



January 22, 2020

Dear St. Valentine Families,

Our pastor, Father Socorro, and I both recognize the financial sacrifice that parents make in choosing to attend a Catholic School. At St. Valentine Catholic School, we are able to do what can NOT be done in a public school classroom. We are able to share Christ's love with our students as we teach them to be Christ for others. We strongly believe, that in a world that has become confusing and sometimes chaotic, a faith-based education is well worth the investment.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the actual cost to educate a child vs. what is charged in tuition. We are constantly working to keep tuition costs down. We strive to limit tuition increases each year, even though the cost of what is needed to run the school goes up. In fact, over the past four school years we have only had one increase of \$40 in tuition price! Below you will find the financial comparison for what is charged in tuition and the actual cost to St. Valentine for each K-8 student in our building.

**Actual cost to St. Valentine School** per K-8 student      \$6,041 per year

<b>K-8 Tuition Charged - 2019-20 In-parish</b> = \$3,960 for one child	<b>Out of Parish</b> = \$4,660 for one child
<b>2018-19 In-Parish</b> = \$3,960 for one child	<b>Out of Parish</b> = \$4,660 for one child
<b>2017-18 In-Parish</b> = \$3,920 for one child	<b>Out of Parish</b> = \$4,620 for one child
<b>2016-17 In-Parish</b> = \$3,920 for one child	<b>Out of Parish</b> = \$4,620 for one child

**The difference between what it costs our school to educate a child for a year and what we charge is made up through the generosity of the parish, fundraising, grants, and donations from the community.** We are able to offer St. Valentine tuition assistance to families in need and are able to do so through donations we receive.

We need to continue to bring new students to our school. The best marketing for schools is by word of mouth, and more recently through the use of social media. Please tell everyone you know about St. Valentine School in person and/or on social media. You can find our school information on our St. Valentine Facebook page and easily spread the word by "sharing". We are hosting an Open House on February 5, 2020 from 5-7 pm. In addition to helping our school by inviting new families to our open house, you can earn money towards tuition through our school family referral program. Spread the good news of St. Valentine School and help us to accomplish our mission of providing an education based on Values rooted in Catholic Teachings, Academic Excellence, Love and Respect for All, and being a part of a Strong Community in Christ.

Many blessings,

*Fr. Socorro*  
Pastor

*Mrs. Rachel Damuth*  
Principal