

Saints Philip and James Church
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Dear Parents,

At Saints Philip and James School we are committed to developing children who know, love, and serve God and His community. As our mission states, we are a community rooted in Faith, growing in Knowledge, and serving with Love. We continually strive to improve the educational environment to provide a challenging, comprehensive, and relevant curriculum for all our students. We thank you for allowing us to educate and be part of your child's spiritual growth and for your commitment to Saints Philip and James School.

In order to continue to provide an exceptional Catholic education that upholds our proven reputation of academic excellence and identifying expense increases for next year, we have established the following tuition rate increases:

- Pre-Kindergarten (3 and 4 years old) and Kindergarten 3.0%
- Elementary – One Child 3.0%
- Elementary – Two Children 4.0%
- Elementary – Three Children 4.5%

We ask you to consider that for the 2019-2020 school year the parish is generously increasing the subsidy to limit an even larger tuition increase. Please refer to the accompanying letter from our Parish Business Manager for information regarding rates and fees for next year.

The School Board of Limited Jurisdiction and the Parish Finance Committee understand the many financial demands on families and make every effort to keep Catholic education affordable. For your reference, the total expenditure for the school is estimated at \$1.5 million, which is \$8,775 to educate each child. As you know, the actual tuition rate is much lower due to generous subsidies from the parish. I thank you, our entire parish community and our EITC Donors for providing the financial support for our school.

As a shared responsibility, there continues to be a Church *Contribution Requirement* for all school families in order to qualify for the *Participating Family Rate*, which includes the Parish Tuition Scholarship. The minimum contribution requirement remains at \$20 per week. We are most grateful to the school parents who fulfill this obligation on a routine basis. Please contact Barbara Doyle at 610-363-6536, or bdoyle@sspjparish.net should you have any questions regarding your Church contributions for this school year.

Please refer to the accompanying letter from Sister Teresa regarding the process for re-enrollment and new student enrollment. Sister's letter also includes information regarding The FACTS Application for BLOCS Scholarships as well as our Transfer Grant and Student Referral Programs.

Again, I personally congratulate you for your decision to choose a Catholic education for your children. As school parents, you continue to be the best supporters and advertisement of our school, so I encourage you to be an advocate and tell your friends and neighbors about the benefits of SS. Philip and James School.

As always, families in temporary financial difficulty continue to be welcomed to make their situations known to me.

Gratefully in the Lord,



Reverend Joseph C. Dieckhaus, JCL
Pastor