



March 18, 2009

Dear Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Community:

Spring is in the air, our campus is in bloom, and not a day goes by that I don't stop and give thanks for this community that has so welcomed the Jones clan. As we head into the final stretch of the academic year, students are demonstrating subject mastery through the likes of Senior Exhibitions, creating giant "Pi chains" (7th grade) and celebrating Egyptian Day (4th grade). Our community continues to respond to requests of support with contagious enthusiasm and generosity. *There is a great deal of positive momentum at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School!* Furthermore, you should expect additional communications from the administrative team in the near future to solidify this trend.

Saturday evening's Annual Auction Gala not only allowed us to celebrate its 25th anniversary in a most elegant and lovely way, but it gave us the opportunity to come together and prove that support for our school – and for each other -- is undoubtedly strong. *Thanks to everyone who played any kind of role in making it the success that it was.* I have several related good-news items to share:

- Attendance at our gala was even higher than last year. As our gala committee and development office staff continue to calculate our proceeds, we know we have been equally successful as previous years and we should be proud about the number of us who participated and our prevailing generous spirit.
- Our "Fund the Need" effort for additional SmartBoards will allow us to purchase and install 21 more of these electronic whiteboards, along with projectors and audio, in classrooms across our campus. This will allow us to have a SmartBoard in every classroom from K-12, other than a few select areas, for the start of the '09-'10 school year. This is a remarkable achievement!
- Our Annual Fund Campaign, another of our largest fundraising efforts, has been deemed such a success, particularly when considering the high levels of participation, that **our anonymous donor has agreed to move forward with the gift of \$1 million toward the construction of our new Dining Commons!** Our donor – a fan and friend of our school who I don't believe will remain anonymous for too much longer – is excited and proud about the direction taken by this year's Annual Fund. As part of the planning process, and to ensure that unnecessary costs are not incurred, we have sought input about design of the new facility from key members of our faculty and staff, and we are working closely with a recommended kitchen consultant. The sketches and engineering work from this process will help develop our final architectural drawings and plans.

Good stewardship calls us to be mindful of the gifts entrusted to us, and to use our resources wisely. This includes giving thanks and planning ahead. So, I would be remiss if I didn't close by asking us to do two things: 1) help me thank everyone who made our Annual Auction and our Annual Fund the great successes that they were just one last time, and 2) help continue our momentum by submitting your re-enrollment information for next year if you have not already done so. *Our projected enrollment numbers allow us to accurately plan for next year's teaching and programs to the very best of our ability.*

I'm looking forward to concluding our academic year on the highest of notes. Have a safe and enjoyable spring break!

With gratitude and a little bit of pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Jones III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles H. Jones III
Head of School