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To: SCS Families

From: Dr. Julie Giardino

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It is with great praise and anticipation that I welcome you to Seattle Christian School for the 2010-2011 school year. I know that God has much in store for us this year! As the most recent addition to the SCS staff, I have much to learn about SCS and I hope that each of you will share the great testimonies of God faithfulness to your family as the year progresses.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Julie Giardino. I have been married to my best friend, Mike, for 32 years. We have four sons: Nick, is 31 years old. He is a mechanical engineer at IM Cornelius in Illinois; Joe is 27 years old and he is married to his best friend, Jackie. Joe is a software engineer at Microsoft here in Seattle. Drew, is 25 years old and he is about to be married to Ashley in September. Drew is a financial analyst for Applied Systems in Illinois. Tony, is 22 years old and he will be graduating as a computer programmer from Bradley University in May of 2011. Mike and I are grandparents to Aiden who is 2 and to Caleb who is just 10 weeks old. These are our first grandchildren and I am here to tell you that it is just as wonderful as everyone says it is! (How great is it to be called Mi-Ma and Ram-Pa?) We will have the joy of being active grandparents, as Aiden and his new brother are living with their parents, Joe and Jackie, in Woodinville, not too far from SCS.

This year begins my nineteenth year in education. I earned my doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction, from Loyola University in 2001 and since then have been serving in administrative roles. I have worked in both public and Christian schools. I spent most of my eight teaching years in the elementary grades and have developed a great passion for these young learners and their tremendous sense of wonder. It is such an amazing thing to be able to nurture our young learners to see what God does with their talents as they develop.

My previous ministry was for the Lord at Harvest Christian Academy, where I was challenged to create a new school in 2003. Over the past seven years, I have served in the roles of Principal, Headmaster, and Assistant Superintendent. It was my great joy to present the Valedictorian award at our first high school graduation in June! Harvest now enrolls almost 700 students on two campuses and the Lord continues His faithfulness and legacy through the work of the staff that are called to serve there.

The most important thing to know about me is that I love Jesus with all my heart. God has blessed me beyond what I could imagine with a call to serve in Christian schools. Not only will I get the privilege of serving side by side with you, but I also will have the honor of worshipping God through serving Him at SCS. Mike and I are delighted to find a new church community to embrace, and we look forward to getting settled in Seattle. We are excited for the opportunity that SCS has provided and for God's many blessings that have been apparent as we have sought His calling to SCS.

I know that you have been patiently praying for our transition and we are so grateful for the protection that prayer provides. I am anticipating being in the Elementary Office beginning the last week of July and would love to meet your family if you have time to drop by. I would love to hear the stories of how you came to be enrolled at SCS. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy your summer break and get ready to gear up for an exciting school year!