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“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” — John 3:16

Dear Parents,

As people of faith we know Jesus loves and walks with us as we face the challenges of COVID-19. As I speak to our school families, I am pleased at how positive and happy they are with the education we have been able to provide during this time. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, and our ability to provide both in-person and virtual learning, our students continue to grow both academically and personally.

As we move into 2021 we are continuing our participation in the Wisconsin School Choice Program. This year, the program contributed \$53,950 for our school and help offset not only tuition costs but the investment that our parish makes in our school to a level the parish can sustain. In the 2021-2022 school year we continue to build the value of our school, but we are facing some cost increases that we need to plan for. Next year, our staff will see a 7% rise in their health care costs while other cost increases will average 3% or more. In addition, we intend to give our teachers a 2% cost of living adjustment. These changes are needed to keep our school competitive with other area schools.

Our Board is in the process of creating a plan to help our school grow to help offset these costs. First, we will be creating endowment fund with the goal that over the next 5 years it will offset as much as 10% of the budget. The Board is also establishing initiatives to increase enrollment to reduce our overall cost to educate. These include increasing our School Choice enrollment within the community, managing our technology with other schools in the Diocese, and increasing the parental investment in our school. For the 2021-2022 school year, the parental investment will be \$3000 per student or a 7% tuition increase.

Please remember that tuition assistance is available. It is our goal to ensure that no child is denied a Catholic education due to financial constraints. We encourage you to contact us about payment and scholarship options.

Thank you for being part of St. John-Sacred Heart Catholic School. I am praying for you and your families. May the Lord guide and protect you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,

Jaclyn Behnke
Principal

The mission of St. John-Sacred Heart School is to provide a quality Catholic education with an emphasis on Christian values, academic rigor and transformational service, setting the stage for lifelong learning and discipleship.