December 18, 2018

Dear Parents,

As we approach our annual enrollment period, it is appropriate to reflect on God’s blessings and the many accomplishments of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff. Our fall Valley Vision describes many of their achievements. You may open the Valley Vision by clicking on the magazine cover shown here.

Attracting and retaining quality teachers with adequate compensation to afford the high cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area remains one of our biggest challenges. The dramatic increase in the cost of housing is particularly challenging. VCS is making every effort to close an approximate $20,000 pay gap between Valley Christian and other schools in the West Catholic League. This year we are increasing the teacher salary schedule by 5% plus increasing compensation for graduate degrees and other competencies of about 3%. We are also increasing employee retirement matching contributions from 4% to 6%. Our teachers have more influence on the success of our students than any other factor at VCS. We are making every effort to help ensure that our teachers can afford to live in the Bay Area to enable every student to pursue their Quest for Excellence.

As in years past, we continue to budget as tightly as possible. As our campuses approach 20 years of service the costs of maintaining our facilities increases. As well as the costs of maintaining and replacing of equipment. Tuition for the 2019/2020 school year:

- Grade 1-3 $15,270
- Grade 4-5 $15,875
- Grade 6-8 $20,270
- Grade 9-12 $23,335

Please go the to the Parent Portal at http://parent.vcs.net/ to enroll your child(ren) for the 2019/20 school year on February 1, 2019. February is re-enrollment month. If you complete your enrollment by midnight on February 28, it will qualify you for a discount off the normal enrollment fee. Please note that Valley Christian had an abundance of new applications during the last few years that we were unable to accommodate. You may ensure your spot is reserved by re-enrolling before the deadline. As of March 1, 2019, all current students that are not re-enrolled will automatically move to a waitlist.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the formal education of your child(ren). We look forward to another excellent year as we seek to live out our school theme, “Do it heartily as unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:23). May God bless you and your family this second semester, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another school year in the fall.

In His service,

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