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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*A Collaboration of Parishes, Schools, Parents and Community Partners*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of our Consortium Schools. Each year at this time, we work to analyze our budget and project our expenses for the upcoming year. A big part of this analysis is in tuition and fees, coupled with teacher salary and benefits. The tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year, approved by our Board of Directors, is included in this communication. We are mindful of the commitment it takes to send your child(ren) to Catholic school, and we are proud to partner with you in the education of your children.

As you may already know, one of our largest operational expenses is teacher salaries and benefits. We are grateful to our dedicated teachers who provide the best possible education to our students. To honor their continued commitment to Catholic education, we are providing an annual salary increase to reflect the cost of living increases in our community. This helps us retain our experienced, remarkable teachers who give so much to our schools and your children.

We recognize the sacrifices you make to provide your children with a Catholic education at our schools. We commit to being good stewards of your tuition payments. We are proud of our efforts to be fiscally responsible, and will continue to find ways to increase our efficiencies and keep education affordable for you, our families. Through our collaborative community of schools, we will continue to look for ways to manage costs and are committed to raising additional funds through grants, individual donor gifts, and foundations. However, tuition will continue to be a vital source of income for our schools.

Registration for current families and our supporting Consortium Parishes will be February 4<sup>th</sup>-February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are a current family, you will again be able to register from the convenience of your home by logging into your Sycamore account. You are also welcome to make an appointment at any of our schools, and school staff will be available to assist with the registration process. It is important that our current families register in the two-week window designated for current families. In several of our buildings, capacity is an issue and we want to ensure our current students have first priority! Registration for new families will begin on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and any open seats will be filled. Information to help guide you through the online registration process is available at <http://www.omahacsc.org> under the "Registration" tab.

One of the changes we made this year will be reflected in the registration fee structure. We will collect a non-refundable registration fee of \$100 per family. We will still assess a registration fee of \$100 per student, but have simply included those fees in the tuition for multiple students. Registration is not considered complete, and the spot(s) for your student(s) will not be held until the \$100 registration fee is received at the school office. The second change we made is with FACTS. We have rolled the FACTS enrollment fee into tuition and will be paid by the Consortium rather than added to your first payment. Finally, you will note that we will again collect the technology fee, as we have in the past. It is identified on the tuition rate sheet, but is not collected separately; it is a part of tuition. Those families who pay by the end of June will be credited \$75 to cover the cost of the enrollment fee and a discount for paying in full.

Our faculty and staff are committed to providing your child with the best possible education, and we are grateful for your commitment and continued support to make that possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson, Consortium Executive Director

Gary Davis, Principal