



# Pontiac Christian School

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Beloved Pontiac Christian Families:

Hello! We pray that all is peaceful and well at your home.

We recently shared that the office has been preparing for re-enrollment for the next school year, 2011-2012, as well as the enrollment of brand-new Pontiac Christian families. And, just this week, our hardworking School Board spent several prayerful hours in deciding that tuition and fees would remain the same as this year.

Quoting the PCS Board, "We are doing everything we can, with everything we have been given, as proper stewards of the funds ... to make it possible for your child to receive such a quality, God-honoring education."

Looking at the school's finances for our current year:

- \$370,000 = the overall budget.
- \$220,000 = total tuition for Preschool thru Grade 8.
- \$150,000 = fund raising, donations, gifts.
- Historically, in private schools, tuition amounts to 70-85% of the budget: PCS' tuition is 60% of its budget.

Entering my fourth decade in education, please allow me to share a few insights which the Lord has graciously given me over the years:

- \$185,000 = PCS salaries for 12 full-time and part-time faculty/staff members.
- Wherever the school – public, private, parochial – salaries generally account for 70-85% of the overall budget. At Pontiac Christian, faculty/staff salaries are 50% of our budget.
- Specifically, concerning the salaries here, someone asked, "Why is this? How can it be such a figure?"
- Answering similar questions years ago, a pioneer Christian educator, Dave Bennett, stated, "Simple. Our people are ministers, not mercenaries."

Also, on behalf of PCS, I again say, "Thank you!" to all of those families who diligently keep their financial obligations up-to-date. As you can see (from the figures above), regular tuition payments help to take a big burden off people who care deeply for you and your family, day in, day out ... year after year after year. Praise God!

With love to you and yours, today and always (Numbers 6:24-26),

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