

May, 2011

Dear St. Monica School Families:

The 2011 – 2012 budget approved by the School Board Committee has been approved by Parish Council. Due to continued Annual Fund and Home & School support, together with strong enrollment, the base tuition increase this year will be 3% (In comparison, tuition was increased 5.0% each of the past three years and 5.5% in 2007). In these uncertain economic times, we are working to maintain costs for school families. The books and materials fee will remain at \$55 per child. Families with students in Senior Kindergarten will find the extended lunch hour fee of \$100.00 for Senior Kindergarten students only on their initial tuition statement, rather than receiving a separate bill later in the year.

We recognize and respect the major financial commitment made by St. Monica School parents to our school. Our goal has always been, and will continue to be, to sustain a faculty and curriculum so our children are academically well prepared and continue to “learn, live and love through Jesus” for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Please join us in recognizing and expressing our gratitude for the consistent and on-going support of the entire St. Monica Parish community. In addition, the parish covers all of our school’s insurance and utility expenses which continue to rise each year. Tuition increases for the 2011 – 2012 school year continue to be offset by not only the \$70,000 direct contribution by Home and School, but also the anticipated \$160,000 operating budget contribution from Annual Fund collections (compared to \$165,000 last year). It is important to honor this partnership by our active involvement in and financial support of the Parish.

In paying your family’s tuition, please note the following information: All tuition payments are handled through Tuition Management Systems with initial set-up through the school office. *To avoid any late fees, the first and/or full payment is due either August 5th or August 20th prior to Registration Day. It is important to note that, in addition, any handling fees are due as soon as a family receives their first statement. If these fees are not paid when due, late fees will be charged.*

There are several methods for school parents to fund and/or pay tuition:

- Payment in full (when billed prior to registration).
- Payments can be billed and paid semi-annually or in ten monthly installments from August through May.
- The Scrip program can be used to earn tuition credits to your tuition fee and generates additional funds for St. Monica School.
- Finally, St. Monica has a significant tuition aid program. This program is entirely confidential, fair and user friendly. We encourage any family with a need to consider financial aid. The School Board Committee has made a commitment to maintain enough funds in the Tuition Aid Fund in order that everyone who has a demonstrated financial need can benefit from this assistance. Aid Applications are available on-line through the St. Monica School Website, found under “Admissions Information: Tuition Assistance”.

**(Note: There is one separate page of information that must be turned in to the school office regarding your parish involvement. Do not mail that page with the rest of your application.)*

Sincerely,

The School Board Committee

Attachments: Schedule of Tuition for 2011– 2012; St. Monica School Basic Calendar for 2011-2012

2011-2012 ST. MONICA SCHOOL TUITION RATES

ST. MONICA SCHOOL TUITION RATES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL: <u>Parishioner Rate:</u>	Tuition Rate:	TOTAL TUITION DUE* \$55.00 per child books and materials fee:	TOTAL TUITION** each Sr. K student is assessed a \$100. extended lunch hr. fee:
Families with children in Kindergarten** only:			
1 - kindergarten only	\$2,619	\$2,674	\$2,774
2 - kindergarten only	\$4,977	\$5,087	\$5,287
Families with children in grades 1 through 8 only:			
1 - grades 1-8	\$3,097	\$3,152	
2 - grades 1-8	\$5,885	\$5,995	
3 - grades 1-8	\$8,518	\$8,683	
4 - grades 1-8	\$10,995	\$11,215	
5 - grades 1-8	\$13,318	\$13,593	
6 - grades 1-8	\$15,487	\$15,817	
Families with children in kindergarten** and grades 1-8:			
2 - 1 in grade 1- 8 + 1 kindergarten	\$5,716	\$5,826	\$5,926
3 - 1 in grade 1-8 + 2 kindergarten	\$8,074	\$8,239	\$8,439
3 - 2 in grades 1-8 + 1 kindergarten	\$8,504	\$8,669	\$8,769
4 - 3 in grades 1-8 + 1 kindergarten	\$11,137	\$11,375	\$15,475
4 - 2 in grades 1-8 + 2 kindergarten	\$10,862	\$11,082	\$11,282
5 - 4 in grades 1-8 + 1 kindergarten	\$13,614	\$13,889	\$13,989
<u>Non-Parishioner Rate:</u>			
1 - grades 1-8	\$6,064	\$6,119	
2 - grades 1-8	\$11,521	\$11,631	
3 - grades 1-8	\$16,676	\$16,841	
1-kindergarten** only	\$4,156	\$4,211	\$4,311

Please note: All tuition billing and payments will be handled through Tuition Management Systems.
To contact Tuition Managements Systems, please phone: 1-800-722-4867 or on-line visit: www.afford.com

TMS Enrollment fees are as follows:

One time full payment due August 20 - No fee.

Semi-annual payments due August 20 and January 20 - \$20.00 fee.

Ten installments due August through May - \$45.00 fee.

All payments made after due dates will accrue late fees payable to Tuition Management Systems.

Applicable annual fees will be included in your FIRST TMS statement, which arrives early summer.

Important Notes:

New families complete and return the enclosed enrollment form if you have not already done so.

Existing families are automatically re-enrolled; contact TMS to change frequency after June 10, 2011.

Existing families using automatic withdrawal payments (ACH) must renew this information annually through the TMS office.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact the school office, 414-332-3660.