

Tuesday, February 22, 2010

Dear Parent;

Although the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year is still many months away, St. Ann School is actively preparing for a new academic year. Continuing the process of evaluation and improvement takes systematic and strategic planning. We know that long-term improvement takes a long term vision. In order for St. Ann School to remain fiscally healthy for years to come means 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 2010-2011 school year will include a 5% increase. This year's tuition increase represents a monthly increase of \$23.55 for participating families and \$35.27 for non-participating families.

The total estimated cost to educate a student is nearly \$8,000 per student; representing the tuition dollars necessary to maintain our school's programming during the 2010-11 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. Complete the Tuition Agreement form; sign and return the last page to the school office by 12 March 2010.
2. Complete the Enrollment Contract and include the \$150 family registration fee; return to the school office by 12 March 2010.
3. If eligible, submit the Subsidy Application to your Catholic parish and have the card returned to the school office by 12 March 2010. St. Ann Parishioners are responsible for submitting a completed Subsidy Application.

NOTE: If you are applying for subsidy from St. Ann Parish, please read the attached St. Ann Parish Tuition Subsidy Requirements before submitting your Subsidy Application.

I understand the sacrifices you make to ensure your child attends school at St. Ann. We work hard to 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