



## Saint Anthony Interparochial Catholic School

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## Registration 2010 - 2011

Each year brings new challenges as we strive to provide the very best Catholic education and Christian environment for the children in St. Anthony Catholic School.

As the Finance Committee (made up of the bookkeepers from the 4 supporting parishes and school administration) and School Pastor worked on the budget for 2010-2011, every effort was made to maintain affordable Catholic education while not short-changing our children. Like most non-profit educational institutions and every family, we struggle each year with the reality of increasing costs. Within the last few years, Catholic schools in our diocese were closed due to rising costs and declining enrollment. We are blessed with supportive parents who share the challenge of keeping our school a viable institution through their active fund-raising, volunteer services, recruitment of new students and soliciting donations for special causes.

Like most families and businesses, Saint Anthony School has experienced rising expenditures in general and in administrative costs. As a point of information, teachers at St. Anthony School received no raises last year placing them 93% of the diocesan scale (which is lower than the public school scale).

Continuing efforts are made to find ways of reducing costs and finding other means of supplementing our revenue. Despite our best efforts, costs continue to outpace our revenue. This means that a slight increase in tuition is necessary to maintain an environment and program that upholds our tradition of high-quality education in east Pasco County.

For the 2010-2011 school year this translates into a \$200 increase in tuition (\$20 a month) with no increase in annual fees or the family fundraising obligation. The tuition increase is not excessive in light of the actual cost of \$6000+ per year to educate a child at Saint Anthony Catholic School. You will note on the tuition rate page that we are again offering a \$100 family discount to parents who pay for the full year by August 1. We will also give a \$100 family-credit (in January) to parents who refer a new family who registers and has children who attend next school year. We appreciate your spreading the word "St. Anthony School – the best start possible."

In closing, we pray that this letter will be met with understanding and support to enable to continue to fulfill our mission of Catholic education.