



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Parents,

Please join me in thanking Dr. Noreen McAloon for her three years of faithful service as principal of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School. Under Dr. Mac's leadership, St. Joseph's has embarked on a number of exciting initiatives including the development of a strategic action plan and the launch of a new capital campaign. More important than these achievements, however, is that Dr. Mac has provided teachers, staff, and families three years of consistent leadership that has provided stability to the school. Because of this stability, I am pleased to announce that the tuition for next year will be reduced by almost \$1,000. This comes as a continued commitment to you and to the sacrifices you make to send your child(ren) to this amazing school. The supported tuition for next year is \$4,777 and the unsupported tuition rate will be \$5,765.00.

As a way to continue to support the many programs and opportunities for which your child will benefit, and to increase awareness of St Joseph school in the greater Salem community, we will begin a new fundraising initiative whereas each family will be asked to raise \$500.00 through the participation of existing fundraisers. More information regarding this program will be sent home in the near future.

In our Catholic schools, the family referral is extremely powerful. In fact, our survey data shows that over 70% of Catholic school families enroll because a family referred them. In an effort to continue to spread the good news of St. Joe's, we will continue to offer the family referral incentive. Any current St. Joe's family that refers another family will receive a \$500 tuition credit. The incentive is per family, not per student and will be applied after the new student is enrolled for one year.

The advisory board and I have established a selection committee to begin the work of finding our new Head of School. Our goal is to find the very best candidate who will continue the progress made under Dr. Mac's leadership, while leading the school with a strong vision for the future. This will include meeting the capital campaign goals, of which phase one will be completed before the start of the new school year. It is our intention to hire the new Head of School before the end of June; however, we will take the necessary time in order to find the right leader for the students, faculty, alumni and community.

In the interim, the advisory and school personnel will be working diligently to complete the registration process for current and incoming students now that the tuition has been set for next year. I am deeply committed to the viability and vitality of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School. As such, I plan to make myself available to you in the coming weeks and months by making frequent visits to the school to communicate directly with any parent, family or faculty member who have concerns, questions or ideas. Dr. McAloon and her team will be sharing those dates with you. I will also be speaking at the State of the School Address in the school gymnasium on April 10th. Please feel free to contact me at 603-669-3100 with any questions during this time of transition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David A. Thibault