

St. James Catholic Regional School
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August 3, 2011

Dear St. James School Parents,

I am writing to the parents of Catholic students who are not parishioners of St. James Church to clarify our policy concerning financial arrangements. A recent IRS ruling specifies that contributions made to a church in exchange for specific services, such as elementary school education is no longer tax deductible, effective the 1994 tax year. This has necessitated a change in our policy for Catholic school families who are parishioners.

For the 2011-2012 school year, you may choose on of two plans:

1. Register as a St. James parishioner. You will be invited to fill out a stewardship intention form as are all of our parishioners, and as a parishioner, you will be entitled to the use of St. James Parish School for the education of your children. (This does not preclude you from being registered in another parish also. Contributions to both parishes could, as we understand the law, be tax deductible).
2. Pay the following tuition rate for Catholic non-parishioners:

\$4,100.00 for the first child
\$1,400.00 for each additional child

TUITION IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

As you apply for the 2011-2012 school year, we ask you to choose one of these options by checking the form below. If you check Option #1 we will send you the appropriate application and stewardship intention forms.

Please call Sister Michael Marie or me if you have any questions. We treasure your involvement in our school and we trust this change in policy will not work a hardship on you.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Chuck Walker
Pastor

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OPTION

_____ Option #1—Parish Membership/Stewardship

_____ Option #2—Tuition