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Dear Parents,

As always, a major goal of the Board of Trustees is to maintain open communication with you the parents of KCSS students, and also our parishioners of Holy Cross and Saint Katharine Drexel. With this in mind, we write to you today to talk about the costs and benefits of Catholic Education.



As a parent of a child in the system, you already know the benefits of a Catholic Education are both tangible and intangible. When you choose to send your child to KCSS, you are entrusting your child to our qualified, caring and dedicated staff. Your child is getting an academically strong education, rooted in our Catholic faith. Not only are you bringing them to a safe environment where they are practicing their skills in public speaking during mass, but also they are building confidence along with other children who share their same values. The Kaukauna Catholic School System continues to be accredited and produces some of the top-performing students as they continue on to high school. As a parent you are part of a community of parents and friends that are active in their children's education.

One of the duties of the Board of Trustees is to draft and work on throughout the year a budget for the operation of the school system. We must also make decisions that will measure, fund, and allocate the finances of this operation. Revenues for the Kaukauna Catholic School System come from three main areas: parish support, tuition and fees, and third source funding which includes fundraising and investment income. Our goal is to always be financially responsible to our families and parishes and to abide with our mission of providing Catholic Education for anyone who desires it for their children.

The Board of Trustees has taken much time and care to study and discuss tuition for the next school year. We have agreed upon a small increase of \$50, making tuition \$2,210 per student for grades 1-8. If you spread it out over the number of days in the school calendar, that comes out to only \$12.28 per day for grades 1 – 8. What an impact we can make on our children's life for just \$12.00 a day! Kindergarten will remain at a lower rate of \$1,460, or \$8.11 per day. That is an increase of \$0.17 per day over last year.

We did change the multiple children discount this year. Families with children in Kindergarten – Grade 8 will receive tuition discounts as follows:

1st and 2nd child full tuition

3rd child \$100.00 discount

4th child \$150.00 discount

5th child \$200.00 discount

Know that confidential tuition assistance is always available for anyone who desires the benefits of Catholic education but for whom the financial burden may otherwise be too great. Please contact Jessica Schaff in the business office for more information on how to apply for tuition assistance. Thank you for choosing Catholic education and Kaukauna Catholic School System. Know that you may contact the Board of Trustees with any comments, questions, or suggestions at any time.

Blessings to you and your families,

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