



**ST. EDMUND'S ACADEMY**  
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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Dear St. Edmund's Academy Parents,

The beginning of a New Year is always a time for reflection. The St. Edmund's Academy's senior administrative team; the Head of School, the Associate Head of School - education; and the Director of Finance and Operations – business affairs, extend best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2009.

With the current state of our nation's economy, all businesses are thoroughly evaluating the financial health of their organizations. St. Edmund's Academy's finances operate within a Board of Trustees resolution that calls for a balanced budget each fiscal year. For this current year which ends on June 30, 2009, despite increases in costs and reductions in investment income, and the potential for diminishing returns in other revenue sources, we are on a steady track to end this fiscal year with a balanced budget.

Although we are not immune from the ongoing economic turmoil, every prudent effort is being made to keep our "ship" steady in our daily management of programs and operations, in securing the funding from all regular as well as from new sources. St. Edmund's Academy's extensive ongoing policies and practices in place will continue to ensure the institution's financial health and enable us to carry on with our growth and development as a premier independent school. We are also prepared to work with parents experiencing unusual hardships due to what's happening and meeting their financial obligations to St. Edmund's Academy. Your trust and confidence in having your child(ren) at our School is of utmost importance to us.

Our enrollment is strong, reaching a ten-year high of 272 students. In early January and February, we will be welcoming several new students. Much of the success of our enrollment process comes from each of you. Your words of endorsement for what we provide daily are what drive a majority of our new enrollments. We thank you for your continued support in this area.

The re-enrollment process for the 2009-2010 academic year begins in late January. Accompanying your contracts for the new school year will be a copy of the Board adopted Student Tuition and Collection Policy. The two-fold goal is to (1) effectively communicate this policy at the time you activate your contract, and (2) to create a process that is fair to all SEA families for the setting of tuition and the collection of all school-related charges. Provisions are included in the policy that provide for a process to be followed for families needing help should personal finances become tight for a period of

time. When receiving your re-enrollment packet, please review this policy along with the other materials carefully, and please do not hesitate to call the Business Office with any questions.

St. Edmund's Academy has grown and thrived for more than sixty years since its founding in 1947. Throughout these years, the school community, comprised of trustees, administrators, teachers and staff, parents, alumni, and friends, has worked together when dealing with challenges directly and effectively. We understand the importance of mutual respect, mutual confidence, and mutual trust when holding firm to our mission through the programs and services we provide. St. Edmund's Academy is and must always be a wonderful place for our children to flourish in all ways. Facing challenges together will only strengthen our community and the resolve to sustain and enrich our mission. Thank you for your continuing encouragement and partnership.

Sincerely yours,

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Head of School

Susan Miller  
Associate Head of School

Diana McAllister  
Director of Finances and Operations