

March 19, 2021

Dear School Parents and Guardians,

During incredibly challenging times, our schools have been a beacon of light. The value of our schools to our communities, our parishes, and our families has been on full display during the pandemic. The commitment to outstanding education has been front and center for staff, faculty, families, and students. With respect and consideration of others, daily routines were modified to maximize academic excellence and service to communities. By believing in God's grace and knowing all is possible in His care, a way forward was found and continues to improve. Congratulations! And thank you to all involved for setting an excellent example for all of us.

The financial budget for NHRCES has been formally approved by the board. Through careful management of short-term expenses and longer-term obligations, total operating expenses for the coming year have a planned decrease of almost 2%. The financial impact of the pandemic has had a significant impact on income for the current school year and moving into the coming year. The Elementary School Grant that is provided from the Diocese from funds collected from parishes across the Diocese was cut in half early in 2020 due to a substantial decline in offertory collections. The region will remain cash positive through the end of this school year due to unforeseen donations, one-time educational grants, and Covid relief grants from the federal government. These were wonderful blessings, but a budget cannot be built on the hopes of such gifts.

Against considerable challenges, fundraising has been a success this year. The schools remain realistically optimistic that they will meet their objectives. For budgeting purposes, an increase in fundraising objectives for the coming year is not prudent given the uncertainty of the limitations which may remain due to the pandemic. The parishes within the region which are providing school subsidy directly from their offertory have been very generous in their commitment to elementary Catholic education. 24% of the region's budgeted income is in the form of subsidies. 85% of the total subsidy is provided by the direct subsidies of these parishes. Their commitment and sacrifice for the elementary school ministry cannot be appreciated enough.

The unevenness of school subsidy contributions by each parish in the Diocese is about to be closely examined. The Bishop has assembled a blue-ribbon committee to address this issue. Initial meetings have been scheduled for late March. More information regarding the committee members and the initiatives of the committee will be shared as soon as possible. Any new plans that come from the committee's work are expected in the fall of 2021, at the earliest.

To responsibly balance the budget for the 2021/2022 school year, a tuition increase for K-8 of 5% has been implemented. The Board recognizes the unique financial difficulties caused by the pandemic for parishes and schools and the investment made by families for each student. Above all, the region wants to make Catholic elementary schools available to as many students as possible that want to attend while ensuring an education of the highest value; faithfully, academically, and in service to others.

Families are encouraged to contact the school office regarding options for tuition credits and financial aid. For the current school year, \$357,924 in financial aid was provided for 181 students across 119 families within the region. Some of our schools have approximately 30% of the students receiving some type of financial assistance. The staff will gladly provide you with all the information and procedures required to apply. The amount of funds available each year varies, but we never want to have any of these funds unawarded.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education. Our schools are a shining light in our communities. Our students, faculty, staff, and families should move forward with great pride in what has been accomplished and with hopeful anticipation of what is to come.

May God bless you and your families!

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CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



2021 – 2022 TUITION RATES

K - 8 Tuition Rates

	BFSA	BTA	CDTCA	HCA	SJS
1-Child Family (K-8)	5,300	5,150	5,150	5,150	5,150
2-Child Family (K-8)	9,000	8,050	8,050	8,050	8,050
3-Child Family (K-8)	11,050	9,800	11,050	9,800	9,800
4-Child Family (K-8)	11,050	9,800	11,050	9,800	9,800
Non-Catholic students	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800

Preschool Tuition Rates

	BFSA	BTA	CDTCA	HCA	SJS
1/2 Day PS 3 (Two days)	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775
Full Day PS 3 (Two days)	3,550				
1/2 Day PS 3 (Three days)	2,400				
Full Day PS 3 (Three days)	4,800				
1/2 Day PS 3 (Five days)	3,200				
Full Day PS 3 (Five days)	6,700				
1/2 Day PK 4 (Three days)	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Full Day PK 4 (Three days)	4,800	4,800		4,800	4,500
1/2 Day PK 4 (Five days)	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	
Full Day PK 4 (Five days)	6,700	6,700		6,700	

*** Financial Aid is available in all of our schools.**

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