

*Reach for the Heights - "Verso l'alto!"*  
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Dear Frassati Families:

Last week we provided the opportunity for families to come to the State of the School address and learn about school goals, financial aid, tax credit scholarship opportunities and general information about the school budget.

*I want to take time to thank the 22% of our population that came out to one of the 6 opportunities last week and learn about our school and upcoming opportunities.*

This brief packet will provide you with some of the information that was covered. There is a summary of my presentation to follow along with 4 additional pages: a letter from the Archdiocese regarding financial aid and the tax credit scholarship, a breakdown of household incomes that qualify for each of the tax credit scholarship levels, an intent to return form and the FACTS financial aid information for the 2018-2019 school year.

### Summary

As we consider the opportunity for Catholic Education for our children at Frassati Catholic Academy there are two items I ask everyone to keep in mind.

- **Cost to educate:** This is the cost per student to educate taking into account our entire operational structure. For the 2017-2018 school year it costs us just over \$7,300 to educate each student. *With our tuition at \$5850 for one student and then multi-student discounts on top of that we have to rely on fundraising and outside sources to help us close the deficit.*
- **Campuses:** We are unique in Lake County that we have two campuses. We are afforded the opportunity to offer families Catholic Education on two campuses. *While this is a blessing, it is also a large financial obligation, so we are continually looking at ways to be cost efficient.*

### **Tax Credit Scholarships:**

- The two handouts in this packet explain the different breakdowns that are available through the tax credit scholarship program. There is also a website provided by the Archdiocese that is providing updates as they are available.

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**Financial Aid:**

- Financial aid is available to all. Families who qualify in the brackets for the Tax Credit Scholarship will need to apply their first and then can apply through FACTS.
- *If you have received scholarships in the past from the school or the Archdiocese and you are outside of the tax credit bracket you can apply directly to FACTS.*
- The third handout attached is the information for FACTS. Our FACTS financial aid website is open for the 2018-2019 school year. The website is provided. Additionally, please note that we are looking for the **2016** tax return information, so families should be ready to apply now as you do not need to wait for the current year taxes.
- *Choosing Catholic Education is a sacrifice for all families. If you are looking for financial assistance please reach out and ask about opportunities available. We do not want finances to be the reason that Catholic Education isn't an option.*

**Intent to Return Form:**

- The blue handout in this packet includes an intent to return form. This form is being provided to all families attending school across the Archdiocese. As we are planning for the 2018-2019 school year we want to be sure that we are able to meet the requests of new families, but also to ensure that we are being fiscally and academically responsible with our class sizes, so we are asking that prior to Christmas Break families return their intent to return form. If your family is undecided please return the form with a note indicating that.

*It is an honor and a pleasure to work in a supportive, loving school community. I look forward to continuing to serve this community in years to come. Please be sure to reach out with any questions you may have regarding this information or any other school matters.*

Thank you,

Ms. Tammy Kleckner  
Frassati Catholic Academy Principal