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Press Release

St. Paul's Academy Acquires Additional Real Estate and moves

Little Epistles' Preschool to new Meridian Street Location

The Board of Trustees of Saint Paul's Academy is proud to announce a lease to own purchase agreement for the building and lot at 3230 Meridian Street, for the purposes of housing its preschool program and offering a new and expanded Preschool and Child Care program for Fall 2010.

St. Paul Academy's Little Epistles' Preschool is moving from its current Walnut Street location and will now be located in the former Boys and Girls Club building (currently Kids World Center) at 3230 Meridian Street, a few blocks from our Main campus.

"The Board made the decision to move the preschool based on our need for more classroom and play space. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, our former landlord, raised the rent significantly on the Walnut St. location and limited our lease to an annual renewal; we felt it would serve our families better to have a long term facility arrangement that allows us to keep our tuitions affordable and expand our programs. Says Bruce Litherland, Board President.

"The new building has significantly more space with a full size gym, double the classroom floor space and a much larger outdoor play area than our current location, and is far closer to the rest of our campus. Our preschool teachers, all of whom plan to make the move to the new building, are very excited about the new space and are currently planning their classroom improvements." reports Stephanie Sadler, Head of School.

The new building will be named the St. Paul's Academy Activity Center. St. Paul's will continue to provide our excellent NAEYC accredited preschool program and we look forward to adding on full day preschool and wrap around preschool care options to increase our ability to serve Bellingham families. The Activity Center gym will also be open for rent to community groups. We look forward to serving the community not only as a school but also as a meeting and gym space for recreation programs, sports teams, and church organizations, as the building has been used for over 40 years. This, along with the construction of our upper school, marks another great step into the future of St. Paul's Academy as an outstanding non-denominational Christian School benefiting the students of today and our community of tomorrow. St. Paul's Academy and Little Epistles' Preschool are still accepting applications for the coming academic year. Please contact us at 360.733.1750 for additional information.

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