

March 1, 2006

Dear Parent,

As we kick off enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year, this letter details the revised tuition program that will be in place.

Attached are tables reflecting the tuition program for the upcoming year. For all K-8 students there will be a % savings based on the number of children attending school. We will also be offering a discount of \$130 per year off each child's tuition for those who sign up before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

As you will note, this reflects an increase of \$10/week for every child in grades 1-8. Preschool through Kindergarten will also have a tuition increase in proportion to the number of days the children in those programs are attending school.

This increase is necessary for several reasons as the school works to remain financially healthy. The school is currently operating at an unsustainable gap between our tuition income and our operating expenses. If we are to ensure long-term financial stability and continue to build upon the 48 year tradition of quality Christian education continues for generations to come, this increase is essential.

Even with this increase, BCCS will still only meet 74% of expenses through tuition. In addition to the tuition increase, we are pursuing the following strategies to further shrink this gap.

1. Prayer. Prayer is our number one resource for the school. Please, pray for guidance for the school, for an increase in our donor base, and for people to step forward who are interested in moving the school ahead.
2. Increased Enrollment. The board is forming an enrollment committee which will increase BCCS's name recognition in the community and drive enrollment. By expanding our mission to reach more children with a top quality Christian education, we also ease the financial burden on each family.

As a reminder there is **\$500** referral bonus for any new student who references your name on the application and attends school for at least one year.

3. Local Church Support. Increased area church support will be another focus for the coming year. Under the leadership of the enrollment committee, we will be approaching area churches for financial support as well as for recruitment of families. We have 80 churches represented within BCCS. If half of these churches donated even a small amount such as \$100 per month we would increase income by \$4,000 per month. This would be a great help in bridging our operating cost gap and would also help provide tuition assistance for those who need it. This would make a wonderful Christian education possible for many, many more children.

4. Broaden Donor Base. Increasing our donor base is also crucial. Attached to this letter is a referral sheet. We ask that you suggest names of individuals or companies who are not current supporters of BCCS but who may be interested in donating or sponsoring a family interested in Christian education.

The board has developed this new tuition program and financial strategy with much prayerful consideration. We again request your support in prayer as well, and encourage you to contribute ideas and suggestions as we work to ensure a bright and healthy future for what we feel is the best school in Battle Creek!

In Christ,

Heather Grogg  
Finance Committee Chair  
Battle Creek Christian School Board

## Battle Creek Christian School Tuition Program 2006-2007

This table details rates for children attending grades 1-8.

Number of Children	% Savings	Tuition per Child	Weekly Tuition
1		\$4,120.00	\$79.23
2	10% each child	\$3,708.00	\$71.31
3	18% each child	\$3,378.40	\$64.97
4+		\$ 500.00	\$ 9.61

This table details rates for children attending Kindergarten.

Number of Children	% Savings	Tuition per Child	Weekly Tuition
1		\$2,472.00	\$47.54
2	10% each child	\$2,224.80	\$42.78
3	18% each child	\$2,027.04	\$38.98
4+		\$ 500.00	\$ 9.61

This table details rates for children attending preschool. Because our rates are already lower than other area preschools we will not offer a discount on preschool tuition.

Preschool	Tuition	Monthly Tuition
Three Year Olds	\$740	\$61.67
Four Year Olds	\$1,000	\$83.33
Young Fives	\$1,700	\$141.67