

January 11, 2023

Dear Assumption Families,

You received a letter in November regarding the change in tuition structure for in-parish, subsidized tuition in 2023-2024. If you are Catholic and registered as a member of a Whatcom County parish, you are eligible to apply for a Faith Community Scholarship which will decrease the "cost to educate" by an amount designated by those pastors. These scholarship applications will be **available on March 1<sup>st</sup>** and they **will be due April 1<sup>st</sup>**. You will receive two notifications from the school- one before March 1<sup>st</sup> so that you can see what your tuition cost will be without help from the parish, and a final statement on May 1<sup>st</sup> after you've applied to the parish and the amount has been awarded. This May 1<sup>st</sup> statement will show your 2023-2024 annual tuition payment.

Ultimately, the faith scholarship amount awarded to each family is up to the local pastors, who will consider **the needs of the family** and the **available resources of the parish**. However, for the 2023-2024 school year, we have asked the pastors to reserve for scholarships the same amount they previously reserved for subsidy to the school in their annual budgets. This should allow their scholarships next year to approximate the "in-parish discount" that you have relied on previously. Please also note that, since pastors will be the ones evaluating the applications, it would be good to make sure you introduce yourselves after Sunday Mass in the coming weeks or months, so that they will be able to put faces to names when the time comes.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that Catholic families complete the Faith Community Scholarship application when it becomes available on March 1st to be considered and receive what was automatically given to Catholic families in the past through "in-parish" subsidized tuition.

Sincerely,

Dan Anderson