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Wednesday, February 2, 2006

Re: Update on GCA Fall 2006-2007

Dear Parents and Other Prayer Partners,

We have been working diligently to prepare for the coming school year. Thank you for supporting these efforts with your prayers, words of encouragement, and your hard work.

GCA is a not-for-profit Christian school dedicated to partnering with parents in the classical method of educating children. With this mission in mind, we have been exploring ways to strengthen this teaching partnership. After much research and input from parents, we believe that providing a Christian classical education within a university model framework best facilitates this goal.

This model will allow us to offer a schedule that provides families with more opportunity to be involved in the education process. Within the university model framework, new concepts are introduced in the classroom Mondays and Wednesdays. Families then have the option to reinforce the curriculum Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through either parent-guided study at home or instructor-guided study on-campus. Families enrolling in the in-home study plan will be provided with detailed instruction for the parent and assignments for the student.

**Schedule:**

Kindergarten:

*Tuition: \$3400/yr. (either option)*

Full-day on-campus M, W; home instruction T, Th, and F

– or –

Half-day on campus M – F 8:30 – 11:30am

Grades 1 through 4:

*Tuition: \$3650/yr.*

Two days on campus: M, W 8:30am – 2:45pm; optional F 8:30 – 11:30am

*Tuition: \$4850/yr.*

Five days on campus: M – Th 8:30am – 2:45pm, F 8:30 – 11:30am

**Enrollment:**

Monday, February 27, 2006, will begin the 2006 - 2007 Grace Classical Academy enrollment for grades K – 4, (for both returning and new students). Packets are currently being prepared for release.

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**Cost of Operation:**

Our tuition and fees are based on a minimum enrollment of seven students per class. Every effort is being made to keep costs reasonable. We are committed to class sizes which will not exceed 10 students per teacher, in order to maintain our hands-on, tailored approach to educating our young people. We prayerfully consider all financial decisions and pray we are good stewards with all we are entrusted.

**Uniforms:**

Grace Classical students are required to wear school uniforms; however, we are currently exploring options with some vendors and local discount stores to keep uniform costs to a minimum without sacrificing quality. There will be more information to follow in the near future on this subject. We will retain our colors: navy, hunter, and gold, but are working on design and cost at present.

**Fundraising:**

Last year, our GCA parents and teachers banded together to host a garage sale to help offset some costs. Though our budget did not require fundraising to cover our operating expenses, the garage sale proved to be a great blessing. God used it to provide just the amount to meet some special needs! Again this year, fundraising will not be required of our families or our administration. Tuition is the sole support of our program at this time.

**GCA 2006-2007 Calendar Dates to Remember**

Monday, Feb. 27, 2006	Enrollment for all 2006-2007 programs begins Program Information Meeting 6:45 pm
Thursday, June 1, 2006	First payment for 11 month payment plan is due (late after the 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday, June 15, 2006	Book fees due (to receive 15% discount); Prepaid tuition due (to receive 5% discount)
Saturday, July 1, 2006	First payment for 10 month payment plan is due (late after the 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturday, July 15, 2006	Book fees due
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006	Teacher work day
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006	Meet & Greet for student/parent/teacher (6:30–7:30 pm)
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006	School begins for students
Wednesday, May 23, 2007	Last day of school

For more information, please contact Melissa Jones at 832-721-2604, [mjones@gcakaty.org](mailto:mjones@gcakaty.org) or visit our website at [www.gcakaty.org](http://www.gcakaty.org).

**2006-2007 Fees**

The Application Fee of \$30 is due with your student's completed application. This is a nonrefundable charge to cover processing costs.

The Enrollment Fee is \$120 per student, and due when you sign the parent contract after your child has been accepted in our program. Parents of currently enrolled students verify the information on their personal information forms, mark the class types desired and return the form with the enrollment fee only.

Book fees are \$360 per full-time student in grades 1-4 (for both two and five day on-campus students) and \$285 for Kindergarten, due July 15, 2006. A 15% discount is applicable for book fee payments made on or before June 15, 2006.

Depending on the payment your family selects, the first months tuition payment is due on June 1, 2006 or July 1, 2006. The final payment on either plan is due April 1, 2007. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed on tuition payments received after the 12<sup>th</sup> of the given month payment is due.

**Grace Classical Academy 2006 – 2007 Tuition and Fees Table**

Class	Tuition/yr.	Enrollment Fee	Book Fee	Tuition/mo. (10 mo.) 7/06-4/07	Tuition/mo. (11 mo.) 6/06 -4/07
Kindergarten	\$3400	\$120	\$285	\$340.00	\$310/\$300
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> 2 day on-campus	\$3650	\$120	\$360	\$365.00	\$332/\$330
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 day on-campus	\$4895	\$120	\$360	\$489.50	\$445 each mo.