

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind...and all of Romans 12

Dear SCA Friends and Families:

January marks the end of the first semester of the school year and the official start of 2022. We pause to look back at 2021 – the year when Tacoma Baptist Schools was transformed into Sound Christian Academy – a year of abundance!

Last year God blessed our community in so many ways. Just a few of the highlights include:

- The final year as TBS ended with a fabulous, fun, and first ever *End of School BBQ Bash*
- The campus was refreshed with new paint and rebranded with new signage throughout
- Remodeled front offices, additional class space, and renovated administrative “G” building
- The gym was outfitted with Lions athletic logo art and mascots and a new theater curtain
- New curriculum in the elementary and several new teachers
- Leadership additions in Athletics, [Rick Noren](#), and Student Life, [Cameron Cox](#)
- An academic leadership structure led by Department Chairs and Leads
- The new school year as SCA started with a bang and the biggest *Back to School Night* ever
- We got our swag(ger) on with cool gear and spirit wear
- Enrollment spiked to a five-year high with 282 to start the school year which represents a 20% increase, our largest recorded spike
- Significant wage increases for those who serve as faculty and staff
- Rebooted international student program guided by [Rachel McGovern](#)
- A revamped science initiative led by Jerry Saldajeno
- \$40K invested in technology upgrades and updated [computer lab](#)
- Bolstered student services with counseling/success coaching facilitated by [Jared Hunt](#)
- The most successful fundraising events, including: the Golf Classic, *Run-as-One* and the Breakfast of SCA Champions.
- The finance department got a boost with new leadership provided by [Sara Halverson](#).
- [New coaching hires](#), the start of golf and the return of Rico Tipton this spring

We commemorated this moment in our 60-year history with a first ever publication entitled, *Renew: Honoring our Past. Embracing our Future*. Printed copies have been sent and delivered to more than 1,000 constituents to date. The digital copy [available here](#) has had a distribution of more than 1,200 to date.

We have appreciated the comments (and corrections or omissions) and intend for this commemorative publication to continue the conversations and relationships from our proud, rich heritage as we move forward.

Please continue sending updates and changes to: [Craig Craker](#). We will ensure that these adjustments are noted on the digital version and website when possible and as appropriate.

[The BOD](#) rearranged some deck chairs this year:

- We said goodbye to longtime board member and TBS/SCA champion, Ron Nelson, who now serves as our interim CFO. We are grateful for his wisdom and steadfast support.
- The BOD also saw the departure of Josh Kellcy as Secretary because of his wife, Becki, taking a full-time elementary educational role here.
- Both Ron and Josh remain committed to SCA serving on the [Advisory Council](#).
- We welcomed a new BOD member, alumnus and SCA parent, [Larry Lewien](#).
- Carri Jo Timmer has accepted the role of Vice-Chair, and Courtney McDaniel and Tracey Hall have stepped into the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

January also ushers in the new enrollment season. February 1 marks the start of re-enrollment for returning families.

We are going back to the future with tuition

Three years ago, we dropped tuition about 5% across all divisions. Then we froze tuition for all returning families through last school year (2021-22). This year we are increasing tuition for those families about 5% (2022-23).

New families last year (2021-22) paid about 3% more across divisions. This year those families will pay about 2% more (2022-23).

The net effect of these adjustments is that everyone, new and returning families, will be on the same divisional tuition structure moving forward.

We will continue offering incentives for those securing their seats early – and based on the current enrollment trends our recommendation would be to take advantage of these offers:

- Early re-enrollment fees discount and 6% tuition discount for full pay families: **Feb 1 – Mar 31**
- Regular re-enrollment fees and 4% tuition discount for full pay families: **Apr 1 – May 31**
- Open (re)enrollment fees and 2% tuition discount full pay families: **Jun 1 – Aug 15**

Financial Aid is available for those who qualify through [FACTS Grant & Aid](#), and we also have a variety of discounts for eligible families. We operate with a rolling admissions process, but we do have an Open Enrollment season to attract new families that begins April 1. Our financial aid pool is predicated on a first come first serve basis and based on budgeted resources for this important community enhancer.

Don't forget about our generous [\\$1,000 referral discount](#) for returning families from 2021-22 referring newly enrolled families for 2022-23!

Please check the [2022-23 Tuition & Fees Schedule](#) sheet for more details. (Note: most of the annual, activities, sports, etc., fees will remain static.)

Looking ahead!

As part of our *Digital Learning Initiative* to integrate technology in the classroom and computers across the campus our High School students will be engaged in a 1:1 laptop program. As part of their school supplies, they will be required to bring their own personal machine to school.

We believe these technological tools are invaluable for their educational experience, college or career path and personal pursuits. Stewardship and responsibility are part of the life-long learning process. Please see [the attached for more information](#) on the type of machine requirements and specifications necessary to interface effectively and efficiently on campus and in the classroom.

And stay tuned for the launch of our dynamic, newly developed WordPress platform, mobile friendly website! [Coming 02.02.2022 ...](#)

We are so grateful for God's blessings on our year of transition and this year of renewal.

The Lord bless you and keep you and your family.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you and your family.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you, and your family, peace.

Sincerely,

The Sound Christian Academy Board of Directors