

January 24, 2018

Dear Saint Ambrose Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing Saint Ambrose School for your child(ren)'s education. I understand and appreciate the sacrifices you make to embrace Catholic education. After careful consideration and evaluation, the full annual tuition for the 2018-2019 school year is \$8,275. This represents only a \$22.50 increase per payment as compared to the previous year. Despite rising costs, we endeavor to minimize increases to tuition and the impact on our families. A \$1,300 per student discount is available for families who are active members of Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington. Additionally, a \$1,200 per student discount is provided for families with multiple children enrolled in the school.

The tuition increase represents the needs of the school to provide an excellent educational experience for our students by keeping our salaries competitive and attracting the very best educators to our school. Additionally, depending on enrollment, we hope to supplement our staff in order to provide additional support to our students. We will also be facing increased healthcare costs (normally an 8-12% increase annually) and normal inflation in other expenses as well. We realize that this increase involves a sacrifice for our families, but at the same time we need to continue the strong tradition that we have of offering an exceptional education to our students. This tuition increase of approximately 2.7% will help provide the resources that we need to accomplish our goals.

The tuition discount for Catholic families is based on the assumption that families are supporting the school through their parish. Otherwise, families are expected to pay a tuition rate that is closer to the actual cost of educating their child(ren). Eligibility for receiving the Catholic discount, in consultation with the School Advisory Board, is based upon attendance at Sunday Mass (at least 8 times per quarter as evidenced by the use of offertory envelopes at Mass). If you are a registered member of Saint Ambrose Parish, a copy of your 2017 contribution statement will be provided upon request from the Rectory. Please use that statement to determine if you are eligible for the Catholic discount. Please return the attached form to the school office by Friday, March 2 and we will forward it to the Parish Office for confirmation of eligibility.

Re-registration for 2018-2019 is available on TADS now. Please take a moment to register new siblings too. **As a reminder, re-registration ends on Thursday, March 1.** The fee is \$200 per child; \$100 of that re-registration fee goes towards your 2018-2019 tuition. After March 1, there is a late fee of \$50 & seats are not guaranteed.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nelson Abreu,  
Cortinovis,  
Principal

Reverend Charles A.  
Pastor

**2018-2019 Saint Ambrose School In-Parish Discount Request Form**

**Student(s) Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Based on our Sunday Mass attendance as evidenced by my use of offertory envelopes  
I believe I am eligible for the Catholic discount.**

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Office Confirmation of Eligibility:**      *Parish Seal*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other than St. Ambrose)