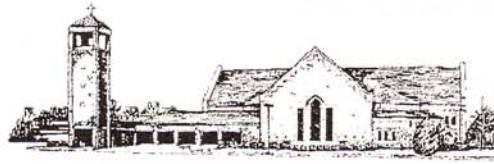


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Dear St. Agnes School Parents,

Though in the midst of the current school year, it is time to prepare for the next St. Agnes School year of 2009-2010. As the parish finance council, we wanted to inform school parents of the upcoming changes for next year. The value you place on your children's Catholic education and the sacrifices you undertake to make this possible are a wonderful witness to your faith.

The projected cost of educating a child at St. Agnes School for the 2009-2010 year is \$4,450. Mindful of the Springfield Catholic Schools Strategic Plan that was formulated in the spring of 2007, our schools are seeking a 50-40-10 percent ratio for funding the cost per student in our schools; that is, 50% of the cost per student from tuition, 40% parish subsidy (Sunday collection) and 10% school fundraisers. The tuition scale below puts us in that range and brings us more in line with the other Catholic elementary schools in Springfield. Given the tuition increase, we have tried to create more of a break for families with more than one child attending St. Agnes School. For larger families with more than three children, there will be no additional cost after the third child. We are all aware of how weak the economy is now and its consequences in terms of employment and income. We are sensitive to this matter. Please understand that there is tuition assistance for families should help be needed. Applications for tuition assistance can be picked up in the school office in late March.

The technology fee listed below, along with other school fundraisers, will enable us to install new computers in our technology lab this summer. This is an important and needed improvement in the overall program offered at St. Agnes School.

After careful consideration and planning for the upcoming school year, the following will be the tuition/fees for pre-K through 8th grades for the 2009-2010 school year:

Registration: \$50 per child (non-refundable)—due at time of registration. This fee is in addition to total tuition cost.

Tuition:

\$2,200 for 1st child
\$1,900 for 2nd child
\$1,600 for 3rd child
No tuition for 4th & 5th child

Technology Fee (K-8): \$50 per child due on Orientation/Fee Day in August. This will be used for updating the computers in the technology lab.

Kindergarten Milk: \$35 per child

Non-Catholic Tuition:
\$4,100 per student

Registration for Preschool: \$25 per child (non-refundable) due at time of registration. This fee is in addition to total tuition cost.

Tuition for Preschool:

3 year old (2 days): \$850 per child

(class meets Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

4 year old (3 days): \$1,150 per child

(class meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

4 year old (5 days): \$1,350 per child

(class meets Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

4 year old (3 days-All Day) NEW OPTION: \$1,600 per child

(class meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday all day, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

4 year old (5 days—3 All Day days and 2 p.m. days) NEW OPTION: \$1,900 per child

(class meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday all day, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

In addition, with the 2009-2010 school year there is eliminated the annual parental pledge agreement. We are grateful for all the school families who have so conscientiously given to the Sunday collection in the practice of stewardship above and beyond the tuition. ***We are still in need of your help!*** The stewardship of our time, our talents and our treasure is a give back to God who has first blessed us. The practice of such stewardship is a great help to our St. Agnes parish community of faith.

If we can be of assistance to you, please let us know. Our thanks for choosing St. Agnes School and for seeking a faith-based "Catholic Education: A Life-Long Gift."

Sincerely in Christ,

St. Agnes Parish Council

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