

Monday, March 6, 2017

Dear SJB Families,

I am writing to express my gratitude to you for sending your children to SJB. I am also taking this opportunity to share our financial report for the 2016-17 school year.

The fiscal health of St. John the Baptist Catholic School remains strong. We have laid the groundwork for a consistent source of income with the planned addition of a preschool program in 2017-18.

Our fiscal health remains strong mainly because of our restraint in spending. Instructional costs, by far the largest chunk of our budget, increased less than 1 percent from last year to this year. The budgets for Administration, Auxiliary, After-Care & Before Care each *decreased* from last year to this year. The budget for Operations & Maintenance increased by 13 percent. However, we have found ways to save money, such as restructuring our copier leases, investing in longer lasting lighting. At more than halfway through the current school year, we are on pace to spend less this year than we spent last year in Operations & Maintenance. The lack of a need for snow removal has helped, too.

Our report shows that SJB is, like most Catholic schools, still dependent on its Parish and Archdiocese for financial support. It is our goal to move toward greater financial independence while retaining our academic excellence, strong community and Catholic identity, and our commitment to affordability.

We are not going to get there overnight, but it is important that we continue to make progress together – for the sake of a great education for many children. We know that, as parents, many of you sacrifice to pay tuition, and some of you volunteer long hours to work on our school fundraisers. All of us at SJB are grateful for your efforts.

We are grateful, as well, to all of you who have contributed to our fundraising campaigns and who plan to attend or support our major fundraising event this year: [*The Spring Gala*](#).

Our Home School Association, which sponsors the Gala, raised money last year for a new reading series for lower-grade students. Our teachers say the **Wonders** series has challenged our students in grades 1-5 to think more deeply and critically to text and to respond with higher-level analysis.

The H.S.A. also purchased science kits for several classrooms. Mrs. Dalton, our 3rd grade science teacher, said students learned firsthand about the scientific process by observing and recording fiddler crabs, African frogs, and millipedes. "It made them feel like real scientists," Mrs. Dalton said of the science kits that the H.S.A. bought for the school.

At SJB, we are blessed with generous and supportive parents. Thank you for making education a priority in your lives. We will keep you in our prayers, and we ask God to bless you, our families, the spirit of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Blomquist
Principal
SJB

St. John the Baptist Catholic School 2016-17 Fiscal Report

Average Per Pupil Cost --	\$9,600
Average Tuition Per Pupil --	\$8,249
Average Financial Aid Per Pupil --	\$512
Fundraising Need Per Pupil --	\$839

School Income - \$2,210,040

\$1,897,400	Tuition
\$68,000	Various Fees
\$70,200	Parish Assistance
\$6,250	Parish Tuition Assistance Grants
\$10,000	H.S.A. Tuition Assistance Grants
\$31,500	Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance
\$9,500	Capital Improvement Fund
\$70,000	Before & After Care Fees
\$20,000	Field Trip Fees
\$1,560	Morning Snack
\$7,000	Graduation Fees
\$4,000	Milk Program
\$14,630	Miscellaneous & Investment Income

School Expenses -- \$2,208,104

\$1,622,043	Instructional (see details below)
\$139,328	Operation & Maintenance
\$360,873	Administration
\$52,810	Auxiliary
\$33,050	After Care & Before Care

Major Instructional Costs:

\$1,211,093	Employee Salaries
\$15,000	Substitute Salaries

\$89,602	Employer Medicare and Social Security Payments
\$233,226	Employee Benefits