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July 13, 2007

Dear Parents:

Following extensive negotiations with competing bus companies, the School has signed a 3-year contract with Laidlaw Education Services to provide student transportation from Newport Beach and Laguna Beach. A requirement of these negotiations was that the successful bidder would provide new buses with 3-point seat belts for each student. These buses have been ordered by Laidlaw and are expected to replace existing non-belted buses by November. The operating cost is considerably higher, but we have done everything possible to minimize the increase to you. However, since we are paying for seats both ways, used or not, we can only offer round trip fares this year.

- ✓ **2 Newport express buses: 59 students per bus, 118 spaces available**
- ✓ **1 Laguna Beach bus: 59 spaces available**

Fee: \$1,400 per student per year. That works out to only \$8.19 per day over the school year!!

Payment is due in full by August 17, 2007.*

Inadvertent Delays

In case of an afternoon bus delay, please call the school's reception desk at (949) 661-0108.

Riders and After School Activities

A daily, late shuttle will serve students participating in after-school activities. The shuttle will depart SMES (Highland Hall) at 6:00 p.m. every school day except as noted on the attached schedule.

***STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN THE BUS PROGRAM
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RIDE LAIDLAW BUSES.***

Thank you in advance for your participation in our bus program.

Sincerely,

Nancy Jones

(949) 661-0108 Ext. 262
nancy.jones@smes.org

**Financial assistance may be available for those receiving aid for tuition fees.*

Newport Express Bus Service

Student's name(s)

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Bonita Canyon Sports Park (on Ford Road by the park sign)

Number of students _____ X \$1,400 = \$_____ Total

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Laguna Beach Bus Service

Student's name(s)

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Emerald Bay Main Gate Park and Glennayre (*Laguna Beach Library*)

Number of students _____ X \$1,400 = \$_____ Total

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Please make checks payable to: St. Margaret's Episcopal School
Attention: Nancy Jones
31641 La Novia
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Parent Signature

Phone: _____

email: _____

Cell: _____

Please print

2007-2008 SMES BUS SCHEDULE

NEWPORT BEACH EXPRESS

7:05 am Departs Bonita Canyon Sports Park (*on Ford Rd. by the park sign*)
Toll road to St. Margaret's

3:15 pm Departs St. Margaret's
3:40 pm Arrives Bonita Canyon Sports Park (*on Ford Rd. by the park sign*)

LAGUNA BEACH AM

7:05 am Departs Emerald Bay Main Gate
7:15am Departs Park and Glennayre (*Laguna Beach Library*)
Highway 133 / toll road to St. Margaret's

LAGUNA BEACH PM

3:15 pm Departs St. Margaret's
Toll road / Highway 133
3:40 pm Arrives Park and Glennayre (*Laguna Beach Library*)
3:55 pm Arrives Emerald Bay

Buses will depart SMES at 3:15 pm Monday through Friday.

Late Bus (servicing both routes) will start September 4, 2007 through Friday, May 16, 2008.

6:00 pm departs St. Margaret's

6:25 pm arrives at Emerald Bay main gate

6:40 pm arrives at Newport Beach Library

6:50 pm arrives at Ford Rd. (*city bus stop across from Bonita Canyon Sports Park, same stop as last year*)