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Dear Sts. Philip and James School Community,

As members of the SSPJ School Board, we would like to share with you some important information about the school and parish community.

At our last board meeting, we reviewed the financial operation of our school. The cost to fully educate a child at SSPJ is currently \$7100, which is \$1300 above the tuition rate. Tuition covers teacher and staff salaries, while all other operational costs are covered by the parish via subsidies and parishioner support of fundraising events. SSPJ is a parish school, and a financially sound parish means a financially sound school. We are pleased to report that both the parish and the school are on solid footing, despite the extra pandemic-related expenses associated with keeping the school sanitized and safe for our children.

When you enrolled your child at the school for 2020-2021, the financial obligation included a \$600 yearly contribution to SSPJ Parish per calendar year. This equates to \$50 per month, or \$11.54 per week. Many families have already submitted their donations. We ask that you join them and make your contribution before the end of 2020, in order to maintain the school's financial stability. Families who choose not to meet the requested parish donation can expect a tuition increase of \$1500 for the next academic year, which is the full cost to educate a student. We certainly appreciate the financial hardships many families have faced this year. If you need an extension, please contact the parish business office to discuss a payment plan.

Parish family contributions can be made directly to the church by direct check payments, via the envelope system, or online by registering with Faith Direct. If you are not yet a registered parishioner, we recommend you register by contacting the parish office at (631) 584-5454. If you already belong to another parish, it is acceptable to join the SSPJ parish as well. More information is available on the parish website: www.sspj.org

Saints Philip and James Parish was founded in 1912, and the SSPJ school came shortly after in 1922. Through the grace of God and the support of our parish community, our school has flourished for almost a century, inspiring young minds and hearts with knowledge, faith, and service to others. Our parish and our school are together one family. Through our collective efforts and support, the exceptional education and the traditions we value at Sts. Philip and James will continue for many generations to come.

We wish you all a healthy Christmas season and rich blessings into the New Year!

Peace and blessings,

The Sts. Philip and James School Board