



Office of Catholic Education
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings from the Office for Catholic Education, where we are honored to serve you and your children in this awesome ministry of Catholic education. Each year at this time, I am reminded of the unique privilege that I have to serve in this historic city where Saint John Neumann once served and, in his day, ushered in a new era for Catholic education. As the founder of America's first Catholic schools, this great saint remains a source of inspiration for us. Be assured that his aspiration remains ours today: to establish a Catholic school system that sets the standard for excellence, innovation, and growth across the United States.

Our leading edge curricula and innovative teaching strategies support Archdiocesan students in performing above the national percentile in standardized tests. Our students perform better than their counterparts in SATs with increased scores in writing, reading, and mathematics over the past five year trend. College acceptance is at 98% across our schools and the Class of 2016 was awarded over \$330 million in college scholarships, the highest award so far.

With that in mind, I am enclosing our new tuition rates for the 2017-18 school year with this letter. We never take for granted the investment that you make in your child and we have worked hard to minimize these increases. I am also proud to let you know that we have increased the amount of funding available for tuition assistance thanks to the hard work of our school presidents, BLOCS and the Faith in the Future Foundation. In fact, in 2016-17 the total of all financial aid awards and scholarship awards exceeded \$20 million. This has allowed us to award 76% of total need across our 17 high schools.

We will continue using Smart Tuition to manage the tuition and fee payments for all of our high schools. The tuition charge and the "School Fee" will be billed to you over 11 months starting in June 2017 and ending in April 2018. More information on re-enrolling for Smart Tuition will be sent to you in the next few months and we encourage all parents to sign up for electronic payments.

On behalf of the entire Secretariat for Catholic Education and the people of the Archdiocese, thank you for sharing the gift of your child with us and for making such a significant investment in their future and the future of our Church!

Peace and all good things,

Christopher Mominey
Chief Operating Officer and Secretary for Catholic Education