



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Dear Families,

The 2018-19 school budget is now complete thanks to the leadership of the parish and school administrations. Thanks to sound fiscal guidance of the parish Finance Council and the careful review of the School Advisory Board, we are able to continue to provide a first-class education, in a well-maintained facility on a beautiful campus. This budget was the result of prayer, deliberation, cautious expense budgeting, and conservative enrollment forecasts. Careful management of resources over the past year allowed us to again keep the tuition increase below the five-year average increase, while minimizing impacts on services and support and providing a salary increase for teachers.

The tuition rates are listed below. The 3% tuition increase over last year represents a dollar increase of \$240 for parish families and \$310 for non-parish families. We are blessed to keep our increases minimal as a direct result of our Home and School Association (HSA) fundraising events, individual donations and matching gifts.

While every possible effort is made to maintain affordable tuition rates, we recognize that increasing education costs can cause financial hardships. Tuition assistance is available for school families and information regarding this program is listed on the enclosed Tuition Fee Schedule and also available on the school website. Financial aid resources, such as Opportunity Scholarship, Diocesan Tuition Assistance, and Local Tuition Assistance will still be available to those who apply. We are allocating \$185,500 from the church offertory and school endowment toward tuition assistance to help families cover some of the difference between what they are able to pay and the cost of attendance.

**2018-19 Tuition Rates:** Parish Families: \$8,190  
All Other Families: \$10,650

**Re-Enrollment Fee:** \$200 per student, payable by February 2, 2018, or increases by \$50 to \$250

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the parent volunteers, school faculty, and the school and parish staff for their generous efforts that make our school such an outstanding educational choice. Whether individually in the classrooms, or as part of the HSA, parental involvement makes a significant impact on our school community. With your continuing support, we believe that the 2018-19 plan will allow us to achieve the spiritual and educational goals for our children in fulfillment of the school's mission.

If you have friends, neighbors or colleagues with young children, we encourage you to share the gift of our school and church community with them as well. Supporting future enrollment is one of the most important ways of ensuring an active, vibrant future.

If you have any questions, please contact our school office. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our mission.

In Christ,

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