

Tuition and Registration Update

- Tuition and Fees will not increase for next school year
- Referral Program extended for next year
- New 12 month payment plan added
- Preregistration begins Feb 2nd

We are pleased to announce that tuition and fees will not be increased for the 2009-10 school year. The board discussed tuition and fees at its most recent meeting, and unanimously agreed to keep the current structure unchanged. Many of our families have been impacted by the difficult economic conditions, and we would like to do our part to help. Our current tuition and fee structure is sufficient to meet expenses with a modest increase in enrollment. Our efforts will be focused on just that, and we are confident that enrollment goals can be met for next year.

We currently have nearly 90 empty seats in our school. Although this represents a significant loss of potential revenue, the bigger disappointment is the lost opportunity to educate and disciple 90 children. **The mission of Grace Christian School is not to collect tuition and fees, it is to serve students, families, and our community.** By increasing our enrollment, not only can more students benefit from our programs, but we are able to spread the cost of operating the school across more families, thereby keeping tuition low.

To assist in efforts to increase enrollment, our referral program has been extended through next year. In November, we announced our referral program. This program is still in effect, and will remain so through at least next school year. We encourage GCS families to promote our school within their social circles. As an incentive to do so, any current GCS family which refers a new family to the school will receive a tuition credit equal to 10% of the 2009-2010 tuition paid by the new family. Additionally, any referred new family entering the school during the current school year will pay only a prorated tuition; No fees will be assessed.

We have added a new 12 month payment option. To help even out tuition and fee payments, we are now offering a 12 month payment option. This plan also includes the book fee in the payments. Under this plan, payments would begin one month earlier (July 1st) and end one month later (June 1st). This will help families avoid high payments in any one month.

Pre-registration for 2009-2010 begins on February 2nd. Registrations for returning students will be accepted beginning Monday, February 2nd. Returning students that are registered with fees paid by February 15th are assured a spot for next school year. After February 15th, registration is open to anyone, and space availability cannot be guaranteed. Returning families are strongly encouraged to preregister by Feb 15th. With the increased emphasis on enrollment, and a number of outreach initiatives planned, it is likely that some classes will fill up for next year. Also, we rely on preregistration numbers to set budget and staffing levels for next year.