

The School Board has approved the operating budget for the 2016-2017 school year. This budget reflects a careful balance of maintaining our high standards of academics and consideration of the economic environment.

The four components of the school budget are: educational costs, tuition, fundraising, and parish subsidy. Factoring in increased health insurance costs and State and Federal budget deficits, our tuition rate will increase on average 3.0%. We are encouraged by the increase in enrollment in our Early Education programs, which have resulted in our opening a third kindergarten classroom. It is imperative for the continued success of our school to attract and enroll new families. Ensuring a strong foundational base allows us to flourish as a whole. Aligning fiscal responsibility with our rigorous academic standards, we will adhere to the established low/high numbers for classroom enrollment. Therefore, incoming second grade and fourth grade will each have two classrooms per grade level.

Fundraising is an integral piece of our sustainability. *Building Our Future*, our annual fund, helps close the gap between the actual cost of educating our children and what is collected in tuition. While there is no set donation amount, we are seeking 100% participation. More information on *Building Our Future* and other fundraisers will be provided to you at the beginning of the school year.

Our parish continues to provide substantial financial support to our school. We are indebted to the parish for recognizing Catholic education as the largest ministry of the parish. Without this support, we simply could not exist. Therefore, we will continue to adhere to a parishioner / non-parishioner tuition rate.

Our ultimate goal is to provide our children with an enriching Catholic educational experience emphasizing faith-based living, academic excellence, and social and emotional development – “We Pray. We Learn. We Serve.”

We are blessed to have our new principal Mrs. Sharon Garcia, bringing with her a wealth of administrative knowledge, and our Assistant Principal Mrs. Janice Carr working together to take the helm. In addition, our Strategic Planning Committee continues to diligently work on outlining a five-year plan for our school.

We thank you for your faith and support of our wonderful school. 2016-2017 promises to be an exciting year for all!

Fr. John Hoffman
Pastor

Janice Carr
Interim Principal

Katie Stetz
School Board President