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**An Invitation to Re-enroll from Principal Kyle Schmitt
2020-2021 Approved Tuition and New Community Engagement
Expectation**

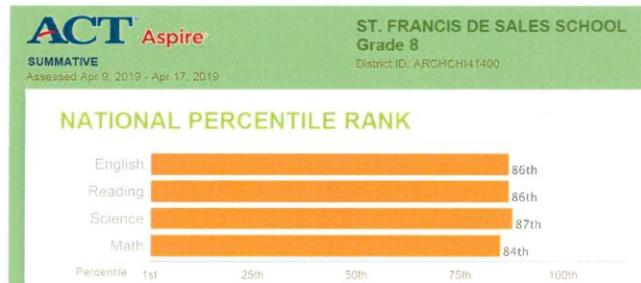
Dear St. Francis de Sales Parish School Community,

There is so much that I love about our community. Of all the lovable things, what truly stands out are the people – students, family members, and staff. It is for this reason that I want to personally invite each to re-enroll for the 2020-2021 academic school year. This is where you belong!

What Makes St. Francis de Sales Parish School Special

1. Jesus is the reason for our school. At St. Francis our faith is taught and caught! It is taught through religion classes, adult role models, sacramental preparations, weekly school mass, and adoration. It is caught through our ethic of service and the sense of joy that permeates our school.
2. Solidarity of our community: This is summed up in our school motto: “All for one and one for all, in Jesus Christ!”
3. Continuous improvement: This includes new avenues of excellence introduced within the last year including a new branding guide, a new more visually appealing and more functional website, new curricular and extracurricular offerings (Successful rollout of improved 6-8th math curricula and a comprehensive and aligned K-8 writing program, STREAMS seminars, cooking classes, a unified Pre-8 aftercare program run in-house), and so much more.
4. Academic Excellence: we are the only Blue Ribbon Award Winning School of Excellence in Lake Zurich, and one of few schools nationwide to win the award more than once (2007 and 2018). Our scores speak for themselves.

Class of 2019 Academic Data



Academic Data for St. Francis de Sales

Schoolwide National Percentiles on Nationally Normed Standardized Tests

School Nat'l Percentiles	2018	2019
Reading	95	96
Math	90	88
English	94	96
Science	92	95
Average	92.75	93.75

Local Comparison Data

School Name ↓	Year →	ELA* (% Meets + Exceeds)			Math* (% Meets + Exceeds)		
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
St. Francis de Sales		67.4	74.9	79.6	73.4	75.8	71.3
May Whitney Elem School		53.9	40.5	**	52.7	45	**
Lake Zurich CUSD 95		54.3	53.5	**	48	50.5	**
Sarah Adams Elementary School		59.2	61.5	**	50.8	58.3	**
Isaac Fox Elementary School		56.4	58.2	**	62.4	57.5	**
Lake Zurich Middle - S Campus		55.2	57.5	**	43.6	50.6	**
Seth Paine Elem School		49.6	48.2	**	49.1	49.5	**
Spencer Loomis Elementary School		61.1	50.7	**	56.9	55.5	**
Lake Zurich Middle - N Campus		50.6	50.6	**	40.5	41.5	**

* % of students getting a 'Meets' or 'Exceeds' on a nationally normed standardized test

**Not yet publicly available

What does the future hold for St. Francis de Sales Parish School?

