March 19, 2015

Dear Parent:

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has been underway since January. Your patience in awaiting the announcement of the tuition rate for the coming year is greatly appreciated. We are pleased to report that the 2015-2016 tuition rate with Parish Scholarship will remain the same as the 2014-2015 school year.

**TUITION:**

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We are able to keep the Parishioner Rate Tuition the same as last year because the Endowment Fund Trustees offered to the school an additional distribution of funds from the earnings on the Endowment Fund. With this additional funding, we were able to present a budget that for the first time has no increase in tuition cost for parish families, allows us to install WI-FI accessibility in the elementary building, and much more.

Did you know that since 2003 the Endowment Fund has provided regular annual distributions to the school that total nearly $400,000? These disbursements have been possible because of the growth of the fund. The stronger the fund is, the more it can help offset the cost of running and maintaining the school! Please help us spread the word of this terrific resource and encourage family and friends to make a donation to the Endowment Fund in the near future. The possibilities are limitless!

**PARISH SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

In order for a student to be awarded a 2015-2016 Parishioner Scholarship, a family must meet the criteria listed below and commit to the following:

†At least one parent and all children attending St. Joseph School must be Catholic and currently registered in the Parish.

†Worship regularly (weekly) as a family at St. Joseph.

†Participate in one or more of the many volunteer opportunities St. Joseph Parish/School has to offer.

†Contribute financially to the support of the Parish to the best of your ability.
TUITION PAYMENT: There are two options for paying tuition and fees:

1. Prepayment – Tuition and fees (workbook and activity fees) are due to be paid in full for the coming school year by July 1, 2015.

2. Tuition and Fees Payment Plan – Automatic payments through the St. Joseph Monthly Payment Plan beginning in July and ending in April 2016. Payment dates can vary. More details are on the “Tuition Payment Plan” sheet that is attached.

   EVEN IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE ST. JOSEPH MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN LAST YEAR, YOU NEED TO SIGN UP FOR THE PLAN THIS YEAR.

WORKBOOK AND ACTIVITY FEES: These fees will be announced by May 1, 2015.

St. Joseph School is a community of dedicated families who make many sacrifices for the sake of Catholic education. We are blessed with a strong parish that provides financial support as well. Last year $222,280 was awarded to families as financial aid for the current school year. At St. Joseph, we are committed to the philosophy that no family be denied the opportunity to attend our school for financial reasons. Attached for your convenience are: Tuition Payment Plan information sheet, Financial Aid Opportunities, Northwest Ohio Scholarship Application, and a Scrip information sheet. The applications and information links for each of these may be accessed from the school website at www.stjosephschoolsvylvania.org. Please note that these deadlines are fast-approaching. If you have questions or need assistance with the application process, do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office.

Thank you for choosing St. Joseph School. As educators and administrators, your commitment to Catholic Education inspires us. Academic excellence is a reality at SJS, however, we never lose sight of Jesus in the face of each student. As your partner in education, we are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Dennis Metzger
Pastor

Sally A. Koppinger
Principal

James R. Floyd, Sr.
Business Manager
FINANCIAL AID Opportunities
2015-2016 School Year
St. Joseph School, Sylvania

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
Applying online is the only method of submitting your application. It is easy, and fast. The Financial Aid office of the school can review your application within hours of submission. Applications for the 2015-16 school year are being accepted now. The link to apply is:

online.factsmgt.com/aid

NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND
See separate flyer

Fr. Richard T. Wurzel Scholarship
Established in 2008, the Fr. Richard T. Wurzel scholarship honors a pastor that served 18 years at St. Joseph, Sylvania. He is an advocate of Catholic education and a passionate supporter of children. Criteria and applications for this scholarship are available in the school office.

