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To the Parents of Holy Family Academy Students:

The members of the Holy Family Academy School Board wanted to inform you regarding our decisions for tuition for the 2010-2011 school year, during our deliberations we have taken the following issues into consideration:

Tuition was not increased last year

Although the Board initially approved a tuition increase for this school year, the increase was rescinded as the economic situation worsened.

Teachers and staff did not receive salary increases this year

Salaries for teachers and staff were frozen for this school year.

School operating expenses

The expenses associated with operating the school, including salaries for teachers and staff, are anticipated to increase for next school year.

Pressure on Parish Subsidy

Higher school operating costs continue to make greater demands on the parish to increase their school subsidy.

In light of these factors, the School Board has increased tuition for next school year by 3% (\$150). We understand that this increase comes at a difficult economic time, but it is the responsible thing to do, based on the corresponding increases in salaries, benefits and school expenses. In an effort to significantly offset some of the increase to our larger school families, the Board has also revamped the “multi-student” discount. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, Holy Family Parishioners* enrolling multiple students in grades PK-8:

- with 2 students receive a \$200 discount off of their final tuition bill,
- with 3 students receive a \$500 discount off of their final tuition bill,
- with 4 or more students receive a \$1,000 discount off of their final tuition bill.
- Parish families enrolling 5 students in one year will not be charged for the fifth student and beyond.

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to commend our school families for the sacrifices they make to afford their children a Catholic education. The Vatican II document *Gravissimum Educationis* reminds “Catholic parents of the duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever and whenever it is possible and of supporting these schools to the best of their ability , , , “. Thank you and may God Bless you for accepting this responsibility.

Sincerely,

Bernie Grutsch, President
Holy Family Academy School Board

* The following guidelines will be used by Holy Family Academy to determine “parishioner” status:

- Registered members of Holy Family Church for at least 1 year prior to the beginning of the school year (this can be waived with a letter from previous pastor),
- Regular Sunday Mass attendance,
- Appropriate and verifiable stewardship to Holy Family Church,
- Active participation in Holy Family’s volunteer & fundraising activities.