



Choosing Well...

"Choose for yourselves this day who you will serve." Joshua 24:14-24

2011-2012 Annual Fund



December 9, 2011

Dear Friend:

Making the right choices – isn't that what it's all about?

Board of Directors

David Newberry
Asneth McNamee
Andrew Vindigni
Mary Beth Hardin
Christina VanderKolk

Headmaster

Chris DeSanctis



Accredited by
Association of Christian
Schools International

Parent Teacher Fellowship

Jenny Winters
Tommy Pelletier
Guisela Lombardo

Administrative Assistant

Carol Nardi

Business Manager

Denise Lee

In America, many people are blessed with the ability to choose from a wide variety of learning environments for their children – public, private, and non-denominational Christian schools like Grace among them. We value this right to determine the school that will surely have an effect on our children's lives and futures as it's the place where they'll spend most of their days with teachers, staff, and peers.

The question remains: What type of school combines the right values, worldview, and academics for children?

Author and cultural commentator Chuck Colson believes some schools are moving in a direction that is very contrary to Christian beliefs, if not hostile:

Unfortunately, many teachers give their students the impression that Christianity has had no greater influence in American culture than any other religion. They do this when, as just one example, they spend a week celebrating Hanukkah but censor any mention of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. They do this when they promote lessons about religions in other countries while ignoring the dominant religion right in their own backyard. Or by teaching their subject matters as if God doesn't really exist or that Christianity is an historical artifact.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to reverse a district policy that barred the singing of Christmas songs like Silent Night. In response, Robert J. Muise of the Thomas More Law Center stated, "Religion has not been banned totally in schools but we're headed in that direction."

Something has to change. Or someone has to give. Grace Christian School (GCS) is committed to offering parents a different choice, but we can't do it alone. Would you consider giving to GCS' Annual Fund to help strengthen our financial aid program and close our budget gap?

(over)

“... growing children through Christ centered academic excellence”

The Bible clearly directs us to raise our children to be rooted in their faith and prepared for all the challenges the world has in store for them. Christian psychologist Clyde Narramore said, “A tree that is planted in poor soil doesn’t have the advantages that one planted in good earth has. Contrary to some beliefs, we do not grow through resistance. Children do not develop because they resist food. Their growth comes as a result of good food and care.”

At Grace Christian School, you can feel confident that our teachers are providing children with much more than an outstanding academic education. Godly character and a biblical worldview are also rooted in our student’s everyday experiences.

But to continue meeting this pressing need for quality Christian-school education, we need your support.

Will you consider a contribution to our Annual Fund today? Our school’s budget gap for this year is roughly \$85,000, and we need your help to close it. Your gift, large or small, will make a lasting impact in the life of a child.

Thank you for considering us, and I wish you and your family a remarkable experience this Christmas season as you reflect upon the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

With warm regards,



Chris DeSanctis
Headmaster

PS. Will you make your tax-deductible gift today by returning the enclosed reply card or calling 203-329-1482 with your credit card information? Your most generous gift to Grace Christian School’s Annual Fund means so much to our students and to me personally. Your gift will help us continue to fight for the hearts and minds of young children as we prepare them to become Christian leaders in this world. Thank you again, and Merry Christmas!