



January 17, 2018

Dear Friend of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School,

This is the time of year that I work with the St. Bernard community, church leaders, teachers, staff, and advisory council to examine financial projections for the current year as well as set our budget for the upcoming school year. This school year has been a tough one for our school community. We have not been as successful with our yearly donations and unfortunately we have dropped below 200 students. Both of these unfortunate occurrences have had a profound impact on our financial stability.

This years "GAP" Campaign is more important than ever. We must find a way to build our financial resources so that we close the gap between the amount families pay in tuition and the actual amount it costs to educate a child at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School. Historically, this amount ranges between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00. This year, however, the amount we are needing to close the gap is much greater.

As we embark on our annual "GAP" Campaign I ask that each school and church family examine their individual situation and give as much money towards this campaign as you are able. Monetary donations can be made out to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School and given directly to the school office.

The St. Bernard Gala, which is set for April 14, is another opportunity to support our school and close our "GAP". The Gala committee is in need of people to share their time, talent, and treasures. If you are interested in giving towards the Gala in any capacity please contact Mr. Lino Gonzales - lgonzales@dallaspinnacle.com or 214-649-7694.

I am very confident St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School will continue to grow in our instructional programs, faith development, and community fellowship; however, as is the case with many things, we must find ways to bring in additional funds to support this growth and maintain our small class sizes, exemplary educational programs, and increased academic offerings.

Thank you in advance for all you do to help the students and teachers at St. Bernard. Let's continue to work together to make our school the jewel of East Dallas. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

God Bless,

Michael Davies
Principal