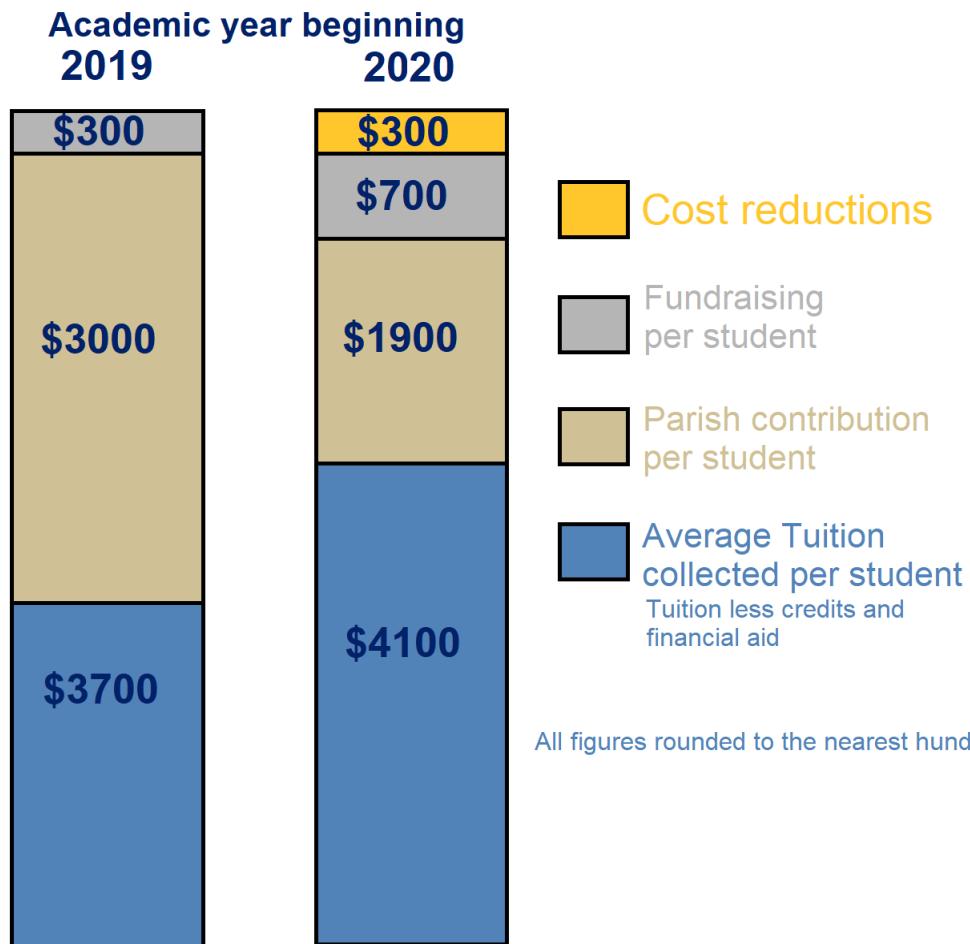
Improvement in programs throughout the school which includes new offerings in the STREAMS disciplines, significant upgrades to the computer lab and wireless network, and a new stakeholder survey to inform future improvement initiatives. We will continue to assess, address, and improve programs and processes to ensure St. Francis de Sales Parish School continues its high academic standards and outstanding programs.

We will continue promoting our school to prospective families throughout the surrounding communities. The best way to do this, as Fr. Ryan reminded us at our VIP Mass today, is via word-of-mouth. In addition, our new website should be more informative and attractive to prospective families.

This year we are placing an emphasis on the financial sustainability of our wonderful school. Our superb overall program depends on a large annual investment from the parish in amounts that have ranged from \$700,000 to \$1M over the years. Next year, the parish will make a contribution of \$500,000. Make no mistake that Fr. Ryan, the Parish Pastoral Council, the School Board, the Academic Leadership Team of the school and I are totally committed to the long-term support and success of our parish school. However, we, the school community, need to assume more of the financial responsibility of educating our children.

As a parent, I understand the considerable financial investment we make for our children to have the best Catholic education available. It is never easy to hear that costs are increasing. But this is necessary for the long-term success of the school.

Please see our targeted changes in the distribution of the total cost to educate a St. Francis de Sales Eagle that constitute a significant step toward sustainability for our school ensuring that future generations can also benefit from a St. Francis de Sales education.



I hope you will join me in rising to this challenge of making our parish school more financially sustainable by contributing more of the total cost to educate through tuition and fundraising. Please see the published tuition rates for 2020-2021 on the following page. In addition, we are introducing a Community Engagement Expectation. Details on this can also be found below.

Please note that we will continue to be one of the most affordable Catholic schools in the Archdiocese and we have historically met 100% or more of all demonstrated financial need through our financial aid programs – affirming our commitment to accessibility for all families that desire a Catholic education.

