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Dear Saint James School Family,

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated and caring community at St. James! We continually strive to maintain a sense of family and academic excellence along with extracurricular opportunities that each of our students deserve. Our attention to faith formation is vital and continuous.

St. James School has been selected for a variety of reasons including a commitment to smaller class sizes in primary grades, an assurance of a rigorous, research based curriculum, and our overarching dedication to faith development.

Our graduates leave us as confident, competent students, prepared to successfully tackle the challenges of high school and higher education. We are proud to consistently see long lists of SJS alumni in leadership roles, on high school honor rolls, receiving admissions and scholarships to outstanding universities, and selected as honorees for community awards. The graduate of St. James School is an outstanding product!

In order to maintain and grow our mission, we must look to the future and plan so that this excellence will be in place for future students and their families. One of our primary goals is to continue to offer an affordable Catholic education at St. James for all students. This goal translates into the growing need to provide financial assistance for an increasing number of students.

With this in mind, the St. James Tuition Assistance Program is available as a sustainable form of support for families who would otherwise not be able to have Catholic education for their children. Aid is available and families are invited to apply online so that eligibility can be assessed. Students in grades 1 through 8 are eligible and application can be made with a simple click on the Financial Aide page of the school website.

As most of you know, tuition dollars do not cover the day-to-day expenses and operational costs to educate a student at SJS. Every SJS student receives tuition aid via the parish investment to the school budget. This generous support from the parish and donors helps to make tuition as affordable as possible. Additionally, a multiple child discount has helped to ease the cost for families who have more than one child, K-8 at SJS. The Archdiocese has requested that parishes offering this discount work on minimizing

it to avoid financial setbacks in the future. At SJS, discounts for two, three, and four + child/ren families are supported with significant discounts of 17%, 24%, and 35%.

When broken down, the parishioner rate for one child in grades 1-8 comes to \$31.43 per day. Many folks pay much more for an hour of tutoring or a babysitter on a weekend evening! Realizing that the cost increases per child, this rate is still a bargain for a first rate Catholic education!

SJS's tuition is competitive with those of neighboring schools. SJS is one of the few schools that does not require a "mandatory" fundraising fee and has not added a charge for the SMART Tuition service.

Tuition Agreements are being sent home this week. Know that the School Council works diligently to make the most reasonable recommendation regarding tuition rates. Along with the Parish Finance Council, the parish and school administration realize that the investment you make is significant. Our graduates demonstrate that the "product" is worth the investment!

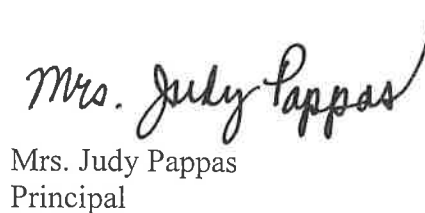
The St. James School community and parish have always been extraordinarily generous! They have acted upon Scripture: *"From everyone who has been much, much will be demanded and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."* Luke 12:48

Thank you for your consistent generosity and willing spirit. We truly appreciate your support of Catholic education at St. James School!

Most sincerely,



Father Matt Foley  
Pastor



Mrs. Judy Pappas  
Principal