



Holy Rosary Catholic School

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Dear Preschool (soon to be Kindergarten) Parents,

During Catholic Schools Week, it is traditional to extend the invitation for you to register your child for the next school year. I hope that you are pleased with the program at Holy Rosary Catholic School and will register your child for the 2010-11 school year. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the school office by February 15th. Once your registration form is received, it is stamped with the arrival day and then placed in the file. In mid-February we will begin to create class rosters based on parent request and when the form arrived. We do cap enrollment at the K-6 level at 24 students per classroom.

For the 2010-11 school year, the base tuition has been set at \$1050 per student for the 1st and 2nd students, with a reduced rate of \$525 for each child beyond. The actual cost of educating a child at HRCS is \$5300 per year and the difference between family contribution and cost is borne by a combination of fundraising, 3rd source income and mostly by Holy Rosary Parish. We do ask those parents who are able to, to make a contribution above the minimum commitment. That money is then divided between the general school fund and tuition assistance programs.

For the 2010-11 school year we will also collect a field trip fee of \$25 per student at the start of the school year. This fee will prepay all the field trips for the year and will mean that you do not need to send money with your permission forms. During the course of the school year each grade participates in at least 4 field trips. Kindergarten also has the milk/snack fee of \$90 per year.

Please read over the enclosed flyer on the family scrip fee and the benefits of using scrip on a regular basis.

We also offer our aftercare program at a base cost of \$4 per day (\$6 on early release days) for those who need to have a secure and fun environment for their children from the end of the school day until 6 PM. The aftercare program from grades K-6 includes a snack, physical activity time, homework time and an opportunity to use the computer and library facilities.

We pride ourselves on our program of instruction available here. All our teachers are state certified in elementary education and take part in ongoing professional education to expand their teaching knowledge. In addition, the classroom teachers must obtain advanced certification in religious education within the first 7 years of employment and take annual refresher courses after that time. The specialist teachers have obtained at least basic religion certification and also take annual refresher courses. Our identity as a Catholic Christian institution is very important to our mission as a school and religion shares an equally important role with the academics. We have instructors in PE, Art, Music and a Library/Media specialist who work to coordinate instruction in those disciplines with the classroom time. All students are given basic lessons in computer keyboarding. Starting in grade 3 they receive more detailed instruction in keyboarding, grade 4 in Word, grade 5 Publisher and grade 6 PowerPoint. We have a weekly prayer service as well as a school Mass. Grades 4-6 will continue to receive the exploratory world language program and grade 6 will be able to attend band or choir at the middle school.

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

In Christ's Peace

Dan Minter

Principal