

February 17, 2017

Dear St. Michael School Families,

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held **Sunday, March 12, 2017** in the school lobby. Each year the process of setting tuition for the upcoming school year proves to be challenging. The School Advisory Council makes recommendations regarding tuition and salary increases based on current enrollment projections. The council's recommendations then go to the Parish Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has the difficult task of taking those recommendations and making sure that the projected parish budget will support the school budget. Of course, both parish and school must operate on a balanced budget each year.

St. Michael Catholic School Advisory Council's goal is to keep tuition reasonable, provide just wages and benefits for our staff and provide ample supplies for our students. The total actual cost of tuition for each child at St. Michael School in grades 1 - 8 is \$4615. The cost to educate an all-day KR or K child is \$4935. As you can see, our parish gives a scholarship to active parishioners. This scholarship is nearly half of the cost to educate your child. A scholarship is also given to non-parishioners because state aid and other fund raising efforts are credited to all students. However, you may choose to pay the entire cost of educating your child, if you wish. **An active parishioner is one who attends mass every Sunday** and contributes to the Sunday offering. This offering helps to make up the other half of parishioner tuition and is tax deductible.

If you are in need of financial assistance in addition to your reduced parishioner rate, applications can be filed on line at www.factstuitionaid.com. Other scholarship information will be available that day as well.

Our Shopping for Dollars committee will be on hand at registration to provide information and sign up sheets for our main fundraiser, *Shopping for Dollars!* Each family will be asked to sign a commitment to purchase *Shopping for Dollars!* gift certificates using the ShopWithScrip on line program, or pay a stewardship fee of \$300. Please sign up here www.shopwithscrip.com

Registration Sunday provides an opportunity to complete the paperwork needed to help us plan effectively and efficiently for the coming year, as well as some fun and fellowship. The classrooms will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Teachers will be present on a staggered schedule, with at least one teacher per grade level available the entire time. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for shoppers from 10 - 2.

After countless hours of work and prayerful consideration the tuition for the 2017-2018 school year, after the parish scholarship, has been determined is as follows:

2017 - 2018 TUITION SCHEDULE

	Active Parishioner Tuition	Non-Active Parishioner / Non-Parishioner Tuition
KR (All)	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,660
KR (All) + 1	\$ 4,916	\$ 8,640
KR (All) + 2	\$ 6,503	\$ 11,501
KR (All) + 3	\$ 7,594	\$ 13,474
KR (All) + KR (All)	\$ 5,130	\$ 8,854
K	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,660
K + 1	\$ 4,916	\$ 8,640
K + 2	\$ 6,503	\$ 11,501
K + 3	\$ 7,595	\$ 13,474
K + K	\$ 5,130	\$ 8,854
1 Child	\$ 2,475	\$ 4,435
2	\$ 4,703	\$ 8,427
3	\$ 6,311	\$ 11,309
4	\$ 7,425	\$ 13,305
Half day KR	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,050
Preschool 2 day	\$ 925	\$ 925
3 day	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,245

All families are requested to register their student(s) on Sunday, March 12, 2017 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the School Lobby.

At this time you will be asked to complete the tuition contract and pay the registration fee of \$50 per student or \$150 (maximum) per family.

The payment options for 2017-2018 are:

- Single Payment by cash or check. **(Due June 1, 2017)**
- Single Payment by **credit card** will be **charged a 3% fee.** **(Due June 1, 2017)**
- Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer of 10 equal payments (July – April). (\$25 yearly charge)

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to plan both academically and financially for the coming school year.

God Bless,

Anne Brehm
Principal

Deacon Mike Eier
Assistant Principal

Fr. Mike Hohenbrink
Pastor