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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome I have received this summer from the St. Edward community. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know your children this year.

It is harder than ever to be a parent in today's world. It is harder than ever to be a teacher. And, it is harder than ever to be a kid when there are so many conflicting messages in our society that bombard our children on a daily basis. However, we have an advantage that so many other parents, teachers, and children do not have. We are part of a community rooted in our Catholic faith, and together we provide our children with the very best faith-based education. The teachers and staff of St. Edward School are your partners in your children's education. We are here to work with you to offer your children a strong academic curriculum, dynamic extracurricular opportunities, and most importantly, formation and instruction in the Catholic faith in a safe and welcoming environment.

To ensure a smooth transition from the summer to the school year, here is some information.

Schedule: School begins **Thursday, August 16 from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM**. Friday, August 17, is a full day of school from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Students attending half-day Kindergarten will meet daily from 8:00 AM to 11:10 AM. Doors will open each day at 7:50 AM and class begins at 8:00 AM. School dismisses at 3:00 PM. Uniforms are required beginning the first day of school for grades 1st-8th. Please refer to the website for the uniform policy.

Tuition and Fees: The book fee and technology fee have been added to your first tuition payment through SMART Tuition. You should have already received an invoice or email regarding your first payment from SMART Tuition. If you have not, please contact the school office immediately, so arrangements can be made. The first payment is due by the end of August. Please see the attached tuition contract for detailed information about delinquent accounts. Families who pay tuition in full in August will receive a \$50 discount for 2018-2019. Full tuition is due regardless of illness or family trips. When a child is enrolled in school, the expense to maintain services reserved for the child is constant even though the child may be absent. **Please sign the enclosed Tuition and Fees Contract and return to school by Friday, August 17, 2018.**

New Student Records: If your child is new to St. Edward School, please supply a copy of your child's Baptismal and county birth certificates.

Medical Records: All students entering Preschool (medical), Kindergarten (medical, dental, eye exam), Second (medical, dental) or Sixth Grade (medical, dental) must have updated medical forms



turned in to school by the first day. Please note: Students entering Sixth Grade are required to receive one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

Milk and Hot Lunch Program: Information about this will be distributed during the first week of school.

Supplies: School supply lists are posted on the school website.

Lunch Fee: The fee, used to pay for lunchtime supervision, is paid through SMART Tuition with your October payment.

\$110 for one child and \$25 for each additional child in the family.

Parent Handbook: The St. Edward School handbook and handbook agreement form will be sent home on the first day of school (one per family). Please read the policies carefully as you and your children will need to sign the handbook agreement and return it to school by the end of the first full week of school.

If you have any questions, please contact me by calling the school office or email me at principal@stedwardschool.com. I look forward to walking with you on this journey during the 2018-19 school year. May God bless you and your families. Working together, we will have the faith to move mountains! St. Edward, pray for us!

Sincerely,

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