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Dear School Parents,

With the conclusion of the month of March, our current students and teachers have earned a much-deserved spring break. I wish safe travels for all who will be out of town this upcoming week. Whether you are on a journey or finding relaxation at home, I hope you can make some time during this break for continued prayer during this season of Lent.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to welcome all of the new families that are joining Saint Joseph Grade School this upcoming year. Welcome to our SJGS family! If you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to meeting you and your children!

TUITION

I write to you today to communicate the tuition schedule for the 2017-18 academic year. Tuition rates are determined after careful review of the school budget and extensive deliberation with the parish Finance Council. The annual moderate tuition increase allows us to continue to offer the level of excellence for which Saint Joseph is known, and also take into account modest teacher and staff salary increases, the rising cost of utilities and insurance, and capital improvement funding for the existing school.

2017-18 TUITION SCHEDULE				
# of Children:	1	2	3	4
Standard Tuition:	\$6,330	\$12,660	\$18,990	\$25,320
Parish Subsidy for Active Parishioners:	(\$1,424)	(\$ 4,990)	(\$ 9,116)	(\$14,926)
Parish Subsidized Rate of Tuition:	\$4,906	\$ 7,670	\$ 9,874	\$10,394

PARISH SUBSIDY

Each year, Saint Joseph Parish provides a significant financial subsidy towards the operation of our parish school. We are proud to contribute generously to the education of our youth! Registered active parishioners who exercise good stewardship of prayer, service, and sacrificial giving are eligible to receive the Parish Subsidized Rate of Tuition. The subsidy is \$1,424 per student, with additional discount for families with multiple children enrolled at the school. The diocese requires each parish to obtain an "Affidavit of Active Parishioner Status" from each family wishing to apply for the parish subsidy. This affidavit will be generated as part of online enrollment later this month. For registered parishioners at Saint Joseph, I will review and sign off on the affidavit. Those registered at other parishes will receive a request to have your pastor review and sign an affidavit.

FEES & FUNDRAISING

Enrollment Fee

The non-refundable Enrollment Fee for 2017-18 will remain at \$260 per child. Families have already submitted a \$260/family registration deposit that will be credited towards the per-child Enrollment Fee.

Scrip Fundraising Requirement

Families are also responsible to assist with fundraising through our Scrip Program. Each family is expected to earn \$300 of scrip profit from now until March 31, 2018. Any amount short of that goal will be billed to families in April 2018. Families that earn more than \$300 in scrip profit qualify to participate in a program in which 50% of their profits over \$300 will be credited toward the following year's tuition. More details about this program can be found on the school website.

"You Can Lend a Hand" Fundraiser

Finally, our annual required fundraising activities include participation in the diocesan-wide "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon book program. Each family will be billed \$30 in February, with an opportunity to sell coupon books to recoup this fee.

FACTS BILLING

Tuition and fees will be 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 optional programs and extra-curricular activities.

FINANCIAL AID

Families wishing to apply for financial aid should complete an application at: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. This application will give consideration for financial assistance from our tuition assistance fund, our Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO) fund, and the diocesan Large Family Fund. Applications are due by Friday, April 28, so that we may make award decisions by mid-May.

Information about Indiana School Choice (voucher) scholarships is available at: www.doe.in.gov/choice. Families that expect to qualify for vouchers this year should contact Pat Stockrahm, by April 28, at pstockrahm@stjoeparish.com to complete an application.

We look forward to another successful year of educating both heart and mind here at Saint Joseph Grade School! Thank you to all you do to support our school not just financially, but through your volunteer efforts and support of our teachers and staff. Again, please always feel free to reach out if I can be of assistance to you and your family.

God bless,

Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.
Pastor



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Holy Cross tradition since 1854*



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