

Dear SCS Family,

This Spring has been challenging for Sunnyside Christian, but, then again, it has been challenging for almost everyone. Each one of us would be more than happy to never hear the words “coronavirus”, “shelter-in-place”, or “social distancing” ever again. However, challenging times should bring us to Scripture. In Romans 8:28, Paul teaches that “we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” This verse does not say that everything that happens to us is good; rather it says that all things are working together for our good. God can bring good out of trials and tribulations.

In addition to recognizing God’s word of encouragement and hope, the SCS School Board has decided to offer financial encouragement to its families by offering a partial tuition credit, a waiver of its Building Use Fee, and a waiver of its summer cleaning requirement. SCS is not obligated to provide any of these to its families since SCS teachers, staff and administrators continue to teach and work to provide a distinctly Christian and quality education. The school year continues and will be completed. Nevertheless, the SCS School Board understands that there may be those within its society that may be suffering an extraordinary hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and wishes to offer some help to those families.

Here is the financial encouragement that is being offered by the SCS School Board for all children who are students at SCS for the entire period from March 17, 2020 through the end of the current school year (2019-2020) and who, except for High School Seniors, enroll at SCS for the next school year (2020-2021):

1. **Tuition Credit for the 2020-2021 School Year.** Each eligible student, who was in any grade at SCS from 3-year old preschool through a High School Junior during the current school year (2019-2020) shall be entitled to a credit towards their tuition at SCS for the next school year (2020-2021) in the amount of **\$250**. This is a per student credit, so families with multiple students are entitled to multiple credits. A family’s acceptance of Tuition Aid for either the current school year or the next school year will not affect the tuition credits for their children, although they must be paying at least \$250 in tuition for a student in order to receive the credit for that student.
2. **Tuition Refund for Current High School Seniors.** Families with High School Seniors will be given a refund for tuition paid for the current school year in the amount of **\$250**. These checks will be mailed by SCS by the end of June unless the family contacts SCS and request that their \$250 be donated rather than refunded.
3. **Waiver of the 2020-2021 Building Use Fee for Registrations Delivered by June 11, 2020.** Families registering eligible students at SCS for the next school year (2020-2021) will not be required to pay their **\$400** discounted Building Use Fee if they register with SCS by Thursday, June 11, 2020. Families who do not register with SCS by Thursday, June 11, 2020, will be required to pay the full **\$500** Building Use Fee when they do register with SCS.

4. **Waiver of Summer Cleaning.** Families will not be asked to participate in the cleaning of the SCS' facilities this summer, nor will they be asked to pay the **\$200** fee for not participating in such cleaning.

The financial encouragement offered by the SCS School Board is a hardship for its own budget. Therefore, if it is possible for you to do so, we are asking that you consider donating your tuition credit, your Building Use Fee, and/or your summer cleaning. Those making donations will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. For those who wish to donate their tuition credit or tuition refund, they may contact SCS at suzanne.moore@sunnysidechristianschool.org. For those who wish to donate their Building Use Fee, they may include payment of the Building Use Fee with their registration for next school year. For those who wish to donate \$200 for summer cleaning, they may make a payment to Sunnyside Christian School and send it to 811 North Avenue, Sunnyside, Washington, 98944.

Together, let us remember that we have hope in Christ, and that with this hope we should encourage one another. Returning to Romans, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4.

Sincerely,

Rob Faber, SCS School Board President