



June 2018

Dear Families,

Below is a summary of the 2017 - 2018 school year and a preview into some things for the 2018-2019 school year. Most of this information may be familiar to you from the weekly newsletters, however, we want to be sure we keep you, our stakeholders, informed.

General Information

The cost to educate each child at SJAS is approximately \$5,100. Next year that cost will increase to about \$5,200 per child. The school is funded through the following means: parish subsidy, tuition, fundraisers and donations.

Parish Subsidy

This is the sum that each pastor/parish agrees to pay per child attending SJAS. Currently that amount is \$2,300 per child and has been increased to \$2,350 per child for the 2018-2019 school year.

Parent Tuition

Tuition is currently \$1,800 for the first child, with small breakdowns for succeeding children. Tuition will increase slightly to \$1,850 next year for the first child along with small breakdowns for succeeding children.

Fundraisers

There are three major fundraisers for the school: the Walk-a-thon, Cookie Bake, and Spring Raffle/Breakfast. Your participation is extremely important at these events! For 2018-2019, about \$1,000 per child needs to be 'earned' at the fundraisers to help keep tuition affordable!

Amounts raised in 2017 – 2018

- Walkathon: \$21,961.68
- Cookie Bake: \$10,764.82
- Spring Raffle/Breakfast: \$15,505.49
- Amazon Smile: \$135.48
- Box Tops: \$612.60
- Coborn's Labels for Learning/More Rewards: \$1,184.87
- Charity Mobile: \$295.10
- Coca Cola Products: \$192.55
- School Mass Collection: \$128.02
- Loaves4Learning: \$72.50

Box Tops, Labels, Amazon, Coca Cola and other collections totaled \$2,621.12 this year with your help! There was a decrease in our earnings from the loss of Campbell Soup labels and the change in Coborn's Reward Points, but we made up for a good portion of it through Amazon, Charity Mobile, and Coca Cola products. Please remember to keep using Amazon Smile, and saving box tops, Coke products, etc. over the summer!! There is a collection box at each of the parish churches, or drop them off at school!



Budget

The operating budget for this school year is \$483,200.94 and we are operating within that budget. The budget planned and approved by the School Board for the 2018-2019 school year is \$449,249.66. This decrease is due to a combination of having one less teacher and the difference between long term and short term salaries.

Grants

Last August the new stove and milk cooler were installed from last year's grant award from the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) for Farm to School. We did not apply for the grant money this year because we were not in need of any items for the kitchen or warm lunch program that would qualify for this grant money.

Two teachers applied for classroom technology grants from Century Link, however we did not receive the grant awards this year. We have been very fortunate to receive 9 Century Link grants in the last 4 years, totaling close to \$45,000!

We received two grants from the Catholic Foundation, \$1,650 from the Living the Promise Campaign for curriculum and \$1,165 for tuition assistance. In addition to these two, we received \$1,925 from the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic School Education.

We also received \$900 for winning 2nd place in a technology contest from the Great Technology Give-a-Way and used the money to help upgrade our technology infrastructure. Lastly, we received \$525 from Many Gifts One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools.

We have been very blessed to receive these wonderful monetary gifts to update our school and technology programs! We will continue look for and apply for grant money again next year!

Playground

We added the beautiful blue bench to the playground last fall, dedicated to Mary our Mother and all Mothers. The playground received a new fence on along Highway 23 and back stop due to the damage from a car accident last fall. The mural to our playground fence has been completely reinstalled by the artist and looks beautiful!

Faith, Family, and Fun Association (Home and School)

Along with doing fun things throughout the school year for the students and staff at SJAS, FFF has two fundraisers each year to help pay for field trip busing, student/staff equipment, and sixth grade graduation. The fundraisers this year made:

- Soup Fest and Silent Auction - \$1,722
- Garage Sale - \$5,682

Sincerely,

Christine Friederichs
 Principal