray for God's direction as the position of High School Principal is so critical to the quality of our school. I have every confidence that God will clearly show us his best for the school.

## **School Board Meetings and Our Retreat**

There will be no school board meeting in June. The school board will meet for its annual retreat instead. The school board will be very busy the next few weeks as they set the course for the next school year, so please be in prayer. The next public session of the school board will be in July, so watch for details through Edline and over the internet. The date for the July board meeting will not be determined until the annual retreat. The August board meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Reminder Regarding Tuition Discount**

This is the first year in 20 years that the school will give a discount for paying the full year in advance. If you wish to take advantage of this discount you need to do this by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The discount is \$200 per full time student and \$100 per part time student. Also, we now take credit cards for tuition and fees. There is a convenience fee of 2.5% of the transaction amount when using a credit card. Just a friendly reminder 😊

## **Academic Committee for Enrichment**

**ACE** stands for Academic Committee for Enrichment. This committee is comparable to the Athletic Booster Club or the Band Booster Club. Their goal is to identify academic needs K-12 and to conduct fundraisers, gifting opportunities, and other ways to enrich the academic environment at SACS. Examples might be teacher training and development seminars, technology up-grades, teaching tools, reading materials, and equipment. Simply said, "**ACE** wants to give teachers the tools to be as effective as possible." Watch for a specific list of needs.

We have a \$10,000 match challenge already in place! Every gift to the **ACE Fund** will be matched dollar for dollar up to a grand total of \$10,000. I am truly excited about this opportunity to assist our classroom teachers! Mark your gift: **ACE Fund**.

## **Final Comment**

Just a brief follow-up regarding next year's principal at the high school. We are all so grateful for Todd's ministry over the years and we wish God's best for him and his family. Prayer is so important in regard to his replacement. Please pray that God would clearly reveal who He would have for our next high school principal. We are excited about several possibilities and we know that God is sovereign!

In Christ,

Alan Axtell