



## DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul*

Dear Parents,

It is with great anticipation and joy that I officially welcome you back for the 2011-2012 school year at Desert Christian Academy. As we all gear up for the tremendous opportunities awaiting us, I ask that you join me in praying for God's abundant blessing on our students, staff, and families. God has great things in store for each of us individually, as a school, and as a community.

### **Important Information**

New student orientation is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th, 5:00pm.

All School Classes start Monday, August 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

"Back To School Night" takes place Thursday, August 25th 6:45pm-8:50pm.

Wearing of uniforms will be fully implemented this year. We appreciate your patience during our transition last year. Desert Arc is open 9am-4pm Tuesday-Friday and by appointment, (760) 200-0564. Call to arrange the pick-up of all necessary uniform items.

### **Sports**

We eagerly await another exciting year of competition. Our defending CIF Champion Lady Conquerors volleyball team returns under the direction of new head coach Dana Graham. They begin their season against valley rivals Palm Desert and Xavier on September 7th and 8th. The Conquerors football team promises another outstanding season under returning coach Justin Tidwell and a core of exceptional athletes. Plan on coming out to our first home game on Friday, September 16th. Middle school flag football and volleyball will begin their seasons the first part of September.

### **Middle School Trips**

7th Grade Ironwood Trip - Wednesday-Friday, October 5th-7th. The tentative cost is \$250 with more information available at Back To School Night.

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip - An information night for this trip will be scheduled during the first week of October. Tentative cost will be in the \$2000-\$2200 range with a deposit of \$1000 due mid-October and the remaining balance paid in equal installments December and January.

Please welcome our new students and families to Desert Christian Academy. Most of them have come based on your recommendation and experience here. I would also like to formally welcome Mr. Greg Nelson, DCA alum and former valedictorian, to our faculty. Mr. Nelson will be teaching pre-calculus and middle school math.

We look forward to seeing each of you in a few weeks.  
Blessings to you all,

Mr. Blankenship