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JAMES F. GIERYNG
Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we will begin the registration period for the 2012-2013 school year. Since we expect more families to apply for enrollment this year and some of the classes are at or near capacity, it is very important for you to reserve a place for your child/children at this time.

Enclosed is the re-registration contract and proposed tuition schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. The Finance Committee submitted our budget to the Diocese and is waiting for approval. The new tuition reflects a 4.7% (\$240) increase for a single child In-Diocese. We will continue to offer gift card and certificates for sale as a means to reduce your overall tuition obligation. Some families have cut their tuition by nearly half through this program. Your final tuition bill will reflect what you have earned.

We are trying to be sensitive to the economic situation in the area and not raise tuition any more than is absolutely necessary. Our 2012-2013 budget includes significant increases in pension, health care, and workman's compensation costs as well as the cost of increasing our faculty by one first grade teacher to better serve our students by having two classrooms per grade. I will be addressing your comments and concerns publically during the February Home and School Association meeting and my door is always open for additional comments and concerns at any time.

Our Finance Committee asks you to encourage prospective families to look into a Catholic education at St. James. In appreciation of your efforts, we are offering you a tangible incentive. If you successfully recruit a new family to enroll their child/children in our school, you will receive \$500 in April, 2013. If your effort brings us more than one family, you will receive \$500 for each family! **There are stipulations which apply to the recruitment of new students.** Payment of finder fees is contingent upon fulfillment of these stipulations. Please contact us for more information.

To guarantee a place for your child/children next year, please complete the enclosed re-registration contract and review the information on the SMART form. Please return both to the office with the appropriate tuition deposit (see page 3 of the Re-registration Contract) by **Friday, February 10th, 2012.** Except in the case of preschoolers applying for kindergarten, this non-refundable deposit will be credited to your 2012- 2013 tuition balance.

This is a unique opportunity for you to have a real impact upon future tuition rates. By working together to keep our current families with us next year and to bring new families into the school, we can continue to offer the finest quality Christian education available in the area at a reasonable price. If we fill our available seats, everyone will benefit from smaller increases in the future.

God bless you for your commitment to Catholic education.

Sincerely,

James Gieryng
Principal