

Grounded in the Catholic faith, the mission of the Holy Family School is to educate with conviction the total student through partnership with parents, staff, and community.

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Dear Fellow Holy Family School Parents,

The 2008-2009 school year budget for Holy Family School has been completed and approved by the finance councils of St. Agnes and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Our school faces budgeting challenges similar to those of other private schools in our diocese. Annually, your school board recommends a budget which strives to balance the needs of the students with the desire to keep the school affordable to all.

2008-2009 tuition rates will be **\$2,085.00** per year for an in-parish student. This represents a **5.5%** increase over last year. This averages the cost per student to **\$11.58** per day. This tuition covers 50% of the cost educating your child. The remaining 50% comes from parish subsidy (35%) and third source funding (15%). This is in accordance with the benchmark for parochial schools as established by the Green Bay Catholic Diocese.

We do want to remind you of the importance of third source funding and its impact on tuition. This year, we sustained a decrease in third source funding. This decline has caused a direct increase of **\$40** per student for next year. Everyone must do their part to ensure that third source funding continues to be a vital component in offsetting the costs of educating our children.

We are excited to introduce a 4K (4 year old kindergarten) program for the 2008-2009 school year. Tuition for the 4K program is as follows: All Day Everyday **\$2,085.00** (parish member); MWF All Day **\$1,460.00**; MWF mornings **\$940.00**; T/TH All Day **\$973.00**; T/TH mornings **\$626.00**. This will afford families the opportunity of selecting a program that best suits the needs of their four-year old and introduces new families to the many benefits of a catholic-based education at Holy Family School.

Holy Family School will again be offering a **\$50** discount for each additional child that a family enrolls in school. A two-child family will receive a \$50 discount; a three-child family will receive a \$100 discount and so forth.

Through a partnership with St. Agnes and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes, we have been able to establish a tuition assistance fund. We are able to offer \$20,000 of tuition assistance to those families most in need. However, all needs cannot be met through the budgeted tuition assistance fund. Please consider donating money to fund tuition assistance in your parish. Any donations should be directed to the HFS school tuition assistance program. St. Agnes and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will use the money to help fund tuition assistance efforts. The money you donate to this fund is tax deductible.

We are requiring that payments be received upfront annually or semi-annually. Monthly payments will only be received through automatic withdrawals through your bank. Your timely payments help ensure that no monetary deficiencies are experienced during the school year.

Holy Family School can take great pride in its commitment to excellence in education. Our students are recognized as some of the best prepared for educational success when entering high school and college. Holy Family School has been, and will always be, an excellent educational value.

Respectfully,

Holy Family School Board

