

April 4, 2006

Registration Info

Dear Saint Ann Families:

We are in our last quarter of the 2005-2006 school year, a year in which the Lord has continued to bless us here at Saint Ann School. For the first time in several years, our enrollment in the fall was higher than the year before. Standardized tests demonstrate that our students continue to perform above grade level. Results of the ACRE test show that students are also growing in their understanding of the faith. Faculty and staff members work diligently to support your efforts in raising your children for the Lord. Volunteers have given generously of their time to support instruction in the classroom and the many school fundraisers. These are just a few reasons why we can say that this has been a great year. Now, however, it is time to look ahead and make plans for the 2006-2007 school year.

On the attached sheet (titled *Saint Ann School Registration Information*), I have outlined the tuition and fees for the 2006-2007 school year. You will note that the cost of tuition has increased approximately \$12/month per child. As I'm sure you know, the cost of tuition does not cover the school's expenses. Although enrollment appears to have stabilized this year and we hope to see it continue to grow with the positive BRAC results, rising expenses necessitate this increase. The parish has continued to support the school with an annual subsidy. The tuition and fees are used to meet the operating expenses of the school, a 12-month payroll, and associated benefits.

We know that most of our families are also members of the Parish of Saint Ann or All Faith Catholic Congregation on base. You will notice that we offer a discount to parishioners who contribute financially to the parish using weekly envelopes. Please note that in order to pay the "Contributing Parishioner" rate, you must be registered in and you must contribute financially to one of these two parishes. The reality, however, is that many of our school families receiving the discounted rate do not, in fact, contribute as expected to the parish or do not use the envelopes so that their contributions can be recorded. If a family does not contribute financially to their parish, their tuition rate will be adjusted to the "Non-contributing Parishioner" rate. They will then owe the difference between the two rates.

In order to offset the parish subsidy and keep the increase in next year's tuition to a minimum, we are again asking all families to give to the parish an additional \$100/year per child. This amount is above and beyond your regular parish contributions. Checks should be made payable to "Saint Ann Church," but they must be brought to the School Office—not dropped in the monthly collection. Non-parishioners will have the choice of making the donation to the parish (and, therefore, receiving the tax deduction) or giving the money directly to the school. If this amount has not been received by May 1, 2007, the \$100.00 per child will be added to your tuition balance for the year. Although this amount does increase your family's financial obligation, we hope that by making it in the form of a donation to the parish, you can at least potentially benefit from the tax deduction.

As in past years, tuition paid in full by September 1st will receive a four-percent discount. However, please note the statement on the attached page, which indicates that *any* money paid to the school is non-refundable. Additionally, we are offering the option for all families to spread tuition over 12 months rather than 10 months. On the attached sheet, there is a place for you to mark whether you will be paying for 12 months or 10 months. As always, you are welcome to pay registration fees for the following year (2007-2008) via your monthly tuition payments. For your convenience in paying tuition, you might consider using automatic electronic payments directly from your bank. This process, which keeps you from having to remember our monthly deadline, is easily set up at your banking institution.

It is our hope that any family desiring to send their child(ren) to Saint Ann School will be able to do so. If you feel you cannot afford the full tuition and you are interested in applying for tuition assistance, *Father Bob invites you to apply*. Tuition assistance forms are available in the School Office. The tuition assistance forms are due by April 12 so that we may inform you of the amount of your assistance prior to the registration deadline of April 25.

We understand the sacrifices that many families make to educate their children in a Catholic Christian environment. In doing so, you have demonstrated to your children the importance you place on living the faith and proclaiming the Gospel message. We pray that God will bless you and our school as we work together to educate your children who will be Christ's voice to our world.

Sincerely,

Mary Little
Principal

SAINT ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION
2006 – 2007 SCHOOL YEAR

TUITION RATES: Please note that in order to receive the regular rate, you must be contributing to Saint Ann Catholic Church or All Faith Chapel via envelopes. If you are not registered or do not receive envelopes, please contact your respective parish office.

