

Monday, February 13, 2012

Dear Parent:

Although the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year is still many months away, St. Ann School is actively preparing for a new academic year. The school continues to make unprecedented strides in its commitment to educational excellence. We have a long-term plan for the future and continue to make this plan a reality. In order for St. Ann School to remain fiscally healthy for years to come, we need to do the right things now in order to be in the right place in the future. Annual tuition increases are a necessary reality in the long-term plan of any school. We choose moderate, systematic tuition increases each year which eliminate wild swings in tuition caused by small increases for a few years followed later by large increases necessary to make up the income deficit.

Tuition for the 2012-2013 school year will include a 5% increase. This year's tuition and fee increase represents a monthly increase of \$40 for participating families and \$59.00 for non-participating families. I also want to be clear that NO tuition money is being spent on the annual classroom renovation projects (grades 3, 4, and 7 this summer) and next year's One to One Laptop Program which allows every Upper School student to carry a laptop with them all day, thereby giving them immediate access to educational software, web information, and online curricular materials.

The total actual cost to educate a student is almost \$10,000 per student representing the tuition dollars necessary to maintain our school's programming during the 2012-13 school year. Without support from St. Ann Church, donors, and friends of St. Ann, and money from our three fund raising events, tuition would be significantly higher than is reflected by the tuition and fees charged. Catholic parishes support the sacrifices Catholic families make to send their children to a Catholic school. Tuition subsidy is one way parishes support that choice. Those families who fully participate in a Catholic parish may be eligible for a tuition subsidy. This subsidy reduces tuition costs to families by lowering the out-of-pocket expenses. Please read the attached St. Ann Parish Tuition Subsidy Requirements if you think you may be eligible.

Re-Enrollment Process:

1. Sign and complete the Tuition Agreement form and return to the school office by 1 March 2012.
2. Complete the Re-Enrollment Contract and include the \$150 family registration fee; return to the school office by 1 March 2012.
3. If an eligible Catholic family, you should have already submitted your Subsidy Application to your Catholic parish and returned the Subsidy Application form to the school

I understand the sacrifices you make to ensure your child attends school at St. Ann. Collectively our hard work helps make St. Ann a place of refuge and challenge, a place where children are loved enough to be cared for as individuals, a place where they grow in their spirituality, their academic ability, and their desire to serve others. Thank you for all you do to make a St. Ann education possible for your child.

Sincerely,

John Foreman