## BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen our Catholic school community to educate your child. We welcome the opportunity to see each of your children grow another year within these walls and within the church. We continue our strong relationship with Blessed Sacrament parish that, with the Holy Cross Sisters, established this school 95 years ago. We have had another very solid year financially and our enrollment is stable.

We will move forward with our planned 3% tuition increase for the 2018-2019 school year. Keeping in mind the strength and vitality of the current school and looking to build for continued strength and stability, we have set the 2018-2019 single child tuition rate at \$10,580 for participating Catholic families in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Please know that we recognize and respect the commitment you make to the education of your child. We do our best to honor that commitment by keeping the tuition within the means of the families we serve. Next year we anticipate the actual cost per student to be at least \$11,700. We make up the difference with very generous Home and School fundraising, continued funding from the Monsignor Smyth Endowment, strong support from the parish, and contributions to the Annual Fund. If you find that the current tuition is outside of your means, please contact me directly by June 15.

We know that all of our families have options both public and private. We believe we offer better VALUES than the public schools because of our rich faith tradition and Catholic roots. We are also confident that we offer a better VALUE than the private schools in the area because we provide a similar educational opportunity at substantially lower cost. Our aggressive strategic plan has been completed and we are actively working on those goals. We will continue our organized efforts to further improve this great school and great school community.

As we have in the past, we are able to offer multi-child discounts to those families that request it. We would ask that those families who are able to pay the single child rate for multiple children to please consider offering that as a gift to the school. Any money generated will be used to help other families in the school. These funds provide additional financial assistance for families with need. Families will more than one child will be able to indicate their preference on the Sibling Discount form.

Faithfully, Christopher Kelly Principal