



grace christian school

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GCS Families,

As we head into the new year and the re-enrollment season, I want to share my heart with you concerning how our leadership believes God is leading our school.

Here at GCS our primary goal is not to grow numerically, whether that be enrollment or the budget. We're committed above all else to producing an environment where Jesus is honored, students are loved, teachers and staff are supported, quality education is provided, and fiscal responsibility is practiced. If God chooses to add to our numbers beyond that, then we will humbly accept the responsibility of ministering to and managing the increase.

This week GCS received full-accredited status from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). In doing so, we've become one of 900 private Christian schools that is recognized for having met or exceeded institutional standards of quality in the areas of:

- Mission, Vision, Philosophy of Education
- Governance and Leadership
- Student Programming and Services
- Personnel – Credentials, Christian Character, Professional Development
- Instructional Programming and Resources – Our Quality of Education
- Student Care
- Character and Spiritual Formation of Students
- School Improvement – Strategic Planning and Implementation

On January 15<sup>th</sup> our school will receive full accreditation from AdvancED, making us dual-accredited by the top Christian and non-religious accreditation agencies in North America. In addition to the affirmation of, this greatly expands the opportunities our graduating seniors will have, as it significantly increases the value of our transcripts and diplomas in the eyes of college admissions departments.

I believe our local communities are increasingly looking for a place to send their children that will deliver all that God has set us on course to provide. It's been exciting to watch God preserve our school through so much and now grant us dual-accreditation, land expansion, enrollment and programing growth, and so much more.

In January we will be having a State of the School three-night event January 3rd, 7th, and 9th, at 6:30pm. I'll be sharing the vision for where we believe God is leading us, a more in-depth look at what accreditation means for our school, next year's tuition rates and calendar. I'll have the opportunity to field questions from parents about the school as well. Our goal is for each family to be able to attend one of the nights. The sign up link is available at the bottom of this page. Please sign up for one of the dates by January 1st.

Re-enrollment for current GCS students, for the 2019-2020 academic year will begin on January 14<sup>th</sup> and run through February 17<sup>th</sup>. On February 18<sup>th</sup> enrollment will be "open" to outside families. Four of our grades this year reached capacity and were "capped." This number may increase next year, as many families are already on waiting lists for current classes. Please take advantage of the closed re-enrollment period from January 14<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup> to secure your seats for next year.

Prior to opening re-enrollment we will publish next year's calendar, tuition and fees, student handbook, and parent agreement contract. When re-enrolling, please take a moment to pray and seek God's will before applying your digital signatures. If God so leads, we want you to be "All In" on Grace Christian School for 2019-20, which will be our school's fiftieth year anniversary, and I believe, one of its best years ever.

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The State of the School Parent Sign Up can be found on our website under parent resources or by clicking: <https://grace018.wufoo.com/forms/mwu96ac0zcv610/>

