

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

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Dear Families of OLOF,

Re-registration time has arrived. Our lady of Fatima School continues to thrive with a strong faith formation, academic excellence and a passion to carry on our outstanding Catholic tradition. This tradition of Catholic education has been inspired, prioritized, and supported by faculty and staff, parents, parishioners, and local community business leaders. This high quality does not just happen. Many ordinary people have come together to make our school community extra-ordinary! The faculty and staff are extremely dedicated in striving to instill core values as a foundation to become active participants in the local community. We believe that we are giving our students the tools needed to become successful adults who will continue to be enthusiastic life-long learners and followers of Jesus.

The faculty and staff will continue to put forth great efforts to improve in all areas needed with-in our educational system. We will be preparing for another Middle States evaluation next year which means a self-reflection and evaluation in all areas of Our Lady of Fatima School that include curriculum, faith formation, finances, community involvement, leadership and more.

The good news is that our tuition rates for the 2018/2019 school year will not change with the exception of rounding up and maintaining a set registration fee of \$50.00 per family (no vouchers).

This will be a challenge for us as we are expecting a decline in enrollment due to our 8th grade graduating class of twenty-seven students. We will need to put forth great efforts for two variables:

- Enrolling at least 20 Kindergarten students for 2018/2019.
- Meeting our fundraising goal of at least \$80,000.

As you contemplate re-registering your child/ren, please know that we will continue to work with you as a partner to develop faith-filled young adults who will become active, involved citizens in the local community. Passing along this Catholic tradition is a gift that truly will "Last a Lifetime".

We have up-dated our registration forms. Please be thorough in filling out all requested information and thank you for your cooperation in taking the time to complete the task. We ask for the re-registration packet to be returned by February 15, 2018. This will allow us to begin preparing our budget for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you.

We will be changing over to a new tuition management system called FACTS (FACTS is the company that does tuition assistance for the diocese). Both myself and Maureen Cox, our Business Manager, have been unhappy with SMART tuition charging un-necessary fees to our families.

Please know that we are eliminating the half-day Kindergarten. We strongly believe that students need to be in full day instruction in preparation for 1st Grade. If you have any concerns or hesitations on this, I encourage you to contact me as soon as possible.

**Please remember to gather 2017 tax information if you plan to apply for tuition assistance that is offered by the Diocese.
Information will be coming home soon.**

Blessings,

Cindy Baldrige