

### **Additional Questions and Clarifications Concerning Western**

1. Is Western currently negotiating a lease with the Anaheim Nazarene District for Upland Christian?  
No

#### **Corrections:**

1. **Computer time – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade have 80 more minutes per month in comparison to last year.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students visited computer class for 40 minutes every other week last year and this year it increased to 40 minutes every week.
2. Smart Boards have been added for 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school (not 4<sup>th</sup> grade).

#### **New Information Regarding:**

##### **Discounts, Fees That Have Been Dropped/Changed and Financial Aid**

1. **Kindergarten tuition rates for fall have been reduced by \$207.00 to be consistent with tuition rates for first through fifth grades (lowest rate in years).**
2. **K-5: Spanish fees** of \$35.00 per year will be dropped for fall. They have been charged for several years to help supplement the cost of the Spanish resource program. The Spanish program costs will be absorbed into the regular tuition increase.
3. **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Science lab fees** of \$10.00 will be dropped.
4. **K – 8: Daycare fees** for 09-10 are not being raised for 2009-10. In fact, we created a prepaid daycare rate plan, which **lowered** a full time parent's rate this school year by **\$237.50** per month. That is a **savings of \$2,375.00 for 10 months;** a huge savings for working parents desiring extended care experience for their child. The hourly rate was raised only \$.25/hr and is **not** being raised this year.

#### **Explanation of Fees:**

**Middle school and high school: All elective and lab fees** are used exclusively for the elective programs. In addition, the school budgets additional funds for electives as needed, such as the expansion of the choir, the establishment of the High school band program, and the expansion of theatre arts this year. **Elective and lab fees are not going up.**

**Middle school and high school: Science lab fees** are always completely used in the program to enhance the science curriculum, including labs. Specialized science equipment is used to make our science program exciting. The school has invested far more than what the lab fees cover on improving our science programs in our middle school and high school. Middle school added Smart Boards which enhances learning activities. High school's Smart Boards are on order for the science lab. **Science lab fees are not going up.**

#### **Financial Aid:**

Applications are available to all registered students in the Business Office. On the Covina campus, please see Janet Walton; on the Claremont campus, please see Georgia Carpenter. Applications must be submitted by June 1, for the 2009-2010 school year. Financial aid applications are submitted to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. FACTS provides Western with financial recommendations. However, Western's Financial Aid Committee also reviews the entire family situation in addition to the financial recommendation before awarding financial assistance.

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*Thank you for your continued partnership with Western and the many positive emails and calls that we have received in response to the 3 page letter sent out yesterday. I will continue to send a weekly update home to parents to keep the communication more open. In addition, look for the newly established weekly newsletters from the Preschool, K-8, and High School Departments. These newsletters will help keep you informed with your child's specific department.*

Partners in Christ for our kids,

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**First Day of School is September 8, 2009**