

Office of the Head of School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school has absolutely been abuzz, as the sounds of Spring Sing have filled the air! From my window in the afternoons I have been hearing the girls practicing their songs, choreographing dance scenes, directing and acting, all in preparation for the time-honored, 49-year tradition. Although in its simplistic description it is a musical extravaganza, at its core it is a hallmark of sisterhood and an example of leadership in action.

As I think about Spring Sing in all of its complexity, I think about the girls who are given the chance to explore new opportunities, discover a new passion, or find their *voice*. For your daughter, it might not be Spring Sing, but maybe it is Orchestra, Robotics, Art, PTV, Athletics, Club Leadership, Equestrian, Ballet Folklorico, Genetics, or any other myriad of activities or classes, where she is inspired! At OLP, together with teachers and coaches, each year your daughter grows and develops from the young girl who walked through those green gates, into a confident woman of faith, heart, courage and excellence. In each class, she is learning how to think critically, solve complex problems, and synthesize information.

With the many financial pressures on all of our families, we recognize that choosing to make the investment in an OLP education is a sacrifice. It is an important choice that all of us make as parents to ensure our daughters are provided an exemplary Catholic, CSJ education that helps them become courageous women, aware of the needs of our dear neighbor, and ready to take on the challenges of our world. Each and every one of our teachers, staff and members of the Board of Directors carry the importance of that responsibility. We are partners with you in the formation of your daughters. These exceptional girls are our hope for our world!

As partners in this journey, the Board of Directors has decided to increase in tuition for the 2019-2020 academic year by a minimal amount to \$19,600 plus the annual, non-refundable registration fee of \$475. This \$600 tuition increase is our commitment to our families to raise tuition only at the necessary cost of inflation, as we are able to do this year. The Board has strategically focused on fiscal stewardship and creating a strong foundation for our school's future. The Board also remains committed to providing a strong tuition assistance program for students who qualify. This week we will all see the impact of the Boundless Campaign for OLP as modular buildings begin arriving on the campus in preparation for the April move and May 1st groundbreaking. The OLP Board is committed that funds for this project will come from donations, construction reserves and future financing, thus our ability to sustain minimal tuition increases year over year.

The re-enrollment process will again be done electronically online through Blackbaud Enrollment Management. The second week of March, all families will be emailed information from Blackbaud regarding the online enrollment process with instructions to complete your enrollment agreement and registration. You will be able to login through your Blackbaud Parent portal using your same login credentials. Should you have any specific questions regarding tuition, please contact the OLP Finance Office.

We are grateful to all of you who support our mission through your gifts of time, talent and treasure that go beyond the cost of education itself. The choice you have made to invest in preparing your daughter at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace for achievement in college, success and happiness in life, and women rooted in their faith, is one that we honor in the work we do each day. Our dedication to your daughter is our mission and our ministry.

God Bless,

Lauren Lek
Head of School