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RE: 2020-2021 School Registration Information

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Families,

As I've done over the past few years, I wanted to once again share with you some information regarding the financial situation of our School. As always, we want to make sure we are being good stewards of the gifts we've been given in guiding this, our largest ministry of the Parish. Back in 2017, we conducted focus groups of parents and parishioners, and discerned from those sessions that there was a general agreement on a tuition increase. At that time, we communicated a plan to raise tuition 3% per year for the next 3 years. The 2020/2021 School Year will be the third of those three years.

With the approval of our Parish Finance Committee and School Board, I've approved this increase for our next academic school year with NO increase in fees.

# Children	Current	2020/2021 Tuition	Total Increase	Per month Incr. over 12 months	Cost to Educate	Parish Investment
One	\$5,356.00	\$5,517.00	\$161.00	\$13.42	\$ 6,710.00	\$ 1,193.00
Two	\$7,843.00	\$8,078.00	\$235.00	\$19.58	\$13,420.00	\$ 5,342.00
Three of more	\$8,461.00	\$8,715.00	\$254.00	\$21.17	\$20,130.00	\$11,415.00

I'm grateful that, through the generous donations of our parishioners, we are able to invest over \$300,000 annually to cover the difference between the actual cost to educate and the tuition we charge. Unfortunately, the "business" of a Catholic School is no different than any other "business" out there in that our costs increase annually just like the rest, and there are the ever rising costs of providing the leading edge tools and technology for our students. God has blessed us greatly.

As I stated, there is no increase in fees this year. Our Instructional Fee of \$325 per student covers the following:

- Textbook & Supplies - \$250
- Technology Fees \$50
- Religious Enrichment - \$10
- Class Parties - \$5
- Class T-Shirt - \$5
- Before School & Lunch Supervision - \$5

Our registration fee will also be the same as last year: \$50 per child, and it is due with your registration if you register by February 29, 2020. If you register March 1, 2020 or after, the registration fee is \$150.



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This year, registration will be done online through the FACTS Family Portal. Information will be coming to you from the FACTS system on Monday January 27 on how to complete the on-line reenrollment process. This is also how you will pay your registration fee, Instructional Fee, and tuition through Premier Billing.

Premier Billing is a new product from FACTS that we'll be using this year. With Premier Billing we will benefit from a single experience for tuition payments, fees, childcare (coming in 2020/2021 school year), family demographic management, and the application/enrollment/re-enrollment process. I think you'll find the whole experience much easier this year.

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.

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,

Rev. Anthony Yates
Pastor