

Christ the King School News

Catholic Schools - Light the Way

April 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

As many of you may remember, last April, we shared with you the directive from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that all schools move to tuition based financing, eliminating the tuition/pledge system. This was a topic that was discussed as pastors, principals, and parish representatives met during the 2006-2007 school year. We began this change last year and will continue it during the 2008-2009 school year, increasing tuition and decreasing the parish pledge.

In addition, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), which helped us throughout last year's meetings, spoke about the financial model of Catholic school support with 40% coming from the parents, 40% from the parish, and 20% from fundraising. Although we are not at those percentages, we will continue to work on this area, and fundraising will be a line item in our budget. This will be happening in the upcoming school year, as we put this year's auction profits into our budget. Because of the money raised by the auction, we were able to keep increases in the 5-6% range. It is our hope that the auction will continue to be a success, so that we can keep any increases to a minimum.

Here are next year's fees as recommended to Monsignor by the Finance Committee:

Number of Children	Tuition	Book Fee	Parish Pledge	Total
1 Child	\$2150	\$285	\$780**	\$3215
2 Children	\$3025	\$570	\$780**	\$4375
3 Children	\$3850	\$855	\$780**	\$5485
4 Children	\$4675	\$1005	\$780**	\$6460
5 Children	\$5500	\$1155	\$780**	\$7435

** \$15.00 weekly times 52 weeks

Financial aid forms for the pledge will be available in the Parish Office on August 1, 2008.

Non-Catholic tuition is \$3830 plus the \$285 book fee, and our preschool tuition will increase by \$5.00 a month.

As you know our expenses at school continue to increase. The largest increases come from salaries, health care and retirement benefits for all of the school employees, as set by the diocese. Providing a Catholic education requires families to sacrifice other things. Thank you for valuing education at Christ the King School. We believe that we provide our students with the skills they will need in high school and beyond. God bless you for your continued support of Catholic education and Christ the King School.

God's blessings,