



Dear Parents,

January 2021

The first half of the 2020-2021 school year has been a time of great accomplishment and growth in faith and learning for the students of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, in spite of the many challenges presented by the pandemic. This year is clearly a unique one due to Covid; however, student learning gains have been great and will continue throughout the coming months. We are thankful to our school parents for their great support during this unprecedented time.

While we are just more than half way through the school year, planning is currently underway for the 2021-2022 school year. The school and parish Administration, has worked in consultation with the Board of Education and the parish Finance Committee in developing the budget and tuition rates for the coming school year.

Each year, we work diligently to ensure that tuition increases are kept to a minimum. The increase in tuition for the 2021-2022 school year is approximately 4.5%. (Please note that due to the pandemic, there was no increase in tuition for the current school year.) The tuition and fee rate schedule for 2021-2022 is listed on the Financial Responsibility Form. Tuition rates do not reflect the true / actual cost of education; rather, they are reduced by approximately \$894 per student due to the generous support of our parish and the financial support provided by the Teacher Endowment Fund.

Please note that the first category on the Financial Responsibility Form reads "Registered and Supporting Parishioners." Families in this category should be registered in our parish and attend Mass regularly, contributing to the church through the parish envelope system or on-line system. Mass attendance / support will be verified on a regular interval to ensure that families have selected the correct category.

After sixty-seven years of serving the St. Margaret Mary parish community, St. Margaret Mary Catholic School remains a strong parish school, steeped in gospel values and committed to academic excellence while nurturing the development of the whole child. St. Margaret Mary Catholic School is not a private school; rather, it is a Catholic school, and we strive to provide an affordable high quality Catholic education for our students. Financial assistance for parishioners who are unable to afford the cost of tuition is provided through donations to the Annual Fund for Tuition Assistance. I hope that you will consider giving as generously as you are able, and all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School and for choosing Catholic education, a gift that will last a lifetime, providing a solid foundation of faith and knowledge for students. Together we pray for God's continued blessing upon our school community as we seek to build up God's Kingdom, one student at a time. May God continue to keep our community safe and healthy.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M. Walsh".

Kathleen M. Walsh