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Dear Parents and Guardians of our Parish School Children,

The School Board met on December 20th. I want to thank the members for their responsible and reasonable concern for the children, parents, school, and parish. We are blessed with their balanced and concerned input. They discussed the budget for the 2008-2009 school year. I approved it. You can find a detailed analysis of the tuition for next year on the following page.

As you read it we are proud and happy to point out to you the following.

- Saint Joseph School has a tuition rate competitive with the other parochial grammar schools in the North Region, which includes Medford, Malden, Everett, Arlington, Winchester, Stoneham, and Woburn.
- The student population comes from 24 cities and towns, thus the school is not only culturally diverse but geographically diverse as well.
- We are the only Catholic elementary school in the area to have a full time nurse.
- We are the only school in the area which has an auxiliary two-fold student-help component:
 We have three teachers specializing in remedial and accelerated learning in Grades K-II through 8.
- We are the only school with four full time and two part religious women on our staff.

As we looked over “income” I want to say a special word of thanks to the Mothers’ Club for their fundraising efforts. Last year they raised over \$50,000 for the support of the school. We all owe the members a great deal of appreciation for their hard work.

Kudos to our teachers as well. Their loyalty to the school remains extraordinary, as does their experience, stability, vitality, creativity, and professionalism. With the religious women of our staff, Saint Joseph’s has an unmatched Catholic environment.

When it comes to personnel, programs, plant, tutoring, and multifaceted extracurricular activities, St. Joseph School pursues unsurpassed excellence. The recent Open House brochure carried specific details. No doubt you have already seen it.

In closing, we priests, principal, religious, teachers, and staff hope next year will be a most happy one for you and your student children.

Sincerely

Reverend Patrick J. McLaughlin
Administrator.

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Financial Information
Tuition 2008-2009

Tuition rates are established annually. In addition to the tuition, an annual non-refundable registration fee of \$150.00 per student is charged. A \$25.00 deduction applies to registrations submitted by March 1.

The tuition rates for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows:

Grades Kindergarten 2 (five year old program) through Grade 8

<u>Yearly</u>	
First Child	\$3,350
Second Child	\$2,750
Third Child	\$2,150
Additional Children*	\$0,000

*The registration fee applies to all children.

Saint Joseph Early Childhood Learning Center

Kindergarten 1 (four year old program)

<u>Yearly</u>	Non-sibling	Sibling
Full Day	\$4,000	\$3,500
Half Day	\$3,500	\$3,000

Pre-School (3 year old program)

<u>Yearly</u>			
5 full days	\$5,000	5 half days	\$4,000
3 full days	\$4,000	3 half days	\$3,300
2 full days	\$3,400	2 half days	\$2,900

Twins – There is a discount of \$500 if both are enrolled in the 3 year old program.

Tuition payment plans (all checks payable to Saint Joseph School).

- Option 1** Full payment due on August 1.
- Option 2** 50% of total tuition due August 1; balance due on December 1.
- Option 3** 50% due August 1; 25% due November 15; Balance due January 15.
- Option 4** Eleven monthly payments through the FACTS Automatic Tuition Payment Program. Payments begin in July.

Option 1, 2, and 3 are available only to new registrants and to returning registrants who paid prior commitments and obligations on time. A monthly late fee of \$25 applies to all past due tuition amounts.

Note re Option 4... If a FACTS payee defaults, the unpaid portion of the tuition will be considered past due and must be paid directly to Saint Joseph School.

Those who elect the FACTS payment plan have an established checking account, savings account, or credit card. Appropriate forms are to be completed at time of registration. For further information, please contact Mrs. Pamela Spencer, the Tuition Administrator, at (781) 395-1832.

Charges for the After School Program

Registration Fee: \$20.00

One Child - \$6.00 per hour Second Child (same family) - \$5.00 per hour

After School Program hours are billed weekly and payment is due upon receipt of invoice. Students will not be allowed to participate in the program if the previous weeks payment has not been made. Children must be picked up by 5:50 PM. A late fee of \$20.00 applies for every late pick-up.

Fair Share Program

Parents are expected to participate in the activities that support Saint Joseph School. Under the Fair Share Program, each family is asked to volunteer a total of twenty hours. These hours may be served in any of the multitude of programs that take place each year. It is hoped that a substantial portion of the Fair Share commitment would be given to the major fundraisers held by Saint Joseph Mothers' Club, namely the Holly Fair and the Auction, or whatever program requires assistance. The revenue raised by the Mothers' Club underwrites a portion of the annual school budget, so, since all families benefit from the fundraising activities, it is reasonable to expect that all would share in the responsibility.

Parents do have the option to participate in these activities or to choose to pay a fee established annually with the first tuition payment. While this option may be necessary for some families, your active participation of shared responsibilities is always appreciated. Currently the annual fee is \$300.00.

The Fair Share commitment may be fulfilled through the above mentioned activities as well as lunch duty, field trip chaperons, assistance at the Student Council dances, baking, assistance at Pizza, Hot Dog and Chicken lunches, or by teaching in the parish Religious Education programs. Other activities may qualify but should receive administrative approval. The commitment must be made by a parent rather than by a member of the student's extended family unless there is a serious reason whereby the parent may not be able to fulfill this requirement.

Any unfulfilled hours will be billed at a pro rata rate with the amount determined at the end of the school year. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.