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Dear Parents,

It is hard to imagine that Christmas is almost here and it is time to begin thinking about January registration dates. The phones in the PDO office have already started ringing regarding registration for next year and the tours for new parents have begun!

St. Matthews continues to implement developmentally appropriate practices in order to give your child an optimal school experience. We will continue to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will continue to offer PDO for babies 6-weeks old through age two. Children who are three by October 1st will move on to our preschool 3-year old program.

The only change that we are implementing for the upcoming school year is in regards to tuition. In the past we have broken tuition down over a ten-month payment period. This has been a little confusing and results in some families getting hit with double payments in May. In order to make things easier, we will be breaking tuition over nine months instead. This will mean a slightly higher pre-payment in May than the other eight months that we are in session. However, the total payment amount for the year will not change.

As always, we would like to extend to you, our "in-house" families, the opportunity to participate in "in-house" registration to ensure a spot for any child who is currently enrolled in the PDO/Preschool program or is the child of a SMBC church member. Registration will begin for all in-house families on **January 24th, 2006 at 9am**. Out-of-House registration for PDO will be on **January 31st, 2006 at 9am**. So many of our classes fill up quickly so try to be present on your enrollment day so that you are sure to get a spot!

All of the specifics regarding tuition and the registration process are attached. Please read them carefully and call or come by if you have any questions!

We are so blessed to have such wonderful parents that allow us to teach, nurture, and love their children for a few hours of the day during each week.

Sincerely,

Beth Wilmes
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PDO Director