Regular Rate: Registered Contributing* Catholic Parishioner

With Scrip Purchases

1 child = \$3,020.00 annual (10 mo @ \$302 or 12 mo @ \$251.67)
2 children = \$5,430.00 annual (10 mo @ \$543 or 12 mo @ \$452.50)
3 children = \$7,240.00 annual (10 mo @ \$724 or 12 mo @ \$603.33)

Without Scrip Purchases

1 child = \$3,245.00 annual (10 mo @ \$324.50 or 12 mo @ \$270.42)
2 children = \$5,655.00 annual (10 mo @ \$565.50 or 12 mo @ \$471.25)
3 children = \$7,465.00 annual (10 mo @ \$746.50 or 12 mo @ \$622.08)

Non-Parishioner (or Non-Contributing* Catholic Parishioner) Rate:

With Scrip Purchases

1 child = \$3,590.00 annual (10 mo @ \$359 or 12 mo @ \$299.17)
2 children = \$7,180.00 annual (10 mo @ \$718 or 12 mo @ \$598.33)
3 children = \$10,770.00 annual (10 mo @ \$1077 or 12 mo @ \$897.50)

Without Scrip Purchases

1 child = \$3,815.00 annual (10 mo @ \$381.50 or 12 mo @ \$317.92)
2 children = \$7,405.00 annual (10 mo @ \$740.50 or 12 mo @ \$617.08)
3 children = \$10,995.00 annual (10 mo @ \$1099.50 or 12 mo @ \$916.25)

TUITION PAYMENT: Full payment of tuition on or before September 1, 2006 (Friday) will receive a four percent discount. Otherwise, tuition may be paid in ten equal monthly payments beginning September 1, 2006 (or twelve equal monthly payments beginning July 1, 2006). Payments are due not later than the 10th of the month. A \$20.00 late fee is charged for tuition paid after the 10th of the month. Payments made during July and August must be *mailed* on or before the 10th of the month.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$300.00 per student

This fee is due with the attached Registration Form by April 25, 2006 (Tuesday). A late fee of \$50.00 will be charged if the registration fee is paid after this date. If you would like to set up a *payment schedule* for the registration fee, please contact Mrs. Mary Little before April 11, 2006.

SCRIP: Each family has an obligation to raise \$225.00 through scrip purchases. Any amount raised in excess of the \$225.00 earnings will be split 50/50 with the family and the school. In the spring of 2007, families that earn in excess of the \$225.00 obligation will receive credit that can be applied toward tuition or toward the 2007-2008 registration fee. If the obligation is not met, the difference will be added to tuition at the end of the school year. If a family chooses not to participate in scrip, this \$225.00 obligation is paid, in addition to tuition, in ten equal monthly payments of \$22.50 (or in twelve equal monthly payments of \$18.75).

*** CONTRIBUTING / NON-CONTRIBUTING RATES:** Tuition rates are lower for registered, contributing members of Saint Ann Parish or All Faith Chapel Catholic Community because it is assumed that registered parishioners support their parish financially, and the parish, in turn, supports the school. If records show that a family paying this rate has not contributed financially to their parish during the school year, then this family's tuition rate will be adjusted to the "Non-Contributing" rate and the family will owe the difference between the two rates.

ADDITIONAL PARISH CONTRIBUTION: Each family has an annual obligation to pay \$100.00 per child to the parish to reduce the parish subsidy of the school (checks should be made payable to "Saint Ann Church"). In order for us to record your payment, this amount must go to Miss Rossi in the School Office. She will credit your account and then forward your payment to the parish. **Do not include this amount in the parish collection basket.** Families will have until May 1, 2007, to make this tax-deductible contribution. If this amount has not been received by May 1, 2007, the \$100.00 per child will be added to your tuition balance for the year. This amount will be tax deductible during the calendar year in which it is paid.

PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS: 30 Hours Per Year (2-Parent Family); 15 Hours Per Year (1-Parent Family)
An assessment of \$30.00 per hour (for each hour that a family is below their 30-Hour / 15-Hour obligation) will be added to tuition at the end of the school year.

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Fr. Bob would like all families to know that tuition assistance is available for next year. He encourages everyone who would be helped by assistance to apply. Tuition assistance applications are available in the School Office and must be filled out and returned to Mrs. Mary Little by April 12, 2006 (Wednesday).

Families that are currently in arrears will not be permitted to register for the 2006-2007 school year until their account balance is settled.

By signing the attached Registration Form, responsibility is assumed for full payment of tuition, registration and scrip fees.

