



SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already beyond the midpoint of this school year. Indeed, it is time to look ahead to the 2016-2017 school year.

Over the past several months, the School's administration, Advisory Board and Finance Committee have prayerfully and collaboratively worked to develop a budget for the 2016-2017 school year. Our work focused on maintaining and exceeding the high academic and spiritual standards we expect at Sacred Heart of Jesus School and continuing to offer a wide variety of programs and extracurricular activities. The final budget also reflects the importance of maintaining our small average class sizes which allow for both a nurturing environment and individualized attention for our children. Feedback from our families indicates that our smaller class sizes are desired and set us apart.

Tuition and Registration Information for 2016-2017

Tuition for the 2016-2017 year will be \$5,100 for returning Catholic students. The registration fee for all students will remain at \$400.

Tuition for non-Catholic students is again \$500 higher, or \$5,600. When we instituted this non-Catholic tuition rate last year, we strived to minimize the impact on our non-Catholic families who chose Sacred Heart before the tuition differential. We will continue to offer an accommodation to those families for students with us before that change. As such, any non-Catholic student enrolled at Sacred Heart prior to the 2015-2016 school year will have a tuition rate of \$5,300. The tuition rate for all non-Catholic students first enrolled in the 2015-2016 year or after, including siblings of earlier-enrolled students, are charged the full tuition rate of \$5,600.

Consistent with most parishes in the Diocese, Sacred Heart is implementing a Catholic out-of-parish tuition rate of \$5,300 for new Catholic students who are not Sacred Heart parishioners. This increased rate will not apply to currently enrolled out-of-parish Catholic students. Catholic out-of-parish families with new students enrolling at Sacred Heart are welcome to contact the Church Office about joining the Parish. Alternatively, out-of-parish Catholic families may seek a waiver of this higher tuition rate if their church Parish does not have a school or if justified by other circumstances. A request for such a waiver can be made by contacting the Church Office.

We continue to avoid assessing mandatory fees for such things as buildings, technology, books, etc. While many other schools have implemented such fees due with tuition, we believe that it is more transparent to simply have stated tuition rates without various add-ons.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and am happy to answer any questions you may have. While no one thing makes a school successful, there is one thing that is a critical necessity – your tuition, faithfully paid, often at a sacrifice. Thank you for your support of our beloved school. I pray that you and your families experience many new blessings in this New Year.

Sincerely,
Pamela R. Mascari
Advisory Board President