



Dear parents and guardians,

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, January 30, 2017. We look forward to our current families returning and welcome our new families. When asked about what makes our school set apart from others, the immediate response is the sense of belonging and community observed in the school and the support of the pastor, priests, and parish. This combination makes it possible to provide a nurturing, faith-filled, academically challenging, and affordable education for every student.

This year the tuition schedule looks a bit different than past years. In a group effort with many of our diocesan schools, St. Matthew's will now offer only one tuition rate for every student. Moving to one rate allows schools to keep tuition rates affordable for all families while maximizing public funds which are available. **HOWEVER**, scholarships are available from the following categories: Parishioner's Scholarship (formerly known as the parishioners' rate), Step-Up for Students Scholarship, McKay Scholarship (matrix 251 only), and FL VPK (Voluntary PreK4).

The *parishioner's rate* is still in effect with the same criteria for eligibility and the rate of tuition **increase is less than 3% from the previous year**. Instead, to complete registration using this scholarship, parishioners will complete a Parishioner Scholarship Application form. (See attachment). All other listed scholarships will be accepted with documentation provided at registration. **All families** are responsible for the registration fee of \$250 by February 10, or \$300 at the time documents are completed and returned to the office.

Three parent/guardian mini-meetings lasting no more than 20 minutes will be held in the school library to review this information for anyone interested in attending: January 23, Monday @ 8:00am, January 24, Tuesday @ 5:30pm and January 29, Sunday @ 1:00pm.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please free to contact me via email or phone.

We look forward to a fulfilling remainder of the school year now, and a great new year beginning on August 9, 2017.

God bless.

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