HEAD OF SCHOOL - HOT TOPICS -JANUARY

Please read the ENTIRE newsletter carefully. There is a ton of new information that is important for upcoming <u>Registration</u>, <u>Kindergarten Readiness Blog</u>, <u>Annual Fund Update</u>, <u>Summer</u> <u>Registration</u>, and <u>More</u>....

Happy New Year



Staff Christmas Party Cheer!!



Thank you all for allowing us this opportunity to unwind and fellowship before the Christmas Break. We had a great time!! And thank you for your thoughtful and generous gifts, we all felt so loved and appreciated!!!!!!!!!

UPCOMING REGISTRATION & OPEN ENROLLMENT

Each year the School Board and I run comparisons of other surrounding schools to ensure we are providing the best value for our services, but at the same time being able to cover our expenses. I am confident that St. George's is offering the best value, but we are struggling to keep up with costs to maintain this value. So in order to continue the high quality standards that we are known for, the School Board unanimously decided for a <u>tuition increase</u> that surpasses our typical 3% each year.

I want to be certain to communicate this now, so you are not surprised when it comes time for your consideration to re-enroll in the school. It is no surprise the effects inflation is having on all services and industries across the nation. I wish inflation could somehow bypass us, but, unfortunately it has not.

With that said, I am posting the school's new rates, so you can begin to budget appropriately. The cost of child care is alarmingly high, there is doubt of that, therefore we are committed to maintain our level of professionalism, knowledge, expertise, and compassion in order to provide a strong start for those who are the world's future. REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

February 20 - Currently enrolled families enrolled in Early Bird<u>and/or</u> Fun Zone

February 21 - Currently enrolled families using school day only February 22 - Currently enrolled siblings and church members new to the program

February 23 - Current waitlisted families

February 24 - Open enrollment to the community

- Registration will be online.
- A future email and links will be sent out after the first of February.
- All families will pay an annual enrollment fee (\$175) at the time of registration.
- More information can be found<u>here</u>.



It's official. Ms. Cindy has stepped into a new roll here at the school. She is our new Administrative Assistant. For those who are unaware, Ms. Cindy knows St. George's better than anyone. Her 19 years at the school is exactly the expertise we need in the office. Her knowledge of the inner workings of the school and ability to think, not only, like a teacher, but also, a manager, is the perfect combination I have been searching for. She announced to me in late fall that this would be her last year in the classroom and I immediately knew the perfect solution. Luckily, she agreed, and so she begins her new journey with us still. 🕲



Annual Fund Update

- We surpassed our 1st goal.....]Drum Roll Please - \$17,850.
- We came close to our 2nd goal....77% participation
- 9 families are invited to the Donor Party for donating more than \$400
- 2 corporate matches were made
- And the ROSE ROOM wins the Pete the Cat dance party for 100% participation

I am <u>Thankful</u> for our PTF Chairs Carson Quinn Amber Manzanilla Kristen Larrea I am <u>Grateful</u> for such a wonderful community of families The school is <u>Blessed</u> because of your generosity

Summer Registration

- Opens February 27
- Online registration (email sent after school year registration)
- First come, First serve, so start making your plans now
- Community registration opens March 6
- Pricing and Options found <u>here</u>



Jerri's Blog

It's that time of year when parents of Pre-K students are wondering what the next step for their child should be - - - Kindergarten or ??? Here is a <u>video blog</u> I put together to hopefully give you some things to think about and direction to go, along with a list of private and public schools to investigate. The <u>list</u> is not extensive and in no particular order of preference.