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Dear Saint Joseph Grade School Families,

Lenten blessings to you all! Last weekend we celebrated Laetare Sunday – a weekend that calls us to rejoice. We have much to be grateful for in our lives, and I pray that, as we soon enter into Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday, we might each grow closer to our Heavenly Father who has redeemed us through His Son’s sacrifice on the cross.

This letter communicates the tuition schedule for the 2022-2023 academic year. First, on behalf of our administration and teachers, I want to warmly welcome all of the new families that will be joining Saint Joseph Grade School next year! We look forward to meeting you and your children as we partner in educating minds and forming hearts, making God known, loved, and served.

TUITION & FEES

Per child tuition for the 2022-2023 school year is as follows:

Tuition: Non-Parishioner

\$7,600

Tuition: Parishioner

\$6,600

Saint Joseph Parish supports our ministry of education by offering the above parishioner rate for active, registered parishioner families that regularly participate in stewardship of prayer, service, and sacrificial giving at Saint Joseph Parish. *We are committed to making an education at SJGS affordable and manageable for all families, especially in light of the changes to tuition structure this year.* Please see more under the Scholarships & Financial Assistance section in this letter.

Fees:

- In addition to tuition, there is a \$260 *per child* Enrollment Fee. Families that have already submitted a \$260 family registration deposit will have it credited towards the per-child Enrollment Fee, which is billed in May when tuition payment plans are established.
- Each year, SJGS participates in the diocesan-wide "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon sale fundraiser for area Catholic schools. Each family will be billed \$30 in March, with an opportunity to sell restaurant coupons to recoup this fee.
- Going forward, there will no longer be a Scrip fundraising requirement for families.

Tuition and fees are billed through the FACTS payment management system. In May, families will receive an email with a link to create a tuition payment plan through FACTS. Several payment schedule options are available. Families will also be billed separately each month through FACTS for incidental expenses for extra programs such as After Care and extra-curricular activities.



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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Saint Joseph Parish is proud to invest in Catholic education in order to make it affordable for our families, and to especially ease the burden for those with multiple children enrolled. As our tuition structure has changed this year, we invite all families to apply for scholarships and financial assistance by completing a FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment, available at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. **These assessments are due by Saturday, April 30, so that we may apply appropriate scholarships and aid by mid-May.**

We apologize for the extra burden placed on families in navigating this year's changes to tuition and aid, and we thank you for your patience. This new structure has been put in place to enable the schools in our diocese to provide competitive compensation for our talented and dedicated teachers.

For any questions or concerns about the FACTS assessment, scholarships, or financial assistance, I encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Pat Stockrahm at pstockrahm@stjoeparish.com or 574-234-3134, ext. 119, or to me at krusseau@stjoeparish.com or 574-234-3134, ext. 120. Available scholarships and aid include:

Indiana School Choice & SGO Scholarships

Many families qualify for Indiana School Choice Scholarships (vouchers) or Scholarship Granting Organization Scholarships (SGOs). More information on the guidelines and income limits for eligibility can be found at diocesefwsb.org/choice.

SJGS Tuition Assistance

SJGS is committed to ensuring that tuition is affordable for all families, and is prepared to offer generous assistance, especially to ease the burden for those families with multiple children enrolled. Our tuition assistance is funded by proceeds from the SJGS Excellence Fund, fundraisers such as our Auction and the annual "For the Kids" golf benefit, as well as weekly contributions to our parish offertory. Thank you to our parishioners and donors for your generosity and sacrificial giving in support of affordable Catholic education at SJGS.

SUPPORTING SJGS

Our mission at Saint Joseph Grade School is educating hearts and minds in the Holy Cross tradition, making God known, loved, and served. I am proud of the way our school lives out this mission each and every day. Tuition and fees cover the minimum costs to operate our school, but it is additional gifts that allow us to innovate and excel in ways that make an SJGS education truly special.

If you would like to make a contribution to support the SJGS Excellence Fund, you may do so online at stjoeparish.weshareonline.org/SJGSExcellenceFund. Feel free to reach out to Mr. Sean Kennedy at skennedy@stjoeparish.com or 574-234-3134, ext. 117, with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Finally, I wish to thank you for all you do to support our school not just financially, but through your volunteer efforts and your support of our teachers and staff. We look forward to another year of working together to educate hearts and minds here at Saint Joseph Grade School!

God bless,



Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.
Pastor