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Dear Parents:

The school years seem to go by faster and faster each year! Once again, we find ourselves in January and begin our process of preparing for the next school year. Our Re-Registration packets were sent home today in the Wednesday packet and you will notice that we have an increase for the 2022-2023 school year. I would like to share with you some of the increases in our budget that will be absorbed by this increase in tuition.

First, and as always, salaries and benefits continue to increase each year and we generally budget for a 2.5% increase in this area of the budget to cover adjustments to the salary scale and benefit costs. Secondly, we have also seen an increase in cost to our maintenance and instructional materials area of the budget. After professional financial consultation, a freeze was placed on facility projects due to the uncertainty of the economy in the last year and a half of COVID. Currently, we need additional classroom space. This summer we will repurpose an area on campus and create one additional classroom. Several of our air conditioning units in the gym and classrooms had to be replaced this year which caused a significant impact on our maintenance budget. We anticipate that this will continue to happen due to the age of many of our A/C units. We are exploring adding Spanish to our enrichment schedule which will increase our faculty costs for salary and benefits. We will continue with a cycle of adopting new textbooks to ensure all our textbooks are current and meet the rigorous standards and expectations of our school.

It is also important that we remind everyone that our tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a child here at St. Joseph School. With assistance from St. Joseph Church, the fundraising of our school families through our Spring Fair and Strawberry Festival Parking, and closely monitoring our spending each year, we are able to continue to provide our students with a strong faith based and educational experience. As we look to the future, and work to continue to meet the needs of our students in this ever-changing world, it will quite likely be necessary for tuition to increase as we strive to offer new and existing programs that help our students to be competitive and prepared for their educational future.

We sincerely appreciate and value that you choose St. Joseph as the school for your child/children. We recognize the importance of our role as a partner in your child's education and future. Our role includes a responsibility to seek and offer an academic experience that challenges your child to grow as a faith-filled child of God, a learner, and a problem-solver.

With Faith, Hope, and Love,

Danette E. Ragusa
Principal

"The mission of St. Joseph School is to encourage our students to have a zeal for their Catholic faith through prayer and service and to provide students with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents through academic excellence."