

Nativity School

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Dear Nativity School Parents:

We've come a long way this year! Progress on our multi-purpose pavilion and new kindergarten is moving along nicely and we are in the home stretch on construction. In addition, the Christmas Tree Lot did a great job raising significant funds for the school.

As spring approaches, Nativity's Consultative School Board, in discussion with the Parish Finance Council and Monsignor Otellini, sets next year's fee schedule. One of the most important responsibilities that the Board has is to ensure the long-term financial health of the school, and this fee schedule was developed with an eye towards this goal. The attached tuition schedule for the '08/'09 school year reflects an average increase of 7%. This increase reflects increasing costs for teacher and staff salaries, general inflation for materials and services, and maintaining our scholarship fund. We want to assure you that the increase is not a product of our construction project, as those funds are completely separate.

As we have outlined over the last two years, we continue to move towards a simplified tuition schedule. In particular, we will continue phasing out the multiple-child discount policy which provides discounts for second, third, and fourth children. This policy costs the school \$50,000 annually, and we realized two years ago that we could not sustain this program.

The Board is responsible for reviewing the school's finances on an ongoing basis. In developing the annual budget and fees, we took many things into account including anticipated school enrollment and Nativity's competitive position relative to other Catholic and private institutions. We are pleased to report that Nativity remains one of the most diverse and affordable private education institutions on the Peninsula, and we remain committed to maintaining this position. We cannot emphasize enough the value we place on the vibrant diverse community that Nativity School provides to the school children, parents, and the greater community.

If you have any questions or concerns about the tuition schedule or long-term financial direction of the school, please feel free to direct them to a Board member or to our principal, Mrs. Trelut.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its mission to educate the whole child, preparing our children to be responsible and active members of the Church and society.

Your Consultative Board of Education,

Greg Botto, Russ Castle, Tom Hamilton, Bill Hoy, Jeanine Morgan, Chris Oswald, and Anna Marie Porras,