



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
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Dear Parents,

It is time to begin registration for the 2017-2018 school year. We are aligning registration with *Catholic Schools Week*, beginning on **January 29, 2017**. Registrations will be accepted through **February 28, 2017**. After this date, registrations will be accepted but at the higher registration fee.

We know that class size is important to you as parents. After registration forms are in on February 28th, we will be able to determine the number of students registered in each grade and therefore, determine the number of classes at each grade level. Registering by February 28 is important as there are no guarantees of space availability after that, including for current students.

Our staff and administration have made a commitment to provide the best education for your child. Our alumni consist of over 40 high school valedictorians and salutatorians, and, on average, over 90% of St. John students achieve honor status in high school. We are using auxiliary funds to provide each sixth through eighth grade student with their own Chrome book device. We also offer a program for students identified as being cognitively gifted. St. John students consistently rank in the top 25% in the nation for academic performance on their standardized tests. We have benefited from the Jon Peterson scholarships to better meet the needs of our students with physical, speech, and learning challenges, and we continually seek ways to improve our school programming and instruction. Our students participate in multiple community service activities, living the words of the Gospel.

The Parish Finance Council has recommended increasing tuition for next school year by 3.75%, which ranges from \$110.00-\$125.00 per K-8 student depending on the number of children that are enrolled per family. This increase is based on a detailed analysis of the future cost of operating our school. We have kept all fees the same as the last few years.

The cost of tuition covers approximately 55% of our school expenses and additional 20% is covered by reimbursement from the state of Ohio, which includes the Jon Peterson Scholarships. The remaining 25% of school expenses are subsidized by the parish through Sunday collections, festival, donations, and other fundraisers. In addition, last year significant contributions were made by our PTC for school programs, supplies, and events and the Athletic Association for our student athletic programs.

As a means to help families with their monthly budgeting for school tuition, we will allow families to pay their tuition in full or choose to pay over 10 or 12 months. A tuition payment plan form is included with the registration packet that will allow parents to choose their option for payment. Tuition payment booklets will be mailed to your home if you choose to pay on a monthly plan. Paying the tuition in full by February 28 will waive the registration and processing fees.

We will continue to set aside \$50.00 of each student's tuition toward our school technology budget. As you know, with the continued advancement in technology, we plan to use the funds to better serve our students in the next school year, and for years to come.

If you would like to apply for financial assistance, you will need to apply online with FACTS Management. Your online application will need to be completed no later than **March 15, 2016**. The link to apply online is <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XBQ9>. There will be a \$28.00 fee to process your application that is due online. Please see the enclosed sheet for more information. For more information about financial aid, please contact Mike Newton in the parish office at mnewton@stjb.net or 513-367-9086 ext. 211.

2017-2018 Registrations will not be accepted until families are current with their tuition as of January 30, 2017.

If you are interested in the preschool program, you can obtain a registration form in the school office or contact Monica Siemer at 513-367-6826 or email schooladmin@sjbharrison.org

We look forward to the new school year and the opportunity to assist you in the formation of your child in the Catholic Faith.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jeff Kemper
Pastor