

Dear Parents:

Catholic Schools Week will soon be here, and it is the perfect time to reflect on the reasons you are sending your child to St. Benedict Catholic School. The gift of a formal Catholic education requires sacrifice, and both the St. Benedict Finance Board and your Pastors wholeheartedly commend you for accepting the challenge of ensuring that your child will grow in the knowledge of the Catholic faith within our school.

The Catholicity of our school is of prime importance to us, and is based on disseminating the teachings of Jesus Christ to all of our students so that we can support your work at home in continuing to hand on the Catholic faith. We do this in the following ways:

- We hire good role models who not only believe in the values handed on to us by Jesus, but also practice these values in their personal lives. This helps to ensure that your child will experience a religious atmosphere both in the school building and in his or her classroom.
- Each day begins and ends with prayer, and includes daily religion instruction as well as special prayer services that commemorate both religious and civic events.
- Students attend Mass weekly, and have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- We encourage our students to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy on a regular basis, and help them to do this by including these 'works of mercy' in our activities throughout the year.

The cost of operating St. Benedict Catholic School is more than \$1,575,000 per year with an average student cost of \$4,750 per child. We have tried to balance this cost in light of the financial ability of our school parents who wish to send their children. With this in mind, the Finance Board and your Pastors are endeavoring to make St. Benedict Catholic School affordable to our school families. Please find the tuition schedule for the 2017 - 2018 academic year and tuition assistance information in the tables below.

The St. Benedict School Tuition is \$4,400 for each child.

* St. Benedict Catholic School families who desire financial assistance should apply by using SMART AID. The Diocese of Cleveland provides tuition assistance through this program. Applications are available in the St. Benedict School Office and on our website at www.stbenedictohio.org

* St. Benedict Catholic School parents are also encouraged to contact the school office to see if you qualify for any tuition help available through Ed Choice Funds. There are deadlines for all of these programs, so please consider completing applications even if you are not immediately in need at this point. It is better to have an application on file than to discover later that you are in need of financial help because of new challenges.

Participating Parishioner Tuition

Pastors are endeavoring to make St. Benedict Catholic School more affordable to the participating parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Church, St. Monica Church, St. Therese Church and SS Peter and Paul Church. Please find the tuition schedule for the 2017-2018 academic year and tuition assistance information in the tables below. The listed totals are for **Participating Parishioners*** of our parishes. It is our hope that families that require financial assistance, will make use of the financial aid that is available from both the Diocese of Cleveland and from our parishes.

**Tuition for Participating Families from St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica,
St. Therese and SS Peter and Paul Parishes:**

1 st child -	\$3,750
2 nd child (20% discount)	\$3,010
3 rd child (40% discount)	\$2,270
4 th child (60% discount)	\$1,530

Participating Parishioners are encouraged to contact their own parish for a Parishioner Needs Fund application regarding assistance from their own Parish, and also contact their respective Pastor for more information about this initiative.

*We have used the term **Participating Parishioners** throughout this document.

A Participating Parishioner is defined as: a family that attends Weekend Mass on a regular basis (submits a Sunday envelope that indicates Mass attendance but does not necessarily contain a contribution) AND a family that volunteers in some way at their Parish. Please contact the parish office for more information regarding 'volunteerism'. The individual parish office will verify your Participating Parishioner status.

We hope this information will be a valuable tool as you plan your child's education. On behalf of our parishes, we look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools' Week. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Father Thomas Haren
President

Father Luigi Miola
Treasurer