



## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Finance Committee met in December and January to determine tuition for the 2012-2013 school year. To make this determination, the committee looked at many factors, including the many improvements made to the school buildings and grounds, as well as the anticipated costs for salaries, benefits and other expenses. Academic programs, including technology, are constantly updated and this updating requires adequate funding.

As you know, tuition only covers part of the costs of each student in the school, and the remainder of the school operating cost is borne by the rest of the St. Francis Parish community. This includes both the current subsidy of 23%, as well as the various fundraising efforts of the Home and School Association. We are very grateful to the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and the Home & School for providing this additional funding, which provides enrichment opportunities for our students, and allows us to keep tuition rates reasonable.

For this present school year, the total cost for educating one child is \$4,000, and we estimate that this will increase to approximately \$4,300.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. School expenses include salaries, benefits, insurance, utilities and overall maintenance. These are factors considered in setting tuition. For the 2012-2013 school year, tuition is as follows:

### Supporting Parishioners

\$2,950.00	1 student
\$4,950.00	2 students
\$6,000.00	3 or more students
\$2,900.00	Kindergarten

*A supporting parishioner is one who contributes at least \$15 weekly to the support of the parish).*

### Non-Supporting Parishioners And Non-Parishioners

K/child	\$3,500.00
1-8/child	\$4,300.00

*(A non-supporting parishioner is one who does not contribute at least \$15 weekly to the support of the parish).*

**Tuition for the current year (2011-2012 school year), along with each family's commitment for Parish support must be up-to-date prior to April 15, 2012 in order to be eligible for the tuition rates applicable for Supporting Parishioners.**

Payments are due on or before: June 1, 2012; July 1, 2012; August 1, 2012; September 1, 2012; October 1, 2012; November 1, 2012; December 1, 2012; January 1, 2013; February 1, 2013; March 1, 2013.

If a tuition payment is not current by August 1, 2012, the student will not be considered registered and will not be included on class lists. Additionally, a student will not be permitted to complete the school year if tuition is not paid in full by Friday, March 1, 2013.

If you have a good reason for not being able to meet the above outlined timetable, you are required to submit, prior to April 1, 2012, a written request in which you state a payment schedule which will suit your situation. As stated previously, if you fail to meet your requested timeline, your child/children will not be permitted to continue to attend the

**parish school until the tuition is current. Past written requests are not automatically renewed; therefore, a new written request must be submitted for the 2012/2013 school year.**

**These guidelines are necessary to be fair to the majority of parents who meet their financial responsibilities to the school and to the contributing members of St. Francis Parish.**

**Finally, we ask that you take full advantage of our Scrip program as an easy way to lower your tuition payments. This is a terrific program that each family should support.**

**We thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and we commend you for choosing an education for your child/children that is deeply and firmly rooted in Catholic faith and values.**

**Sincerely,**

**St. Francis of Assisi Finance Committee Members**