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Dear Parents,

St Margaret School is rooted in a rich legacy of faith formation, academic achievement and social development. As we look forward to the 2019-2020 school year, our goal is to continue to provide a quality Catholic education within an affordable price range. After careful consultation with the Parish Finance Council and input from members of the Advisory Board we have determined the tuition rates for the upcoming school year. We do our best to control expenses without compromising the quality of our School. Although this is a challenging task, your cooperation assists us in accomplishing this goal. Thank you for your continued support in the great ministry of Catholic education here at St. Margaret School.

The school budget for 2019-2020 includes an increase in tuition of \$125.00 for families with one student. Parents with more than one child in the School will continue to benefit from a downward sliding tuition scale. The increase in rates is comparable to last year. Please refer to the enclosed form, which itemizes tuition for the 2019-20 school year. Please note that tuition assistance is available. We are committed to doing our best to assist families who are in genuine need and truly desire a Catholic education for their children. Tuition assistance applications can be obtained through our Development Office.

We want to call your attention to a few items in particular regarding tuition:

- In comparison with other parochial schools, our tuition falls in the middle cost range, but unlike many other Catholic schools, SMS has no tech fee, and does not charge a fee for entering into the SMART Tuition Program.
- The total cost of educating per child at SMS is about \$5700. (This only includes operating costs and not capital expenses, which makes the actual cost even higher). Subsidies from St. Margaret's and the other Catholic Parishes and fundraising make up the difference between tuition and the cost per student.
- St. Margaret Parish is the only Parish that provides subsidies for Kindergarten, so the tuition for Kindergarten families outside the Parish and for non-Catholics is higher than for St. Margaret families, and kindergarten students are not included in the multiple children discount to help account for the lack of a subsidy.

We appreciate your commitment to Catholic education and together we can achieve the highest goals for our children in their faith and academic development.

Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, Principal

Monsignor Paul Dougherty, Pastor