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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE HIGHER ANTICIPATED 2008-09 ENROLLMENT IN UPPER GRADES

Colorado Springs, Colo. –Head of School, Kevin Reel, announced The Colorado Spring School (CSS) will be making shifts for the 2008-09 school year to accommodate anticipated higher enrollment in grades 6 – 12. Changes will include:

- Housing the Upper School entirely in the El Pomar Academic Center
- Moving the Middle School to the Trianon Building
- Adding full-day PreKindergarten for 4-year-olds
- Discontinuing Preschool for 3-year-olds

“Since my arrival in July, I have spent a good deal of time talking with parents, teachers and our board about ways to build upon our strengths. We have always been a school willing to make changes, and this shows we can be agile and adapt to the ever-changing needs of the community, and to allow a greater number of students to benefit from a CSS education,” states CSS Head of School, Kevin Reel.

The El Pomar Academic Center which previously housed both the Middle School (grades 6-8) and the Upper School (grades 9-12) will be the home of the Upper School.

“The Upper School students are excited to have their own building and strengthen their identity,” says Upper School Head, Linda Harris. “The space will allow us additional classrooms and to implement some intriguing initiatives. While we are committed to maintaining small classes the overall high school community can grow to new levels.”

The majestic and historic Trianon will house the Middle School. The Trianon is a century-old estate built by Charles and Virginia Baldwin in 1907, which has been housed a variety of CSS classes and offices since the school purchased the estate in 1967.

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“Middle School students will be taught surrounded by Victorian era history in a gem of a building, which includes secret doors, a wood-paneled library, and a chandelier believed to be given to the Baldwins by Nicholas, the last czar of Russia,” says Director of Middle and Upper School Admissions, Susan Kosar.

“The faculty are excited about Trianon renovations that will combine historic and stately surroundings with state-of-the-art technology in each classroom; including a new technology/media center,” says Middle School Head, Dr. Cullen Hemenway.

To help make room for these shifts, CSS will discontinue its Preschool program for 3-year-olds. School offerings will begin at CSS in PreKindergarten for 4-year-olds. CSS will offer families both half-day and full-day enrollment options in Pre-K. The application deadline for priority consideration in the 2008-2009 school year is March 15th.

“If local families would like to enroll in our Pre-K program for 4-year olds, they should contact us soon, as space is limited and we anticipate the program filling up,” says Director of Admissions, Eve Sckolnik.

“We have been in contact with our families and area preschools to inform them of our decision,” says Reel. We welcome building partnerships with area preschools so that students coming out of those programs will be well prepared to enter CSS.”

“The school went through a very thorough analysis to determine the need for this shift,” says Board President, Gen. Howell Estes (ret.). “The Board of Trustees and the administrative team worked closely to examine market demographics, financial models and projected resources. We are excited about the future of the school, and our ability to provide enriching academic experiences in all grades.”

About The Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preschool – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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