January 22, 2015

Dear Parent:

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin with our annual St. Joseph Preschool, Elementary and Middle School Open House on Sunday, January 25, 2015. Registration opens earlier as we recognize many families start their decision-making process at the beginning of the year.

Great things are happening at SJS! Response to Intervention (RtI) time has proven to both enhance and reinforce curriculum at all grade levels, 1:1 Chromebooks for our middle school and a classroom set of iPads for use by all grade levels have been incorporated, and new teachers and specialists have joined our staff. Above all else, a love for Jesus grows strong.

School Advisory and Parish Finance Councils have not yet established tuition for the coming school year. This year’s current rate of $5,340 (before parish scholarship) and $3,720 (with parish scholarship, when applicable) has historically increased by approximately $150. We are steadfast in our mission to offer the highest quality education possible while ensuring the fairest and most equitable tuition possible. It is our goal to communicate the established tuition for the 2015-2016 school year to all current and prospective families by March 30. In the interim, registration opens parish-wide, and to the broader community, this weekend. Our currently enrolled families take first priority. To that end, please review the enclosed registration packet and submit your form prior to February 6, 2015. In completing this paperwork, the following guidelines remain the same:

PARISH SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS: In order for a student to be awarded a 2015-16 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.
- Families should worship regularly (weekly) at St. Joseph.
- Parents and children should participate in one or more of the many volunteer opportunities St. Joseph Parish/School has to offer.
- Families should contribute financially to the support of the Parish to the best of their ability.

REGISTRATION: In completing the enclosed Registration Form, you are asked to select either “Tuition With Scholarship” or “Tuition Without Scholarship” for the coming year. It is important to have carefully read the criteria as set forth above.
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 & 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 enclosed sheet “Tuition Payment Plan”. If you choose to budget through our payment plan, you will authorize your bank to automatically transfer your monthly payment from your checking or savings account. Please be assured that St. Joseph will not have direct access to, or any knowledge about, the status of your bank account. Your bank makes the payment for you directly to St. Joseph Parish on the day you authorize. There is a fee equal to 4.5% of the amount financed for a family using this option, with a minimum fee of $75.00. Financing fees will be rounded to the nearest dollar amount and will be added to your account due, with the payment spread over ten months.

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

**WORKBOOK AND ACTIVITY FEES**: These fees are determined in April and will be announced by May 15.

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 students 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.** Enclosed with your registration packet is a list of tuition assistance opportunities that exist for most St. Joseph School families. The applications and informational links for each of these may be accessed from the school website at www.stjosephschoolsylvania.org.

Thank you for choosing St. Joseph School. Academic excellence is a reality here; 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