2020-2021 Approved Tuition Schedule	
2020-2021 Grades K-8 Tuition per Family	
1 Child	\$5,100.00
2 Children	\$8,990.00
3 Children	\$12,400.00
4+ Children	\$13,230.00
2020-2021 Preschool Tuition Rates Per Child*	
3 year old Preschool Programs	
M-F: 8:30 am - 2:10pm	\$5,360.00
M-F: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$3,810.00
M/W/F: 8:30 am - 2:10 pm	\$4,070.00
M/W/F: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$3,290.00
T/R: 8:30 am - 2:10 pm	\$3,390.00
T/R: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$2,560.00
4 year old Preschool Programs	
M-F: 8:30 am - 2:10 pm	\$5,360.00
M-F: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$3,810.00
M/W/F: 8:30 am - 2:10 pm	\$4,070.00
M/W/F: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$3,290.00
Pre-K Preschool Programs	
M-F: 8:30 am - 2:10 pm	\$5,360.00
M-F: 8:30 am - 11:30 am	\$3,960.00
Extended Day Programs	
Before Care from 7:00am	\$850/year or \$8/morning
Preschool-8th After Care Dismissal to 6:15pm**	\$20/day or Yearly Per Student Fee Below
Pre-8th After Care Yearly Fee - 2 days per week	\$1,200
Pre-8th After Care Yearly Fee - 3 days per week	\$1,700
Pre-8th After Care Yearly Fee - 4 days per week	\$2,100
Pre-8th After Care Yearly Fee - 5 days per week	\$2,400

*Family discount for multiple children is not available in preschool programs

**\$3 charge for every 5 minutes past 6:15pm pickup

Community Engagement Expectation Program

Here at St. Francis de Sales Parish School there are two things that truly set us apart from other schools and are the reason we have a two-time Blue Ribbon Award Winning School (2007 and 2018). We have an amazing Catholic community with an emphasis on raising up disciples of Jesus and very strong engagement stemming from an ethic of service. We also have the best academic program, and results, of schools in Lake Zurich and surrounding communities. We are able to provide the best academic program at the lowest tuition rates because of the generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure made by parishioners, direct donors to the school, and school volunteers. While we continue to rely on these supports, we are taking an important step this year in the promotion of sustainability as a school.

Beginning in the 2020-2021 academic school year there will be a **Community Engagement Expectation**. This program encourages **all families** to participate in the school through philanthropy and volunteerism. This ensures that the burden of supporting our great school falls more evenly across all families rather than falling disproportionately on a smaller number of volunteers.

Community Engagement Expectation Program Terms

- 1. All families are required, as part of their enrollment of a child at our parish school in grades Preschool-8th grade, to meet the expectation.**
- 2. The engagement expectation can be met through:**
 - a. A volunteer leadership position** (examples of volunteer leadership positions include but are not limited to serving as head coach of an athletic team, serving as PTO chairperson /event leader on a major fundraiser or school event/program, being a room parent, serving on school board or as an officer on PTO or Athletic Board, and others as approved by Principal Schmitt).
 - b. Total volunteering for 25+ hours** (as tracked by PTO Volunteer Coordinator via Sign-up Genius, the Athletic Director or designee, or other person approved by the principal)
 - c. A referral of another family to the school** (please note that a referral used to satisfy the engagement requirement is not also eligible for the tuition credit per the referral program)
 - d. \$500 direct donation to the school** (cash or check made payable to St. Francis de Sales School)
- 3. Families with more than two students enrolled in the school are encouraged to exceed these expectations via additional volunteerism, referrals, or fundraising.**
- 4. Volunteer hours can be totaled combining hours from multiple parents/guardians.**
- 5. Families that have not met the engagement expectation by March 15th will be contacted and those that are not planning to meet the requirement will have a charge of \$500 added to their FACTS account in April of that year designated as 'Additional School Fees'.**
- 6. Any family that feels this expectation would cause undo hardship for them to meet are encouraged to contact Principal Schmitt to request a partial or full exemption.**

In looking to the future of our great parish school, Fr. Ryan, the school board, and myself are committed to making the school's financial position more sustainable. This program is an important part of achieving this goal.

In your service,



Principal Kyle Schmitt