



# ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear St. Jude Parents,

This letter presents an overview of the Tuition, Fees and Service Hours information for the 2016-2017 school year.

There will be a **General Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Hall** that will give parents the opportunity for additional information about the school's budget and tuition and fees. We will also be discussing plans for the advancement of the school's curriculum as well as ongoing school maintenance. A surveymonkey.com will be sent out this week so that questions and concerns can be presented in advance to ensure that we are prepared with the needed answers.

The PTG Board will also be presenting their annual fundraising report for the 15.16 school year and how those funds will be allocated. We will also be thanking those who have served on the board and will be terming out as well as introduce the new 16.17 PTG Board.

## **Updates and Changes for 2016-2017 school year:**

- **Tuition will be \$5975.00 for (1) student.** The FFO fee have now been incorporated into the total tuition. This means that there is not a separate FFO commitment for the 2016-2017 school year. This will allow for a more predictable monthly income for the school's operational budget as well as a tuition rate that covers the true cost of educating each student at St. Jude's. Tuition discounts for additional children will be 5% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> student, 10% for the 3<sup>rd</sup> student . **Please know that I am always available to discuss any special needs or adjustments.**
- **Financial aid grants will be determined in late April/early May** (to be eligible you must have completed the Smart Tuition financial aid process).
- **The General Fee will continue to be \$535.00 per student. Fee payment is due by May 25th, 2016.** The advanced collection of this fee allows the school to place orders for the needed educational materials so that we are prepared to start the new school year.
- **See the attached schedule for other fees including:** Kinder and 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation, Outdoor Ed for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Catalina Program for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip costs will be determined in early Fall 2016 when the Class of 2017 determines their program. We will be adding a minimum sports fee to help supplement the cost of sports uniforms as well as costs for team equipment and referee fees.

**The requirement for Parent Service Hours will remain at 40 hours per family.** Three (3) of these hours will be specifically required for the Parish & School Faire. There will be a stronger joint management of the faire and the school will receive a major portion of the proceeds. Again, there will be a limit of (10) hours total that can be done with the parish. Except for specific hours for the faire, there are not any additional restrictions for how a family serves their hours. We hope this allows each family to give their time in their areas of passion and interest.

The PTG will continue to oversee school fundraising activities and the focus for these funds will be to provide opportunities to build community and those added enrichments that continue to make St. Jude's special. We will also be contributing to the ongoing reserves for the school.

When I became principal five years ago, there was a substantial amount of delayed maintenance and updating that was needed on campus along with the advancement of educational technology. We have come a long way. These expenditures were made possible due to the building and maintenance reserves that were available to the school. We benefited from the funds that were set aside by those who came before us and we now need to pay it forward to continue to maintain a safe and well cared for learning environment for our current and future students.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns. It is a pleasure and honor to share in this ministry of education with each of you.

Sincerely,

*Michele Schulte, Principal*

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“.....forming young people in the image of Jesus”