

A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

March 26, 2021

Dear Saints Peter and Paul Family,

With the many changes this year, our school community has come together to create a vibrant and joy filled atmosphere for our students. In a world often full of disappointment and despair, Saints Peter and Paul remains steadfast in hope! In the past year, we experienced a change in principal leadership and survived a worldwide pandemic, while keeping our students happily engaged through in-person learning each day. This is extra-ordinary to say the least! Today and into the future, we will continue to **Be the Light** for others, in exceptional faith and academic formation.

Catholic education is a sacrifice. It is an important choice all of us make as parents to ensure our children are provided an exemplary faith and academic education, provided at Saints Peter and Paul School. Each one of our priests, teachers, staff, and members of the School Board are entrusted with the great responsibility to carry our mission forward. We have tremendous goals on the horizon that relate to an enhanced curriculum, updated technology, while keeping our campus a safe and vibrant learning atmosphere. We believe that next year's budget reflects good stewardship of the generous contributions shared with Saints Peter and Paul.

Over the last few months, the School Board and Administration have been working to finalize next year's school budget and set tuition. After much discussion and review, the School Board has approved a **2.5% tuition increase** for the 2021-2022 school year. **The tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows:**

- One Student Family **\$5,710**
- Two Student Family **\$10,848**
- Three or more Student Family **\$15,980**

We are extremely grateful to Father Brad and the parish community for their continued support of Catholic Education. The parish will contribute **\$415,000** to help fund our school. The Home and School Association fundraising events will contribute **\$80,000** to next year's school budget. The Endowment Funds and Annual Golf Outing will contribute approximately **\$796,000** to support teacher salaries, financial aid, and capital improvements. Nearly **\$1.3 million dollars** has been contributed, outside of tuition income, which keeps our tuition increases as low as possible, and our education programs strong. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the above fundraising opportunities – they are critical to our school and so greatly appreciated.



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Next year all of students from grades 3 to 8 will receive **brand new touchscreen Chromebooks, Go Guardian, and Google** licensing. Our new Chromebooks will be touch-screen and our Junior High students will have the option of a stylus. Next year, we will be introducing a technology fee to help cover a **small portion** of the total technological expenses that will be spent to fund our new Chromebook devices, ongoing technological infrastructure, teacher and student curriculum subscriptions, classrooms resources, and replacement accessories. Through our research other schools' fees are higher or the entire technology device purchased by the family. **After much discussion, the School Board has approved the following technology fees for the 2021-2022 school year.**

- One Student Family                   **\$100**
- Two Student Family                   **\$185**
- Three or more Student Family **\$260**

There are numerous positives happening at SSPP, as our close-knit school culture has really unified over the past year, even with the challenges we have faced. The significant capital project to improve the school security and upgrade the Junior High entrance is moving forward and is targeted to begin before the end of the year. We are thrilled for our preschool opening next Fall as we expand the close knit SSPP community even further. Recent technology upgrades, along with new ones on the horizon, continue to bolster our students learning environment in critical areas. These positive changes have helped us to increase our enrollment and grow our community. Increasing enrollment does increase our needs for support staff and other resources. Our budget and tuition reflect prioritizing staffing and curriculum resources. We are dedicated to keeping our tuition and fees reasonable, while remaining a premier school in the Diocese of Joliet!

**Tuition payment plans will be finalized and emailed to all families beginning on Friday, May 3 through Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, during which you will receive an email from FACTS TUITION with the details. At that time, you will confirm your tuition and per student fees (First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation etc.)** A tuition and fee summary is [attached](#) and will be posted on our school webpage. These fees, dependent on grade level, will be included in your tuition agreement. If you are a new family and are eligible for the Transfer Tuition Grant, this credit will not be added to your FACTS Tuition payment plan until the end of the school year. Upon remaining at SSPP for a second year, the additional credit will be added to your FACTS account the following year.

**FACTS tuition payment plans must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> or a \$100 late fee per student will be added to your FACTS tuition plan. Optional fees such as milk, band, and pencil cases will not be purchased and/or paid until early August.**

We have heard over and over that our Saints Peter and Paul School students are receiving a learning experience far exceeding their peers in other schools. Our SSPP parents have stepped up to the plate offering trust and support during the challenges of this past year. Thank you for choosing SSPP for your child's education. *Thanks be to God who has allowed us to flourish and grow!*

The Future is Bright!



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