



# TACOMA BAPTIST SCHOOLS

February 28, 2020

Dear TBS Friends and Families:

It is encouraging and exciting to see God's hand at work at Tacoma Baptist Schools this year. Thank you for the blessing of your service and support as we develop disciples of Jesus and community leaders.

The TBS Board of Directors has an update to provide from Admissions, Advancement, Athletics and the Administrative Leadership Team.

## **Admissions**

Our enrollment process is underway. We are having great conversations with many new and alumni families for the 2020-21 school year.

Our returning families remain a priority. We want to remind you about our \$1000 tuition discount for current families who refer new families.

We will also be extending the re-enrollment process for two weeks – until Friday, March 13. Be sure secure your spot for next year.

## **Advancement**

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction, *Decades of Diamonds*, Saturday, March 21, will kick off our yearlong 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. *Director of Advancement*, Sue Ellen Rush, has been working diligently with volunteers on the Auction Committee and various school representatives on all the details to ensure this will be the best auction yet! Please plan to join us for a spectacular event and fun evening.

We are pleased to announce that Debi Hayes has accepted a full-time role as *Development Assistant*, including responsibilities for coordinating school-wide fundraising, special events and projects. Mrs. Hayes will continue in her role as *Parent Volunteer Network* and *Booster Club Treasurer*.

## **Athletics**

Myra Norman is a girls' volleyball coaching veteran with over 20 years of success, including three stints at TBS (most recently with the middle school program). Coach Norman is also currently coaching at the *USVBA DaKine* volleyball club. Myra has agreed to take the reins as the girls' varsity Head Coach and 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball program director. She is also a full-time teacher at TBS, working with athletics, yearbook, and Spanish.

With an NCAA D1 playing career as a Cougar at Washington State University and a year in the NFL as a Seattle Seahawk, followed by 34 years of high school and collegiate startup, turnaround and championship coaching success, we are grateful to introduce Rico Tipton as our new Head Football Coach and 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade football program director.



Coach Tipton will have a full-time presence on campus as a physical education instructor, student mentor, as well as assisting with youth sports and athletic department administration.

### **Administrative Leadership Team**

*Athletic Director*, Beth Wing, will be expanding her role to include *Associate Dean of Students*. In this capacity Mrs. Wing, will partner with *Dean of Students and Spiritual Life*, Jim Barnes, on mentoring programs and discipline processes with a focus on our female students from K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Additionally, Beth will *Chair* the newly formed *Exercise Science Department* to develop a cohesive K-12 curriculum for physical education, health/wellness and nutrition.

With this change, Dwayne Beavers will become our *Director of Facilities and Transportation*, reporting to Nora Gass, Administrative Director, and working with the Business and Operations Office.

Joining Dwayne, please welcome, Michael Menchaca, as full-time *Facilities and Transportation Manager*.

Kara Kelly, *Business Operations Manager*, will be relocating with her family to Puerto Rico in June. We are seeking a *Full Charge Bookkeeper* to replace her. Alisha Brotherton has been promoted to *Student Services Director*, overseeing the BASC program (managed by Amy Robinson) and managing the Student Center.

After 30+ years at TBS as a student, educator, parent and administrator, Julie Peterson, will not be returning as *Elementary Principal* next year. While saddened by the news, we are grateful for her years of faithful service.

The BOD and the Administrative Leadership Team are working together to ensure a celebratory and seamless transition for Mrs. Peterson as we determine next steps. More details will be forthcoming.

Lastly, the TBS BOD is planning to grow. We are looking to expand and enhance our membership with committed Christian leaders who have a heart for faithbased, private education and a passion for TBS.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in being a candidate, please email TBS BOD Vice Chair, Pastor Craig Kessel at [ckessel@tacomabaptist.org](mailto:ckessel@tacomabaptist.org). (If you are referring a candidate, please inform them of your intention as part of our introduction.)

Blessings on you as we March toward Spring!

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