

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Blessed Trinity Catholic School families,

As the 2017-2018 school year quickly nears its end (although you would never know it by the current weather) we are already looking forward to and planning for next year!

We are grateful to God – and to each and every one of you – for the wonderful growth in enrollment that we have experienced over these past five years. This “happy problem” has necessitated various changes along the way: the hiring of another full-time teacher this year, the modification of existing classroom space to create an additional classroom, the continued beautification and updating of our building, the steady improvement of our school’s use of technology, etc.

However, in order to continue to improve our school’s facilities, to ensure that we are able to retain and adequately compensate our dedicated staff, and in order to provide your child(ren) with the excellent intellectual, spiritual, and moral education that you have come to expect from us we will be implementing another change beginning next school year regarding our tuition rate.

For many years now our tuition rate has been a flat family fee of \$2,500.00, and each family pays this whether they have a single child or seven in our school. Unfortunately, this current system and stagnant rate is inadequate to continue to cover the expenses that we incur in running Blessed Trinity Catholic School. On average, the cost to educate a student in the public school system is nearly \$13,000.00. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Madison fare much better as they work to be wise stewards over their limited resources; on average, diocesan schools educate a single child for approximately \$5,900.00. At Blessed Trinity Catholic School we are proud of the fact that we are able to do even better than both the public schools and the diocesan averages as we educate each of our students for *only* \$5,400.00.

Nevertheless, despite our best efforts to maximize every dollar and resource that we have available to us, there still exists a large discrepancy between the \$2,500.00 that we collect *per family* and the \$5,400.00 that it costs us *per child*. Your fundraising efforts have helped and continue to help offset some of these costs, as does a parish subsidy, but nevertheless the fact remains: there exists a growing deficit (due to inflation, increases in benefit expenses, etc.) between what we charge and what it costs us to educate each student.

After consultation with the Parish Finance Council and the School Advisory Committee we will be moving to a new tuition structure for the 2018-2019 school year. It is as follows:

1. \$2,500.00 for the 1st enrolled student per family;
2. + \$1,000.00 for the 2nd enrolled student per family;
3. + \$500.00 for the 3rd enrolled student per family;
4. The tuition is capped at \$4000.00 per family for more than 3 enrolled students.

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Furthermore,

1. Student book fees will be \$225.00 per student;
2. Student book fees are capped at a maximum of \$500.00 per family;
3. Hot lunch will be \$2.50 per lunch per student, milk included.

Also, as an incentive to have you help us maintain/grow our enrollment, any current BTCS family who successfully helps recruit new students/families will receive a 1-year \$1000.00 tuition discount once the new student/family that was recruited officially enrolls at Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish! (And if you help to recruit two new families you would be entitled to two of these tuition discounts, etc.) We believe that we have a great school and we want to be able to continue to share it with as many students and families in Dane, Lodi, and the surrounding communities as possible – but we need your continued help!

Finally, if there are any families that are in need of financial assistance Mr. Karls and Fr. Jablonski will gladly work with them to ensure that they are able to have their child(ren) educated at BTCS. We don't want to lose any students or families, current or prospective, simply because of economic hardship.

Although changes are never easy – especially with respect to one's finances – we know that this change will allow Blessed Trinity Catholic School to continue to be our best, so that the hearts and minds of your child(ren) will be educated to God's glory and to your satisfaction!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dr. Jeff Karls

Fr. Scott Jablonski

P.S. We apologize that this decision was finalized after registrations had been renewed. Please be assured that we will work to assist any family that would be financially distressed by this tuition increase.