

# Pen Bay Christian School

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Dear PBCS Families,

The School Board is excited to share with you all the wonderful things the Lord is doing at Pen Bay Christian School this year. In addition to the many services of our school that you know and love, we are adding some exciting new features that expand and enrich the education we provide.

As in years past, we will continue to offer a multi-child discount: 25% off tuition for the second child in a family and any additional children attend FREE! Another unique aspect of our school that will remain unchanged is the use of a peer intervention learning model, which allows the entire student body to participate in projects together, such as chapel, the Christmas program, and others. This promotes unity and teamwork, as well as opportunities for our students to build godly character and spiritual formation.

There are many new features we are adding to the PBCS experience this year. First, the school has made a big investment in technology, and additional teachers have been added to reduce class sizes. We are currently advertising for a foreign language teacher in hopes of offering either Spanish, French, or ASL to our students. Parent volunteers are working to get a PBCS soccer team ready (more information to follow). The PBA will be providing pizza for hot lunch once a month as a special treat for our students. Lastly, Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church has purchased a Gaga pit for our students to enjoy.

The tuition rates for the coming school year are as follows: three-year-old preschool is \$1,650, four-year-old preschool is \$2,200, kindergarten is \$2,800, and grades 1-8 is \$3,800. Like last year, the first monthly payment is due September 15<sup>th</sup>. The slight increase helps us budget for computers for each student and teacher in a serious effort to be more prepared for online learning on snow days, possible future quarantines, and other in-class training. With restrictions on group gatherings, it's not possible to do all the fundraisers we have had in years past to minimize tuition. We will have more volunteer opportunities than in the past so parents can be a helpful part of the school in their best individual ways.

The last item we wish to address is our reopening plan. The School Board has worked closely with our teachers and staff to develop a plan which includes safe, effective measures based on CDC recommendations, yet are minimally restrictive to our students. The exact details of the plan may change over time. Please know that we have put many hours of prayer and hard work into making this a great year for everyone. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Grace & Peace In Him,

The Pen Bay Christian School Board