



March 2022

Parents and Guardians of St. Mary's Elementary & Jr. High Students;

God bless you and thank you for giving the priests, administration, teachers, and staff of St. Mary's the blessing and the opportunity to work with your child or children. Know that I appreciate the financial sacrifice and investment that is made when choosing to provide your child or children with a Catholic education.

The funds necessary to operate our school come from tuition, fees and fundraisers provided by the parents of our students and of our donors. St. Patrick's Parishioners also invest an additional \$174,000 towards a tuition subsidy of St. Mary's School. We recognize that, as an active St. Patrick's parishioner you are contributing twice. In recognition of this, we offer reduced tuition rates for our In-Parish, active families. In order to be eligible for and to receive the In-Parish tuition rate the following requirements must be met:

1. You **MUST** be a registered member of St. Patrick Parish as the head of a household. Your children must also be listed in the parish family database. If you are not sure you and your family are registered, please contact the parish office at 815-284-7719 x0 to confirm your registration.
2. We **MUST** have on record that you attend mass and contribute regularly on weekend Masses. Mass attendance is an obligation but more so a blessing to receive the gifts from weekly attendance with an open heart.

Again, I thank you for the blessing that you give us in allowing us to educate your children, not only intellectually, but also spiritually! I am confident that, together with your help, the St. Mary School community will continue to grow, excel and uphold quality education and that we will have a great 2022/2023 school year!

God Bless You,

Fr. John Evans - Pastor