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Dear Faithful ECS Families,

Thank you for continuing to support Evergreen Christian School's program. I know that sending your child(ren) to ECS is a sacrifice. Know that what they leave here with is priceless. We look forward to the continued opportunity to share in your lives.

I am amazed at all that God has done at ECS in the 3 years that I have been here, let alone the last 37 years that the school has existed. The vision and mission speak for themselves. We see our students, year after year, leave here more than prepared for high school, and becoming solid citizens, future leaders, and world changers.

ECS (K-8th) is accredited through Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC). ECS Preschool is accredited through Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The accreditation process ensures that your child(ren) is getting the best teachers in the market who have chosen to teach at a Christian school. Most of you know that although our teachers are compensated less than the public sector, they give more.

Our school also continues to set and meet goals. In recent years, we have taken great steps in the areas of safety, technology, and curriculum. Below are some of the highlighted improvements:

#### SCHOOL SAFETY

- Updated emergency preparedness plans
- Posted emergency procedures campus-wide
- Campus-wide lockdown drills
- Fire drills that include earthquake drills
- Visitor check-in with badges
- Calls home for absent students
- Part-time nurse
- Partnership with a counselor
- Secured classrooms
- Communications radios for recess and office staff

#### TECHNOLOGY

- Document cameras and projectors for all 1st- 8th grade rooms
- Laptops for teachers
- Updating student computers
- Adopted Head Master (online grading program)
- Technology teacher
- Adopted a Technology scope and sequence for K-8th grade

#### CURRICULUM

- Review one to two curriculum subjects per year to evaluate
- Bible: Purchased new curriculum (pre-8th grade) with a complete scope and sequence
- Reading: Purchased Accelerated Reader
  - Integrated DIBELS Next as Reading Assessment tool K-8th grade
  - Purchased Diagnostic Decoding Survey (DDS) materials
  - Provided staff with training in both DIBELS Next and DDS
- Writing: Adopted National Common Core Standards for Writing Scope and Sequence
  - Adopted Six Traits of Writing as a tool for teaching writing
- History: Being reviewed this year
- Misc: Provided Training in Special Needs (Autism, Asperger's, ADHD)
  - Purchased Assignment Notebooks for all students 1st - 8th grade



*You can see why we believe that ECS is the best school serving the Puget Sound.*

At ECS we value:

- Our students and their families
- Our staff
- Excellent education
- Christ-Centered curriculum
- Competitive tuition

We are committed to continue to maintain and attract excellent and quality teachers who provide excellent education with devotion to Jesus Christ. In addition, we will keep moving forward with our research and updates on our curriculum, safety practices and technology.

Because of this commitment to the integrity of our program, as well as the increased cost of health care for our staff and that we continue to utilize 88% of our budget for staffing cost, we find it necessary to increase tuition. (We will not be increasing extended care, registration or sports.)

The ECS Administration and Advisory Board have worked tirelessly to ensure that we are not increasing tuition one more penny than what is absolutely necessary. We understand that this will impact your personal budget and have decided to split the increase over the next two years instead of all at once. Effective September 2012 we will begin an approximate 6% tuition increase and again in the fall of 2013. This breaks down to an additional \$30 per month for the 2012-2013 school year.

For your reference, we have listed the current tuition of local private schools.

ECS	K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$5350
Holy Family	K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$5749
Community Christian Academy	K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$5950, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$6400
Cascade Christian School	K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$6760, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$8300
St. Mikes	K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$7600

Know that we will continue to love, partner, teach, guide and inspire your children for many years to come.

Serving our students together,

*Cyndi Pollard*

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Principal