

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

As I reviewed the enrollment data for the 2023-24 year, there were a number of things that I wanted to share with you. God continues to bless our school and I am grateful for every family who chooses to partner with us in the education of their children.

- The 2023-24 school year had the highest enrollment in the history of the school, a modest increase over last year. Total enrollment is 1,426 students.
- We had a 92% reenrollment rate, the highest in my 12 years here. The national gold standard is 89% or higher.
- We continue to grow in diversity with 44% of students being non-Caucasian (versus 40% last year). I love the fact that we have done this without embracing DEI ideologies that divide, but rather by celebrating the fact that God has made each one of us in his image. We want to reflect the beauty of his creation.
- We also continue to have economic diversity with 42% of families receiving some level of tuition assistance. Our special needs program, fairly unique among Christian schools, operates at capacity which also adds diversity to our student population.
- The number one source for families interested in our school continues to be referrals from current families (or staff or students) and represents 62% of all inquiries.
- The top-cited reason for applying (94% of applicants) was because of the “Christian Focus” of the school ahead of “Academic Reputation” (76%) and a number of less cited reasons. Since a peak of 23% in the 2020-21 school year, the percentage of people applying because of dissatisfaction with their current school has dropped to 15%.
- We had our highest ever percentage of rejected applications with about 50% of those rejections being for missional fit. We take no joy in rejecting a family and try to discourage families who are not a fit from completing the application.

I would anticipate that as we go forward our preschool and lower school enrollment will remain fairly flat (because of how close to capacity we are), while we will have a bit more growth at middle and upper school campuses.

Upcoming Dates:

Accreditation visit – WASC visiting team – October 15-18, 2023

Homecoming – October 20-21, 2023

Fall Parent Society Meeting – Monday, October 30, 2023 – 7 pm LS Gymnasium

Enjoy your week!

Brian