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A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed as to tuition rates for the 2017/2018 school year. At this time, we cannot state tuition rates prior to the start of registration. Even with our best estimates, we are not able to arrive at enrollment figures which really determine at what level tuition rates should be set. We have no idea what may be in the works with each of our school families as to the return of their students, job changes, relocation, incoming students, etc.

We are also very aware of the fact that we cannot ask each family to make a decision about re-enrolling your children unless you have some idea of what the tuition may be. After our preliminary budget work for both the parish and the school at our recent Finance Council meeting, it was decided that tuition will be increased in the range of $0.00 to $50.00 per student (K-8) for those qualified for the Fr. James Walsh Scholarship for the 2017/2018 school year.

We would like to thank our Tuition Reduction committee for all of their hard work, and also our parents for supporting their efforts. Around the 1st of April we will inform you as to the final amount to educate minus the parish contribution, the Tuition Reduction amount, and the Fr. James Walsh Scholarship, and present to you the tuition for the 2017/2018 school year.

The cost to send a child to St. Dominic School is directly related to how many are enrolled. **This is why it is so important that each current school family do all they can to encourage other families to send their children to St. Dominic School.**

The Finance Council is committed to keeping tuition increases as low as possible for the upcoming school year. We apologize for the fact that we cannot state a fixed rate of tuition prior to the completion of the registration process. We hope you understand and will continue to work with us. We assure you that the final tuition rates will be published around the first of April.

If tuition is increased, it is needed to cover rising costs and salary increases for the school staff. We continually strive to reduce our expenses and to keep tuition increases at a minimum.

We want every child to have the opportunity for a Catholic education at St. Dominic School. Please remember that tuition assistance is available. All items relating to tuition assistance are handled in a very confidential manner.

St. Dominic School is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a quality education with a solid grounding in the Catholic faith and the values of Jesus Christ. A Catholic school education at St. Dominic is a priceless gift to your children.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim Walsh	William S. Cavanaugh	Rev. Mr. Mark Bardonaro
Pastor	Principal	Deacon

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TUITION ASSISTANCE NEWS

Combined, our Sister Patrick Ann Education Fund and Adopt-A-Student program have provided over $80,000 in tuition assistance for qualified parish families. For some families, without this assistance they would not be able to receive a Catholic education. Please, if your family is able to do so, consider sharing your financial gifts by contributing to either of these funds. *Thank You!*

This year, we will again be using FACTS Tuition Management to collect and report tuition assistance applicant information to us. If you will be applying for **Tuition Assistance** for your child or children who will be attending St. Dominic Parish School next year, **complete your application on-line through FACTS by January 31.** ***Please be advised that with your application you must submit your 2015 tax information. If you do not, your application will most likely be denied*.**

Remember, the on-line application and additional requested documentation are due into FACTS by January 31, 2017. The application fee is $28.00. If your family cannot afford the application fee, please contact the Parish Business Manager.

Blessings & Peace,

Charlie DeZarn
Parish Business Manager