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Dear Parents,

We are happy and honored that you have chosen to offer your child(ren) the opportunity for Catholic School education here at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Now in our 85th year of service to the community, we continue to provide our students with an excellent education, preparing them for the academic challenges of wherever they choose to attend high school, and working with you in forming them morally and religiously to be the person God has called them to be.

I am sure that you are aware that, unlike public schools, we are not supported by taxes and that we still do an outstanding job of educational and social formation for our students. The cost, this year, to the School for the education of each student is just under \$9,000. That's correct, \$9,000 of which tuition falls far short.

We presently have 109 students enrolled, 86 of whom are Catholic and 23 of whom are non Catholic. Every one of our kids is loved and accepted no matter what their religion, and I am sure your kids would tell you that. Catholic families are expected to attend Mass and support their parish. Each Parish in the Archdiocese supports Catholic School education and so these students receive a discounted educational fee from those who are not Catholic, but again, everyone pays much less than the cost of their child's education. The 2019-2020 school tuition remains the same as this current year.

Every student is on scholarship, every student costs the same as every other student, so you can understand, I hope, the struggle that the Parish, which sponsors the School, faces on how to make up the difference between tuition income and cost per student.

The costs that we face are primarily for our Teachers and Staff, who justly deserve a fair income for the outstanding work that they do in educating our children. In addition, heating, air conditioning, cleaning, repairing, maintenance fees, supplies, etc. all add up to costs far in excess of tuition.

In order to maintain justice to our teachers and continue to offer quality education, we have decided not to increase tuition again this year, but are requiring everyone to pay a Administrative fee of \$150 per student (paid over the 10 months of school or as best fits your budget). Our Teachers and Staff have earned the small increase that this will allow as well as help us to meet increased expenses that everyone faces each year.

I believe that this is fair in light of amount of money that the Parish must come up over the tuition and fundraising efforts that the School Community so generously supports. I hope you agree that this small increase in cost for the atmosphere and education that your child(ren) receive is not too much to ask.

As always I am available to speak with anyone who would like to discuss this or any issue here at Our Lady's School. Again, I thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to our care and formation and I promise we will always provide them the education and formation that will best serve them.

Sincerely,

*Msgr Michael Wilson*

Msgr. Michael Wilson, Pastor



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*An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith*

## 2019-20 SCHOOL FEES

ANNUAL TUITION RATES		
	<u>Catholic Rate:</u>	<u>Non-Catholic Rate:</u>
<b>One Child:</b>	\$ 5,875	\$ 6,875
<b>Two Children:</b>	\$10,750	\$12,750
<b>Three Children:</b>	\$14,625	\$19,625
<b>Four Children:</b>	\$19,875	\$24,875
<b>Half Day Pre-K</b>	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,000

**Tuition Billing & Payment Info:**

- Tuition billing is processed through the TADS system, which allows you to see your account information online and make payments.
- Payments may be made over **10 months** (August–May; first payment due by August 10<sup>th</sup>) or over **12 months** (June–May; first payment due by June 10<sup>th</sup> of the upcoming school year).
- Tuition payments are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Payments may be made electronically through the TADS system, by cash or check at the School or Parish Office, or by PayPal/credit card through the OLSS Online School Store (a 2.2% PayPal fee will be applied).
- Tuition Assistance is available from the Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program, and through OLSS Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at (410) 326-3535 for more information.

**AFTERCARE** - available from dismissal to 6:00pm

<u>Full-Time, Monday-Friday</u>		<u>Part-Time, Per Child</u>
<b>One Child:</b>	\$65/week	Regular school day: \$25/day
<b>Two Children:</b>	\$105/week	
<b>Three Children:</b>	\$145/week	Early dismissal day: \$45/day

**BEFORE CARE** - available from 6:45-7:30am

\$3.50 per day, per child