All current Financial Aid information is available on the St. Joseph School Website.

www.stjosephschoolsylvania.org
Tuition Payment Plan 2015-16

PLANNING ON FINANCING NEXT YEAR’S TUITION?
HERE ARE SOME DETAILS:

FACTS ABOUT FINANCING:

- Every year, a new contract needs to be signed by the financially responsible parent. We cannot use your agreement for this year to create payments for next year.
- 10 equal monthly payments that begin in July and go through April can be deducted from your checking or savings account. **(No credit cards are accepted.)**
- You can choose the 5th of the month, the 20th of the month, both of these or weekly payment schedule.
- The 4.5% financing fee is unchanged from last year. You pay a fee for only that which is financed. For example:

  **Example #1**

  $5,500.00   Tuition
  + 120.00   Workbook/Activity Fees (Estimate)
  $5,620.00   Sub total
  (1780.00)   Parishioner Scholarship (if applicable)
  $3,840.00
  + 173.00   Financing Fee
  $4,013.00
  ÷ 10   Equal Monthly Payments
  $ 401.30   Monthly payment

  **Example #2**

  $5,500.00   Tuition
  + 120.00   Workbook/Activity Fees (Estimate)
  $5,620.00   Sub total
  (1,780.00)   Parishioner Scholarship (if applicable)
  $3,840.00
  + 128.00   Financing Fee
  $2,968.00
  ÷ 10   Equal Monthly Payments
  $ 296.80   Monthly payment

- If you check #2 on the back page of the school registration form, I will prepare a contract for you to complete and return to me. A full contract cannot be calculated until we know the fees and any credits you might be receiving, i.e. Scrip, Scholarship, Financial Aid, etc.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call me.

Mary Betz
Parish/Tuition Secretary
(419) 885-5791 ext. 223
Scholarships are available for students who want to attend a private school or be homeschooled for grades K-8.

Your child may qualify for up to 75% of tuition or a maximum of $1,500 at the school of your choice based on your family's annual household income.

Scholarship payments are made directly to the school on behalf of your family as long as you remain eligible.

Eligibility of families is based on pre-determined income requirements. If one child in your family is awarded a scholarship, additional children in your family may be entitled to scholarship assistance.

Families who meet the eligibility requirements and reside in one of the participating counties,* can expose their children to a rich diversity of people, new ideas and different ways of learning.

Applying for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is simple. You can apply online at www.nosf.org under Scholarships or call (419) 720-7048 to request an application for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048 or visit our website: www.nosf.org

Application deadline is Friday, May 29, 2015

*Nosiding Counties: Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot
2015-2016 Waiting List Application

Name of Guardian: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________

City: ___________________________State: _________Zip: __________

Daytime Telephone Number: ___________________________________

Alternate Telephone Number: _________________________________

County of Residence: _____________ (Lucas, Wood or Fulton only)

Number of Children Grades K-8 Only: __________________________

Grades entering in the Fall 2015_______________________________

Please indicate the type of school children currently attend (check)

____ Private ___ Public School ___ Homeschool ___ Charter

How did you hear about the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund? (Please check)

___ School ___ Family ___ Friend ___ Advertisement ___ Website ___Radio ___ Church

Agreement to Participate

- To allow the school to release grades and standardized test scores for use by the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF), in order to allow NOSF to evaluate this program.
- I understand that failure to comply with the above statement will result in the loss of my family’s scholarship.

By checking this box I agree to the above ☐

Please be advised that our scholarship recipients are chosen through a random lottery drawing. The lottery will take place in June before the start of the new school year. The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund will contact you by mail. If your address changes, contact the NOSF office at (419) 720-7048.

Return this form to:
Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund
5800 Monroe Street, Suite F5
Sylvania, Ohio  43560

Or fax this form to:  Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund   (419) 720-7050

Deadline for the lottery for the 2015-2016 Waiting List is Friday, May 29, 2015
Would your **Tuition** account **Welcome** a new friend?

Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com
Request our code by emailing scrip.
Register for an account.
Watch the easy-to-follow tutorials.

Order scrip weekly
{be happy, as pictured}
knowing you’re Earning Money on money you’re spending anyway!

Watch your earnings grow.
Weekly Ordering will Maximize your **TUITION CREDIT!**

**Still need convincing?**

Last year, our top five families earned:

$1,519   $1,336   $1,236   $1,107   $1,084

**How? Not hard.**

Weekly ordering.
Order what you use every week {groceries and gas};
then think “**Scrip First**” for all other purchases.

**Questions?**

scrip@stjoesylvania.org