

May 7, 2020

Dear TBS Families,

It is amazing to see how God continues to bless our TBS families and provides much to celebrate and be thankful for amid the Coronavirus pandemic. We are grateful to our faithful parents for your patience with the WA State restrictions and your perseverance in partnering with us during this emotionally, physically, and financially difficult time.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, TBS will celebrate its birthdate! Sixty years developing disciples of Jesus and leaders in the community to engage the culture for the Kingdom through biblically based educational services – ministering to families throughout the South Sound in the classroom, through athletic competition and artistic expression, social activities and service projects.

Imagine communication being conducted through landlines, rotary dial phones and no answering machines. Typewriters sans spellcheck. Carbon paper and mimeographs. Chalkboards, first black then green, with dusty chalk!

Things have certainly changed, and we are extremely appreciative for our faculty and staff who have adopted the social distance requirements and adapted to deliver modified instructional services. It is a remarkable time and our faculty and staff are truly remarkable educational servant leaders - remaining nimble while maintaining a standard of excellence and value that exceeds many in the market and remains above WA state standards.

We are mindful that this has been a challenging time for our families – those we serve and those who are serving. We believe God continues to care for the TBS community. As partners in this crisis, the TBS Board of Directors is providing the following financial adjustments and assistance:

- \$50 student services fee refund
- For those who took advantage of early re-enrollment (\$150 through March 15), thank you! We are look forward to celebrating TBS's 60th year with you!
  - If you have not re-enrolled, we encourage you to do so soon. God has brought many new families to our door during this time.
  - We will drop the current re-enrollment fee (\$250) to \$200 until July 15. (After which time the fee reverts to \$250)



- Our full pay discounts have been extended for two weeks for those that want to take advantage of a reduced annual tuition rate:
  - o 6% until June 15
  - 4% until July 15
  - o 2% until August 15
- As always, if you are experiencing financial hardship due to a loss of employment or reduction of income, please notify our finance department so they can work on a plan of assistance for you at this time.

We have seen God's hand at work at TBS through this COVID-19 epidemic. We are thankful not to have any reported cases among any of our TBS families.

We are making plans for our first virtual auction and year end recognition activities during the first two weeks of June.

Please check your weekly TBS e-newsletter (delivered Monday mornings on your desktop, laptop, and mobile device) and supplemental news delivered throughout the week. The latest updates will be provided in this manner and included on our <u>COVID 19 webpage</u>.

We are thrilled to have been selected as the <u>South Sound Magazine's 2020 Best of Tacoma</u> <u>Private High School</u>. This will be fun to celebrate along with our 60th Anniversary activities.

We are all truly blessed, even among the hardships, and know that we will get through this time together.

Sincerely,

Dwane Henning
TBS Board of Directors Chair