



North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools



March 9, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

As members of the North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools, Inc. (NHRCES) Board of Directors we are committed to providing a quality Catholic elementary education, which is central to our evangelization efforts, and seek to make it accessible and affordable.

As announced by Bishop David Zubik, effective September 2017 all Catholic elementary schools in the North Hills will become a ministry of the 32 parishes in the region, which will provide support for the schools. Regionalization is designed to ensure vibrant and sustainable Catholic education as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* planning initiative.

At our first board meeting held on March 6, 2017, we began the important task of ensuring the long-term viability of Catholic elementary education in the North Hills. After elections and discussion, we established the academic year 2017-18 tuition rates for the new K-8/1-8 elementary schools.

2017-18 tuition rates for K-8 Catholic students, with comparison to 2016-17 K-8 tuition*:

School Campus	1 Child		2 Children		3+ Children	
	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17
Saint Alphonsus	\$4,500	\$4,350	\$8,000	\$7,835	\$10,000	\$9,710
Saint Alexis	---	\$4,575	---	\$8,005	---	\$10,295
Saint Mary	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$6,200	\$8,000	\$7,500
Saint Bonaventure	---	\$4,280	---	\$6,850	---	\$8,740
Saint Sebastian	\$4,000	\$3,875	\$6,500	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$7,375
St. Teresa of Avila	---	\$4,275	---	\$7,125	---	\$9,975

* *St. Ursula School K-8 tuition in 2016-17 is \$3,850 (1 child), \$6,225 (2 children) and \$7,465 (3 children)*

Registration for the upcoming school year for current students opens Friday, March 10, and open enrollment for all students begins March 17. Contact the building principals for more information.

At our next NHRCES board meeting on March 22 we will consider pre-school tuition rates, non-Catholic student tuition, fundraising, personnel, and a naming process for the new schools.

To review, Saint Alexis and Saint Alphonsus schools in Wexford will form a new school with two campuses. Pre-K classes will be held at Saint Alexis and grades K-8 will be located at Saint Alphonsus.

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Saint Bonaventure School in Shaler Township, Saint Ursula School in Allison Park, and Saint Mary of the Assumption School in Glenshaw will form a new school with two campuses. Pre-K classes will be held at Saint Bonaventure and grades K-8 will be located at Saint Mary of the Assumption. The Saint Ursula school building will close in June.

Saint Sebastian School in Ross Township and Saint Teresa of Avila School in Perrysville will form a new school with two campuses. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be held at Saint Teresa of Avila and grades 1-8 will be located at Saint Sebastian.

Regionalization is intended to reinforce Catholic schools' identity and mission; reallocate resources to enhance academic excellence and stabilize tuition and enrollment; and enable greater collaboration in curriculum, technology, professional development, athletics and fundraising.

Each school will continue to have a principal while a regional administrator, Michael Killmeyer, will supervise operations. NHRCES, a nonprofit corporation, led by this board, will provide oversight and administration for the schools.

The value of a Catholic education cannot be underestimated. It forms the whole child—intellectually, socially and spiritually. Catholic schools provide an environment where our children can encounter Jesus daily through the teaching of faith and values, which are then put into action through service to others. This nurturing witness changes lives and helps students become engaged, productive citizens.

We are so very grateful for your commitment to our schools and to Catholic education.

In His Name,

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