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DID YOU KNOW?

We would like to highlight an important fact: At the proposed 2010-2011 tuition levels, each student's tuition is being subsidized by our fundraising efforts by approximately \$2,000. We would like to point out that, **you have the opportunity to decline this subsidy.** If you are able to forego this subsidy, RJDS will then utilize **ALL** of these precious funds to further enhance the programs and services at our school - **our Children will be the winners!**

Depending on your tax bracket, you could get back up to 43% of what you donate back to the school per below!

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THIS AMOUNT BACK TO THE RICHMOND JEWISH DAY SCHOOL.

Total # Children in our family: _____ X \$2,000 per child = \$ _____
Total Donation to the School = \$ _____

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BACK TO THE SCHOOL BUT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT:

Suggested Amounts

Total # Children in our family	X	\$180	=	\$ _____
		\$360	=	\$ _____
		\$500	=	\$ _____
		\$1000	=	\$ _____
Other		\$ _____	=	\$ _____

Other Total Donation to the School = \$ _____

Above amounts will be invoiced separately.

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Please Print)

(Signature)



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Who do I talk to if I have questions on this package?

MJ Brown can answer questions regarding this package and she can be reached at the RJDS office.

I have one child going into grade 4 and one into preschool. Do I still get the discount for having two kids?

Yes, even though there is not discount available for preschool children, the fact that you have one going into preschool at RJDS qualifies you for the discount on the tuition for the older child.

Why do I have to enroll so early (February 26th) to get the tuition discount?

Planning, budgeting and hiring is done 6 – 8 months in advance of the start of the school year. In order to ensure accurate planning, to properly budget and to attract and retain the best teachers, we need to know, as far as possible, the numbers of students registered and the expected size of each class. Setting the cut off date in February allows us to do this.

Why is there an Enrollment Agreement?

As part of our Strategic Plan, RJDS has embarked upon a project to upgrade its business practices and enhance its governance structures. Clarifying our Enrollment Agreement is one part of this project.

Why is there a Withdrawal Policy and Withdrawal Schedule?

Every parent who sends their child to RJDS entrusts us to provide an excellent educational experience. In order to ensure we properly fulfill the trust placed in us, we must be able to rationally budget, based on known costs and revenues. Our budget must be set early in order to properly ensure we account for everything from staffing to maintenance to strategic initiatives such as our IT and Music programs. Our budget is based on our enrollment because our expected tuition revenues, and the amount of funding we receive from the Province and from Jewish Federation are all based on our enrollment. RJDS, and each family that is part of our RJDS community, relies on the promise made by every other family to contribute their fair share to the total budget of the school. It is not fair if a family makes a registration commitment and later withdraws from that commitment without paying, because when it made budget decisions and signed contracts RJDS relied not only on the tuition but also on provincial and Federation funding, which can be lost when a family withdraws. The Withdrawal Policy and Withdrawal Schedule is necessary to ensure that our school and our programs are not adversely affected if families change their minds after the school has already signed contracts or committed funds in reliance on enrollment commitments.

What happens if my financial circumstances change?

This can happen and RJDS is sensitive to it. If the financial change makes it difficult to continue with the current tuition, special requests can be made to the Assessment Committee through the main office outlining the changes and special considerations being requested.

Is it true that Kindergarten might be going to a full day program?

No, RJDS will not be moving to a full day program for the 2010-2011 year. If this change happens the following year, an update will be given in next year's application package.

I received a Tuition Assistance Guarantee last year, do I need to provide information this year?

No, if you are receiving a Tuition Assistance Guarantee again with your package, no other information is required. The only exception to this is if you are enrolling additional children in K-7 that are not currently enrolled.



For the 2009-2010 year, I had one child in grade three and one in preschool – both at RJDS. Since I received a Tuition Assistance Guarantee for this year, does that mean that I am not eligible for the Tuition Assistance amount I got in the mail?

Because your current Tuition Assistance Guarantee is based on having one child in K-7 but next year you will have two children in K-7, you are adding an additional child so the Tuition Assistance Guarantee does not apply. In this case, you would have to complete the full Tuition Assistance Package.

How do the after care hours work on Fridays?

During the winter months when Shabbat starts earlier, the school's regular end time is shortened to 2:30pm. During those months, the after care hours are shortened as well from 5:30pm to 4:00pm.