



Ascension School

January 20, 2010

Dear Ascension School Family,

This mailing contains registration materials for the 2010-2011 school year. Please read all materials carefully and note important deadlines. If you have questions, call the school office immediately.

We will follow the same procedure as we have in the past. *All current school families may register currently enrolled students and any new children through school mail.* Only families that do not have children currently in the school will be asked to register their children in person in mid-February. Complete and return the registration application along with the registration fee to the school office if your child(ren) will be returning to Ascension. All tuition and fee balances must be current in order to process registration. Tuition payments were due January 15, 2010.

The registration deadline for current families for the 2010-11 school year is Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

The School Board, the Pastor, the Parish Finance Committee and the Principal continue to develop a detailed budget and a complete tuition scale for next year. At its January 11 meeting, the School Board learned that staff will receive a salary increase after a year-long freeze. It is important for Ascension families to know that books, materials and sacramental fees are included in the tuition rates.

There will be an increase in tuition rates, but the amount is not settled. The increase is necessary for these reasons:

- Increased costs. Salaries, utilities, maintenance, and a significant increase in insurance costs.
- Protection of positions and programs that enhance the school's excellence.

Catholic school tuition is a sacrifice for every family. However, because Ascension School is a parish ministry, we are committed to offering the best education possible, while keeping costs low through fiscal responsibility. Keep in mind that Ascension Parish's financial commitment to the school helps make up the difference between what tuition and fundraising provide, and the actual cost of educating children. Further, the parish community offers financial assistance so that families can continue to choose Catholic education for their children. Families anticipating help with tuition should contact the school now, so adequate plans for tuition assistance can be made.

In summary, the registration process consists of four steps:

1. Make certain that all tuition and fee payments are up-to-date.
2. Complete the registration application, listing all children (currently enrolled or not) who will be attending Ascension in the 2010 school year.
3. Pay the non-refundable \$100 family registration fee.
4. Return the packet to the office no later than February 10, 2010.

Thank you for choosing Ascension School for the Catholic education of your children.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Burns, Principal
Ascension School Board