

January 2018

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Dear Parents of the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport,

We are pleased to offer you a re-enrollment contract for the academic year 2018-2019.

We ask that you complete and return it to your school office by February 15, 2018.

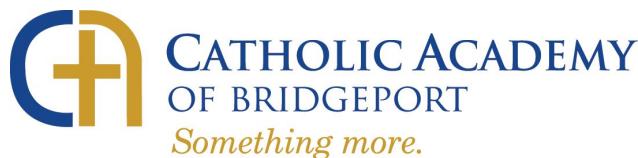
Returning it on time is most important since we have new students eager to join our school. We will begin to offer them a place after we first have registered our current children. If there are any circumstances surrounding re-enrollment please contact your school principal immediately.

As we begin to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on January 22, we pause to celebrate the accomplishments of this year. We have integrated 200 new Chromebooks on our four campuses and will continue to purchase more as funds allow. We have provided new programs in social and emotional behavior and already our classrooms and corridors are more friendly and courteous in every way. Our mathematics program is being strengthened by our hiring of consultants from MathWorks who come on a regular basis to work with teachers to utilize the benefits of our new Envision Math Program. Reading and writing are being strengthened through consultants from Teachers College Columbia, and we expect to see improvements in our DRA and new standardized testing program, IOWA, this spring. We have introduced new extracurricular and after-school programs, and continued our deep commitment to serve those in need by providing food and contributions over the holidays. Our prayer life has been strengthened through retreats and additional prayer opportunities. And we have made needed improvements to our campuses such as roof repair or replacement, improved security systems, etc.

Next year is an important one since it will be marked by our 10-year accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Fifteen evaluators will visit us this coming fall and see the results of a thorough self-study covering every aspect of school life. Many of you and your children participated in the survey and we are humbled to see the high degree of satisfaction expressed by both parents and students on these surveys.

We enclose the tuition schedule for next year. We realize that for many of you, sending your child/children to us is a financial sacrifice. We do the best we can to raise money for scholarship help so that everyone can attend who has demonstrated need. Our biggest cost is salaries for our hardworking faculty. Their increases are modest and we work hard to retain them in a very competitive job market. Remember, we do not receive any help from the city or state, with the exception of some small Title Funds. Unlike charter and public schools, we must raise over \$2.5 million annually to balance our budget. The generosity of families, alumni and friends makes our education possible.

Let us pray for the work of St. Ann, St. Andrew, St. Augustine and St. Raphael schools as we continue to celebrate this year and look forward to the next year.



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In Christ,

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