

Dear SACS Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is with great pride and gratitude that I acknowledge the tremendous investment our families make in choosing Shakopee Area Catholic School for the education and spiritual development of their children. We are fully aware of the sacrifices and commitment it takes to prioritize a Catholic education, and we are committed to ensuring that the value of that investment remains unparalleled.

Over the years, we have worked diligently to manage our school's finances responsibly while maintaining the high standards of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community engagement that define our school. Our Parish Council, the Finance Council and the School Advisory Council have all worked together to ensure we are operating responsibly, and staying on course with our budgeting and strategic planning. Our goal is always to keep tuition costs as low as possible.

However, to continue providing an exceptional educational experience, and with rising costs, we find it necessary to implement a modest tuition increase of 2% for the upcoming school year. **The new tuition for the 2024-2025 academic year will be \$5,925**. Multiple student discounts are still in place for those families with three or more children.

Your tuition covers just a portion of the cost to educate a child here at SACS. The true cost to educate a child at SACS is approximately \$7,565. The parish investment and fundraising help to make up the difference that your tuition does not cover. Keeping our tuition affordable for our families is a priority. Another priority is paying our staff a just wage. For the past four years it has been a goal of ours to pay our faculty and staff at 80% of the public district's salary scale. While we have made great strides in that area, we are not there yet. We would like to continue to close the wage gap for our wonderful and talented staff who have answered God's call to work with our children.

Our preschool rates and offering have been adjusted slightly as well. This year we will continue to offer three preschool options. <u>Click here for the 2024-2025 class offerings PreK-8th grade, our tuition</u>, summer preschool and before and after school care.

It is important to us that all families that desire a Catholic education can have one here at SACS. Financial aid will continue to be provided from SACS and our partnering agencies.

We are grateful for your continued support and understanding as we strive to uphold the mission and values of SACS. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another successful school year together.

May God's blessings be with you and your families in the New Year!

Warmly,

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