



## 2019/2020 School Registration Information

Dear St. Francis of Assisi School Parents:

As I've done in years past, I wanted to again share with you the financial situation of our school in order to ensure we are good stewards of all the treasure it takes to run our largest ministry of the Parish. In 2017, we conducted focus groups to solicit feedback from parents and parishioners, and the general agreement that came out of those sessions was that a gradual increase in tuition to keep revenues more in line with costs, keeping the school viable, was the most logical approach to our financial situation.

For the fiscal year 2018/2019, our overall school revenues are projected to be \$1,117,343, while our expenses are projected to be \$1,345,094, leaving a Parish investment in this ministry of \$276,308. Budget preparation is underway for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, and early projections show a very similar outlook. In light of this situation, the Finance Council and School Board are recommending a 3% tuition increase for the elementary school for the 2019/2020 school year, **with no increase in fees.**

That means, for the elementary school, our tuition will be:

- **1 child - \$5,356**
- **2 children - \$7,843**
- **3 or more children - \$8,461**

Here's how that looks compared to last year:

# of Children	2018/2019 Tuition	2019/2020 Tuition	Yearly increase	Monthly increase in FACTS (10 month plan)	Cost to Educate
One	\$5,200	<b>\$5,356</b>	\$156	\$15.60	\$6,436
Two	\$7,615	<b>\$7,843</b>	\$228	\$22.80	\$12,872
Three +	\$8,215	<b>\$8,461</b>	\$246	\$24.60	\$19,308+

As you can see, the cost to educate your children is greater than the tuition you pay. The difference is paid thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners through their weekly donations to our weekly offertory along with donations made to our Francis Fund.

As I mentioned, there will be no increase this year in the Instructional Fee. That will once again be \$325 per student, and will cover the following:

- Textbook & Supplies - \$250
- Technology Fees \$50
- Religious Enrichment - \$5
- Class Parties - \$5
- Adopt-A-Family - \$5
- Class T-Shirt - \$5
- Before School & Lunch Supervision - \$5

The registration fee is \$50 per child, and it is due with your registration if you register by February 28, 2019. If you register March 1, 2019 or after, the registration fee is \$150.

**Please note that this year I'm requiring all families, other than those who choose the Full Payment option, pay their tuition through FACTS.** We've made some administrative changes in how we track tuition, and because of this it is important that all families making payments for their tuition pay through FACTS. In the past we've allowed families to make payments directly to the parish, but



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tracking such situations has led to too many issues, forcing us to make this policy change. See the "Tuition Payment Policies & Procedures" section below for more details.

I recognize the financial struggles you face within your families and I want to make SFA available to all. Please remember there are many financial aid opportunities, but you must apply/reapply to receive these benefits. **NOTE: YOU MUST REAPPLY EACH YEAR FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID.** Please see the application materials/requirements on our website [sfastl.org](http://sfastl.org).

I am grateful for all our families' supporting SFA through their time, talent and treasure. Let us continue to pray for the success of our school and spread the good news that we continue to be Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Anthony Yates".

Rev. Anthony Yates  
Pastor