



## **SGPA August Update**

The 2011-12 school year is almost upon us! The SGPA hopes that everyone has had an amazing summer and we look forward to seeing you all in just a few short weeks. Somerset will be sending by mail classroom and teacher assignments for this year on Monday.

*What's happening with the City and the increase in students?*

After numerous public hearings with the Planning and Zoning Board, meetings with City's staff and traffic consultant, meetings with representatives of the Biltmore Neighborhood Association and its counsel and feedback from door to door walking initiatives, Somerset is demonstrating that it has heard its neighbors, and the City and its concerns.

Somerset is pleased to announce that it has in good faith amended its request for an increase in enrollment by an almost 50% reduction and the application was submitted to the City today. Somerset is requesting 436 total students to be phased in over three years. 260 total students in year one, 348 total students in year two and 436 total students in year three.

436 total students represents a fair balance of the interest of all stakeholders. 436 students represents an enrollment of two classes per grade, PreK-8th grade averaging 20 students per class. 436 students represents a number where all traffic impact is contained on-site and does not spill over into the surrounding neighborhood.

There are numerous other conditions incorporated into the amended application which further demonstrate Somerset's commitment to being a good neighbor and preserving the quality of life for all residents.

Somerset believes that this amended application will be reviewed in an expeditious manner. Although, the increase in enrollment will not happen for the start of this school year, we are hopeful that an increase in enrollment will be approved in the very near future.

Your support of Somerset Academy has been overwhelming and has demonstrated the importance of this school in our community for generations to come. Your continued support is critical to the future of our school. Stay tuned for regular updates!

Somerset Gables Parents Association  
"We are your neighbors"