

January 20, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In this folder you will find many very important pieces of information. I am using this means to get out information on upcoming events, particularly Catholic Schools Week, but also information and forms about re-registering for the 2009-2010 school year.

In regard to the re-registration forms, pay attention to the requirements, guidelines and timelines that are presented here. If you have questions about certain expectations, contact the office immediately so that we can assist you.

- A FACTS application packet is included here for each family, for your convenience. This is a necessary step to requesting financial assistance. Disregard this application if you are not applying for assistance.
- You will see a different look to the Tuition and Fees schedule for 09-10. This I have done to respond to a request by the School Board so that all families can understand the amount of tuition needed to promote and support the school. Verified active Catholics do receive a 20% discount from this amount because of what they give back to the church through their time, talent and monetary contributions. This allows our church (and those in our deanery) to give back to the school through subsidy to make up for this tuition loss.
- An additional 10% discount is given per child for families who enroll more than one child. This is a change from the flat rate given in the past (also a school board suggestion).
- Re-registration is completed once the blue information form, payment of the registration fee, and parish verification form (if applicable) is returned.

In regard to Catholic Schools week, please remember the following:

- Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> is the kick off to our events. Please remember that we have our Children's Mass that day beginning at 9am. The choir is to be part of our liturgy as well as our students who will serve as lectors, gift bearers, a speaker, etc. All students are encouraged to attend in their dress uniform.
- An Open House will be in the school that day follow the Mass until noon. Enclosed here are two announcements that I would like you to hand to a family member, friend or co-worker that you would like to invite to take a look at our school.
- A schedule of events and times are also enclosed as well as the information sheet for Taste of Lourdes.

This is a most exciting time of year. We have begun our second semester; celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of this school year; and are planning with anticipation to celebrate the great gift of Catholic schools during Catholic Schools Week. In addition, big plans are being made for next school year. I hope each of you will find time to come in and celebrate with us during Catholic Schools Week or in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

Diana Hankins