

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Families,

As most everyone has heard by now, the Chicago Archdiocese has begun a campaign encouraging schools to adjust their tuition charges in order to more accurately reflect actual costs. Up to now, each school has received from their parish church a significant amount of tuition funds in the form of church subsidies.

At SSCM we have had one of the lowest (per family) tuition bases in the area. This is due primarily to the significant church subsidy. We are thankful, at least for now, we will continue to have access to some church subsidy. It is the Archdiocese's hope that over the short term, the subsidy can be eliminated. The Archdiocese states that the subsidy provided by the church cannot exceed 20% of the total school budget. Next year, the church will subsidize the school over \$130,000 (approximately 10%). If (over time) our tuition becomes less dependent on church subsidies, the church may be able to lessen some of its own financial burden.

Each year as our school grows our expenses increase as well. Not only are there costs associated in hiring additional teachers and staff, but simply the costs of maintaining our facilities continues to rise. Unfortunately, all of these costs must be absorbed in the tuition base. A breakdown of the costs of educating a child has been included in this packet, as well as the new tuition rate schedule. As you will see, the cost of educating a child is still greater than the tuition being charged.

In an effort to assist families with the tuition increase, as well as our transition away from the church subsidies, the Board has changed the payment schedule. You will now be able to pay your tuition over a ten-month period. In the past, the total cost of tuition was paid over nine months. Also, we encourage families to use the Manna program. This is a cost-free way to reduce your overall tuition costs. Please read the information provided describing the benefits of Manna.

Take a moment to review all of the enclosed information. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Rita K. O'Brien
SS. Cyril & Methodius School Board President**

TUITION COST ANALYSIS

2001-2002

Total School Expenses \$1,280,864

Cost to educate one child \$2,208
(Total school expenses divided by
total number of students K – 8)

Per student tuition with church subsidy:

<u># of students</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
One	\$1,986	\$222
Two	\$3,116(A)	\$1,300
Three or more	\$3,588(B)	\$3,036

(A) 1st child = \$1,986 plus 2nd child cost of \$1,130

(B) 1st child = \$1,986 plus 2nd child cost of \$1,130 plus remaining children
(3 or more) \$472

**TUITION RATES IN COUNCIL V - 10B
2001/2002**

ONE CHILD RATE

\$1800 RANGE

Incarnation 1820

\$1900 RANGE

**St. Pat's/St. Al's 1930
St. Michael 1978
SS.C&M 1986**

\$2000 RANGE

**St. George 2000
St. Damien 2001
St. Catherine 2033
St. Alexanders 2045
St. Gerald's 2050
St. Linus 2104
St. Germaine 2225
St. Patricia 2236
St. Louis De Monfort 2240
St. Christopher 2268
Our Lady o/t Ridge 2400
St. Albert 2580
Cardinal J Bern 2900**

TWO CHILD RATE

\$2000 RANGE

St. Louis De Montfort 2780

\$3000 RANGE

**St. George 3070
St. Gerald's 3080
St. Damien 3100
Our Lady o/t Ridge 3100
SS. Cyril & Methodius 3116
St. Michael 3308
St. Patricia 3308
St. Albert 3330
St. Pat/St. Al's 3375
St. Germaine 3375
St. Linus 3396
St. Alexander 3500
St. Christopher 3900**

\$5000 RANGE

Cardinal J. Bernardin 5800