



NORTH HILLS REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we get ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the NHRCES Board of Directors wants to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and donors for their remarkable commitment to Catholic education. The continued dedication of all will lead to extraordinary results!.

Now that the halfway mark for this academic year has been reached, we are beginning to formulate our plans and expectations for the 2019-20 school year, which will be our third year as a regional school system. At the heart of everything we do is the goal of creating an environment in which our students will reach their full potential through academic excellence, spiritual development and acts of service.

One of the priorities of the region is to better publicize the good work that our schools - and particularly our students - are doing. Multiple methods of communication will be considered and utilized. Immediate action is underway to ensure the new identity of the consolidated schools is complete. Every effort is being made to replace old signage, and logos and colors made consistent throughout the school campuses.

The new parish groupings have created an opportunity to maximize the awareness of and support for the NHRCES to the entire northern region of parishes. Toward that end, the Board of Directors is being reconfigured so each of the newly formed parish groupings has a representative on the board. The potential benefits are many, not of the least of which are the prayerful endorsement of Catholic schools and equalization of financial subsidies from all parishes.

Administration of Northside Catholic Assumption Academy, formed by the merging of Northside Catholic and Assumption schools, will be handled in the future by the Extra Mile Education Foundation, which is committed to providing financial support to local urban children and their families who seek a quality, values-based education.

Our schools rely on three sources of revenue. The percentage of revenue from each source varies by school. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- ❖ Tuition (60%)
- ❖ Fundraising (15%)
- ❖ Subsidies from the parishes and Diocese (25%)

The tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year are enclosed with this letter. The rates for kindergarten through 8th grade reflect an increase of \$130 per student. The single child rate for CDTCA was increased to equal the rates of three other schools. The amount of the increase over the \$130 per child at CDTCA was subtracted from the fundraising objective.

The tuition rates for 2019-2020 were established using projections for enrollment numbers, subsidy amounts, fundraising, and operating costs.

By policy of the Board of Directors, the NHRCES preschool programs will be sustained financially solely by tuition revenue. Some of the NHRCES preschools operated at a financial loss in the past. This policy has saved the region tens of thousands of dollars.

Fundraising success is a key factor to keeping tuition rates as low as possible. Fundraising is expected to yield similar or slightly higher amounts than is projected for this year.

The Board is planning for a reduced amount of parish and diocesan subsidies for the coming year. The changes and challenges within the diocese have created uncertainty in a number of areas including offertory collections, which has a direct impact on the amount of subsidy available for our schools.

An important reminder; school families can reduce their tuition costs by participating in our gift card program. Up to 100% of the rebate credit can be applied toward tuition. Details on the program will be sent to school families in a separate letter.

The NHRCES regional office and the School Advisory Councils have worked together diligently over the last 18 months supporting fundraising efforts that have a track record of success and synchronizing fundraising events at schools to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Fundraising is vital to the ongoing success of Catholic education and we need to continually get the word out about the importance of investing in Catholic education. If you have ideas or expertise raising funds, please contact the School Advisory Council at your school or the regional office.

Thank you for your prayerful support of Catholic education. Your commitment is setting a course for extraordinary results for academic excellence, spiritual development and act of service to others.

May God bless you and your families!

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2019-2020 Tuition Rates for NHRCES K-8 Schools

2019-2020 Tuition Rates for K-8 Schools	Blessed Francis Seelos Academy	Blessed Trinity Academy	Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy	Holy Cross Academy	St. James School
1 Child Family (K-8)	\$5,130	\$4,780	\$4,780	\$4,780	\$4,780
2 Child Family (K-8)	\$8,760	\$7,460	\$7,780	\$7,460	\$7,460
3+ Child Family (K-8)	\$10,890	\$9,040	\$10,560	\$9,040	\$9,040
Non-Catholic Students	\$6,630	\$6,630	\$6,630	\$6,630	\$6,630

2019-2020 Tuition Rates for NHRCES Preschools

2019-2020 Tuition Rates for Preschools	Blessed Francis Seelos Academy	Blessed Trinity Academy	Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy	Holy Cross Academy	St. James School
1/2 Day PS 3 (Two days)	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$2,050	\$1,700	\$1,600
Full Day PS 3 (Two days)	\$4,000				
1/2 Day PS 3 (Three days)	\$1,900				
Full Day PS 3 (Three days)	\$4,500				
1/2 Day PS 3 (Five days)	\$2,300				
Full Day PS 3 (Five days)	\$6,000				
1/2 Day PK 4 (Three days)	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$2,275	\$1,900	\$1,900
Full Day PK 4 (Three days)	\$4,500	\$4,500		\$4,500	\$3,600
1/2 Day PK 4 (Five days)	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,725	\$2,300	
Full Day PK 4 (Five days)	\$6,000	\$6,000		\$6,000	