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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 Pastors worked on the 2010-2011 school year budget, every effort was made to maintain affordable Catholic education while not short-changing our children. Like most non-profit educational institutions, we struggle each year with the reality of increasing costs. Within the last few years, two Catholic schools in our diocese were closed due to rising costs and declining enrollment; this year two other schools in the diocese have been put on notice to increase enrollment.

Like most families and businesses, Saint Anthony School has experienced rising expenditures in general and administrative costs. As a point of information, teacher salaries at St. Anthony School for the past several years have been at 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. But despite our effort, costs continue to outpace our revenue. This means that a slight increase in tuition is necessary to maintain an environment and program that upholds a 125-year tradition of high-quality education in east Pasco County.

For the 2010-2011 school year this translates into a \$300 increase in tuition (\$30 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 offering for next school year 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 the understanding and the support that makes us able to continue to fulfill our mission of Catholic education.

Sister Roberta
Bailey, Principal
Rev. Edwin
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