

February 23, 2010

Dear Parent:

Thank you again for your confidence and trust in the faculty and staff of Ruskin Christian School. We know that having your child in the right school is of utmost importance to you. RCS continues to pride itself in a quality academic program with a positive social environment and a strong spiritual emphasis. Other benefits include a quality music and drama program, a competitive sports program for students in middle and high school, competition in the FACCS Spelling Bee, Creative Writing, the Fine Arts, and teachers that desire to teach in a Christ-centered atmosphere. Oh, and we have fun too! Remember Grandparents Day, Spirit Week, class parties, field trips, elementary field day, and class competitions. We also know that the safety of our students is a high priority. In recent days we finished installing our campus-wide camera surveillance system that now includes the inside and outside of the gym building. More than \$10,000.00 has been spent during the past two years improving campus security. We also spent an additional \$10,000.00 for demolition and remodeling of the new media center. In just a few days we hope to begin training our library volunteers to help us computerize our library books.

As we continue to make improvements in the school program and facilities, we must not forget our faculty and staff. As you know, the last two years there has not been an increase in the tuition and fees. What you may not know is during that time, our faculty and staff did not receive any pay increases. However, this upcoming year, we must increase the earnings for our faculty and staff. To do this, there will be a modest increase in the tuition for the upcoming year. You will find on the Tuition and Fee Schedule (enclosed) that the tuition will increase by only \$7.50 per week/\$30.00 per month.

Referral Incentive: For the upcoming year, for each new family that you refer to RCS, you will receive a \$200.00 referral credit on your account. The credit will be applied to your account after the new family has made two monthly tuition payments. Make sure to tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to let us know that "YOU" referred them to RCS. YOU are our best advertisement!

Re-enrollment: Re-enrollment forms are also included in this mailing. Current families have until Friday, March 12, to re-enroll their child(ren). Monday, March 15, begins open enrollment for new families for the remaining spots in each class. To guarantee a place for your child next year, please re-enroll him or her before the March 12 deadline. Once we begin open enrollment, I cannot guarantee placement for current students if they are not re-enrolled by March 12.

Current K4 Families: If you currently have a child in K4, you need to read this paragraph carefully. Next year there will only be one K5 class. Please know in advance that this class will have a maximum of twenty-eight students with a full-time teacher and a full-time teacher's aide. The K5 class will dismiss at noon unless child care is needed until 3:00 p.m. or up to 6:00 p.m. (see the Tuition and Fee Schedule).

Current 1st Grade Families: The first grade currently has twenty-five students and that is the same number that will be accepted into the second grade. If all re-enroll by the deadline, the class will be closed. At this time, I do have a new second grade student on the active waiting list for next year.

Please read the enclosed Tuition and Fee Schedule carefully. To re-enroll your child for next year, please complete the enclosed Student Registration Form and return it to the school office on or before March 12. Once a class reaches maximum enrollment, we will start a waiting list. The only payment required at the time of re-enrollment is a **non-refundable** fee of \$100.00 per child. ***The balance of the registration fee will be due on or before June 1.*** Please understand that if there is a waiting list for your child's grade and you do not pay the balance by June 1, there is no guarantee of placement for next year.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Amount due by March 12</u>	<u>Balance due by June 1</u>
K2	\$100.00	\$100.00
K3-K4	\$100.00	\$125.00
K5-6	\$100.00	\$225.00
7-12	\$100.00	\$275.00

12 Month Tuition Option: For returning families, we now have a 12 month tuition option beginning in June 2010 through May 2011. If you are interested in this program, please call and speak with Mr. Taylor in the office.

Christmas Holidays: The Preschool/Day Care will not be open the week of December 20-24. As you will see in the Tuition and Fee Schedule, the tuition for the year is based on 40 weeks (August 16, 2010-May 27, 2011, but does not include the week of December 20-24).

School Calendar: RCS will begin school on August 16, 2010, one week before Hillsborough County Schools. We will follow the Hillsborough County Schools annual calendar in regards to holidays and Spring Break (March 28 - April 1, 2011). Grandparents Day will be Wednesday, October 6, and our annual teacher conference is Thursday and Friday, October 7-8 (the school and day care will be closed). RCS will be closed on Friday, April 22, in observance of Good Friday. There are four days that the county schools will be closed, but RCS will remain open (October 29, January 14, February 11, and April 4). RCS' last day of school will be Friday, May 27; Hillsborough County's last day is Thursday, June 9. The above listed dates (for Hillsborough County School closures) were found on the county's website.

Thank you again for allowing us to be a part of the educational, social, and spiritual growth of your child. We look forward to another great year. If you have any additional questions, please call the school office at 645-6441.

Sincerely,
Tim Vanderveer

Principal