



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND

The M. Crist Fleming Global Village Deposit

Dear Parents,

TASIS has arrived at a critical point in its history as it positions itself to be the school of choice in Switzerland and among the best schools in the world. Our Founder Mrs. Fleming created a school on the core foundations of academic excellence and international understanding. Her rich legacy is carried on by a strong faculty under the able leadership of the Headmaster and Board of Directors.

Mindful that high-quality education happens only with high-quality teaching, last year the Board committed resources to improving faculty compensation, training and support. As part of a longer-range plan, the M. Crist Fleming Endowment Fund for International Understanding and Leadership was launched with a \$500,000 legacy gift from former TASIS student John E. Palmer. In years to come this will grow and allow funding of programs that will enrich the lives of TASIS students. Four years ago TASIS opened its doors to 45 elementary school children, and in just a few years we will cap that enrollment at its targeted 240. The John E. Palmer Cultural Center is rising quickly beside the Palestra. It will be completed in time for Parents' Weekend 2009. Every day we see evidence that TASIS is mustering and focusing its resources to serve its ambitious mission.

TASIS students deserve the best educational program and facilities possible. The Global Village Building Campaign began in 1999 with the Palestra and was quickly followed by the M. Crist Fleming Library and the Aurora classroom building. The Board decided to build out the Global Village to augment the facilities for the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools allowing all three divisions to stay on our main campus. The Campaign promises to make the TASIS campus the premier campus in Switzerland and among the best in the world. Within a year of the Palmer Center's completion we will see the Lanterna classroom and dormitory and Fiammetta classroom buildings come into use. Immediately on completion of these buildings we aim to start with other essential buildings: a practice gymnasium, a science center, two more classroom buildings, improved art studios, faculty apartments, an all-weather sports field, and underground parking. The projected cost of this ambitious building campaign is over CHF 40,000,000. The Directors and Administration are committed to funding these building projects without diverting further tuition revenue from faculty salaries or program enhancement. Therefore, we are introducing the M. Crist Fleming Global Village Deposit, CHF 7,500 for Elementary or CHF 5,000 for Middle and High School families, which will allow us to continue our building campaign at an aggressive pace. This deposit will provide more than CHF 2,000,000 over the next two years, allowing us to avoid dramatic tuition increases and begin the next phase of our campaign immediately upon completion of Lanterna and Fiammetta. This investment in the Global Village enables us to more quickly provide the facilities needed for an expanding school.

Generous donors have already financed the M. Crist Fleming Library and the John E. Palmer Cultural Center, and future donors now have the option of giving to the M. Crist Fleming Global Village Capital Campaign. It is not possible to rely on donations alone, however, so we are asking for your support through this small deposit. The M. Crist Fleming Global Village Deposit is fully refundable when your last child graduates or withdraws from TASIS.

Thank you for your continued support of TASIS.

Sincerely,

William E. Eichner
Director of Admissions