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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?*

Below is a chart of the major revenue and expense categories in the 2019 -2020 SKS budget broken down by dollar amount and a percentage basis.

Category	Revenue	% of Total
Grade School Tuition – Catholic	\$1,297,015	51%
Grade School Tuition – Non Catholic	\$ 207,000	8%
RRE-K3, PRE K-4, Kindergarten Tuition	\$ 395,500	15%
School Fees – Registration, Lunch, Lottery, Other	\$ 218,900	9%
SKIP, Fundraising, CARES, Other	\$ 225,283	9%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 205,228	8%
Total	\$ 2,548,926	100%

Category	Expenses	% of Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,094,626	82%
Administration	\$ 161,300	6%
Maintenance, Utilities, Taxes	\$ 293,000	12%
Total	\$2,548,926	100%

With the total estimated cost to operate the school for the coming year at \$2,549,000 and an expected enrollment of 597 students the average cost per student is \$4,300. An amount well above the parishioner base grade school tuition of \$3,500 per student.

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 (\$205,228 in the coming year) to the School.

With the new tuition rates for the 2019 – 2020 school year every **Parish family** with a child or children in grades PK4 through 8 **receives a minimum financial allowance of approximately \$800 towards their child's education**. Families with more than one child in school receive additional allowances with the multi child tuition rates.

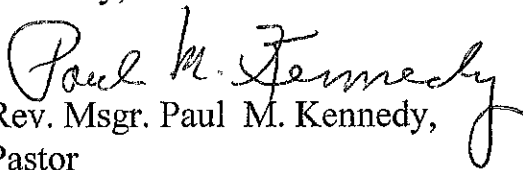
Our most recent class, the Class of 2018, graduated 53 students. Together they amassed a little more than \$341,210.00 in scholarships and grants and are presently succeeding in our local secondary schools. Our present eighth grade is poised to be as *successful* at graduation, and in the future. As 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 Honors Math, Science Lab, Computer, Music and Spanish. And of course **Religion** is the center of who we are and what we do!

The budget also includes expenditures on projects that contribute to our student's learning environment; specifically classroom appearance and up-dating, improvements to lighting, plumbing and of course safety.

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,


Rev. Msgr. Paul M. Kennedy,
Pastor

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