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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Deep Valley Christian School. We are pleased that you are considering enrolling your children with us for 2011-2012.

Along with the enrollment packet available from the school for your consideration, we would like to highlight for you some of the reasons why we believe Deep Valley Christian School may be the right place for your family. The enrollment packet includes a "Welcome" brochure which describes the mission of Deep Valley, some of the special features of our educational program, and a chart showing the favorable educational results of our school as demonstrated by Standardized Testing. If you would like more information, or need questions answered before making an enrollment decision, we would be happy to speak with you personally.

DVCS exists to glorify God through spiritual and academic excellence. Our goals are:

- to equip our students to become **Christ-like** and to have a Christ-like influence on our world;
- to teach our students to master both **core academic knowledge** and **critical and creative thinking** skills, thus enabling them to become life-long learners, leaders, and problem-solvers;
- to help our students become bold **communicators** – able to listen, to write, to speak, and to use other mediums such as art, music, and technology to communicate effectively, persuasively, and confidently;
- to provide pathways for our students to exercise good **citizenship** -- developing their own God-given abilities and talents and providing opportunities to serve and to lead in our communities -- including our school, churches, local area and beyond.

To achieve these goals for life and leadership in the 21st Century, we are building a strong Content-Standards based curriculum designed to meet and exceed State Standards while placing an emphasis on active and experiential learning. Our students work hard in the classroom – but we also encourage learning "outside" of the classroom. This past school year, our DVCS elementary students had exploratory field trips to the Charles Schultz Museum, Sutter's Mill, San Francisco Exploratorium, Sonoma County Fish Hatchery, San Francisco Aquarium of the Bay as well as more local sites, the Ukiah CHP office and the Redwood Valley Fire Department. Our Junior High students celebrate graduation each year with an educational trip to a unique California site (last year Mt. Lassen). Our high school students participate each year in "CAL TERM", a one-week academic tour of a region of California – in 2010/2011, it was the "Gold Country", and each year our graduating seniors take a trip to Washington, D.C.

Deep Valley Christian School is fully accredited, Kindergarten through 12th grade, by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (the same evaluating agency which provides accreditation to

Stanford University and UC Berkeley) as well as the Association of Christian Schools, International, the largest non-Catholic Christian School accrediting agency in the nation. We also operate a State Certified and Licensed pre-school. We believe students thrive in small classes where teachers can provide personalized attention to help each student achieve to his/her highest God-given potential. Our small class sizes (limit of 16) have contributed to a track record of educational excellence which is demonstrated in standardized test scores that are significantly higher than those of the Ukiah Unified Public School District.

This is what we offer – the big question for parents is, “What does it cost?” To start with, we would have you understand that our tuition equates to less than \$4.00 per hour for each hour of instruction, not reflecting *available tuition discounts and scholarships*. How can we do that? Because we are very careful stewards of the finances the Lord provides – and we have a strong parent group that supports our school through their outstanding fundraising efforts. Every parent contributes his/her own special blend of time and talents to help us keep our tuition more affordable. Our enrollment packet provides information on our tuition and fee schedule for 2011-2012. If you have any questions about how to register for Deep Valley, we would urge you to contact Mrs. Peggy Huffman, at our school office, who is an expert on helping families with enrollment.

If you have questions about the academic or spiritual mission of Deep Valley, we are always available to parents. We would love to speak with you in person and further discuss how we might be able to meet the educational needs of your family.

The Best Is Yet To Come,

Pastor K.C. Jones, Executive Administrator and Deb Jones, Academic Coordinator