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Dear School Families,

The tag line for St. Katherine of Siena School gives us the vision around which we promote our school to the local community and to interested families seeking a solid Catholic education for their children:

Saint Katherine of Siena School Succeeding in the present ~ Preparing for the future!

At this time of the year when parents begin the task of registering their children for the upcoming school year the questions **asked by parents** are: *what are the tuition rates, how much will tuition increase, and what improvements can I hope to see for my child?*

The questions that **I ask myself** are: *how much will it cost to educate a child in SKS, what must I offer the teachers in the way of salary and benefits to ensure quality educators, and how do I keep tuition at a level that parents can afford?*

The estimated total cost to operate the school for the coming year is **\$2,705,077.00**. The estimated enrollment is **628 students**. Based on the estimates the **average cost per student is \$4,307.00**.

Below is a chart of the major revenue categories that fund the school operations broken down by dollar amount and the percentages that they cover of the total operating expense.

Category	Revenue	% of Total
Grade School Tuition – Catholic	\$1,288,810	48%
Grade School Tuition – Non Catholic	\$ 175,100	6%
RRE-K3, PRE K-4, Kindergarten	\$ 401,400	15%
School Fees – Registration, Lunch, Other	\$ 165,000	6%
SKIP, Fundraising, CARES, Other	\$ 380,000	14%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 294,767	11%
Total	\$2,705,077	100%

In total the tuition and fees cover 75% of the cost to operate the school. Other School programs contribute 14% in the operating revenue and finally and perhaps the most overlooked item is the parish subsidy to the school. This year it is estimated at approximately **\$295,000.00**.

Fortunately, by the weekly generosity of our parishioners who see SKS School as an important and necessary work of our parish, we have each year been able to maintain a balanced school budget by allocating Church funds to the School.

Every Parish family with a child or children in grades K through 8 receives a financial allowance towards their child's education. Families with more than one child in school receive additional allowances with the multi child tuition rates.

Our most recent class, the Class of 2016, graduated 76 students. Together they amassed a little more than \$251,000.00 in scholarships and grants and are presently succeeding in our local secondary schools. Our present eighth grade is poised to be as *successful* at graduation, and in the future. As we say in our vision statement, they have been *prepared*.

What got these graduates to this point in their lives? At SKS, in addition to the 3R's, technology is incorporated into the daily instruction. The Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) Program strives to create independent and enthusiastic readers. We are fortunate to have a wide range of **extra-curricular** and **co-curricular** classes and activities help us to offer a well rounded program with offerings such as Science Lab, Computer, Music and Spanish. And of course **Religion** is the center of who we are and what we do!

Pope Pius XII said, "*The soul of Catholic education is the education of the soul.*" This is also the bedrock of a St. Katherine of Siena Catholic School education. I am most grateful to you, for choosing to entrust your child to us for their formative educational years, and to all of our parishioners who assist us with this task.

Cordially,



Reverend Paul M. Kennedy,
Pastor

*St. Katherine of Siena,
guide and protect the children entrusted to our care.*
