



SAINT CATHERINE of SIENA SCHOOL

January 14, 2022

Dear Parent,

The bitter January cold this week had me thinking of my Dad. When I first started teaching Kindergarten after college, I lived at home. Each day, before the sun rose, my Dad would read the *NY Daily News* and have coffee at the counter at the coffee shop, up the street from our home, with my Uncle Jim. Then, he would come home before he started work and exactly 20 minutes before I needed to head out to teach Kindergarten, my little red car (a different little red car than the *Mini* that I have now but a red car nevertheless) would be puffing white exhaust into the frigid air. I don't remember saying *thank you* to my Dad at the time. Even though it was a bit warmer this morning, my heart said a silent prayer of gratitude to my Dad as I jumped in the chilly mini cooper.

By the grace of Christ, you work so hard to make little and big choices to support your children while balancing work, faith, family, and the conscious choice you made to gift a Catholic education to your child. I am so grateful that you have given the teachers, staff and I the opportunity to educate and form your child.

One of the great traditions at all Catholic schools in the country is the week we all spend each January celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We are especially excited to celebrate with a Kick-Off on Sunday, 1/30 with Family Mass either in person or virtually! We go further with faith! After Mass, instead of our traditional breakfast in the cafeteria all together, we hope that, like last year, everyone will have pancakes at home and tag SCS on Social Media! #SCSSpiritcakes. *Pancakes made with the most visible SCS school spirit will win a prize!* Please know that our *in person* breakfast will be held in March or April after the Omicron variant has decreased. Here is a list of our other Catholic Schools Week fun to look forward to:

- **Sun, 1/30 PARISH APPRECIATION DAY** 9am Family Mass Virtual or In- Person and then consider visiting the in person BOOK FAIR in the SCS CAFETERIA. Book Fair from 10am to 1pm
- **Sun, 1/30 #SCSSpiritCAKES** Make SCS pancakes at your house after Mass and tag us on Facebook! Pancakes with the most SCS school spirit will win an award!.
- **Mon, 1/31 STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY!** DRESS DOWN DAY & NO HOMEWORK & *the Book Fair from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the CAFETERIA*
- **Tues, 2/1 FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION DAY!** SCS Dress like an SCS Teacher or Staff Member & *the Book Fair from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the CAFETERIA*
- **Wed, 2/2 PARENT APPRECIATION DAY!** Dress in a shirt or sweatshirt from your parent's alma mater (Elementary, High School or College) or wear one of your parent's favorite colors & *the Book Fair from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the CAFETERIA*
- **Thurs, 2/3 PASTOR/PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY!** Celebrate Our Pastor, Father Donohoe and our Parish priests; Father Medairos, Father Sullivan & Father Corcoran and our nation by wearing Red, White & Blue! Did you know Father Donohoe and Father Medairos are veterans?

- **Fri, 2/4 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!** Celebrate our community with BLUE & GOLD School Spirit Day

With #SCSJOY on our hearts, the faculty, staff and I hope that you will continue to give us the opportunity to educate your child during the 2022-23 school year and continue to be a part of our SCS family. Please know that our SCS 2022-2023 Kindergarten to Grade 8 tuition will increase \$350 to \$8,450. We appreciate that any increase in tuition is considerable but please know that the increase will pay for teacher salary increases as well preventative maintenance & some improvements on our older buildings

Re-enrollment in FACTS Tuition Management Services is open today, Friday, January 14, 2022! This year, we respectfully request a non-refundable deposit of \$250 per child with a maximum of \$500 per SCS family to re-enroll. Please find the SCS 2022-23 Tuition Rate Sheet attached. The first 50 Families who click in FACTS to re-enroll for 2022-23 before January 31st will receive a free SCS YETI and all who enroll before February 1, 2022 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 tuition credit for 2022-2023. Two winners will be chosen to receive the tuition credits. The raffle will be held on February 4th.

We will open enrollment to prospective families, grades 1-8, on February 1st. Help us to spread the #SCSJOY; as always, SCS families who refer our school to new families who enroll will receive a \$500 #SCSFRIENDS&FAMILY tuition credit.

Thank you in advance for the possibility of sharing your student with SCS again next year. Thank you also for considering an earlier enrollment decision. Early enrollment information absolutely helps us to better plan for next year. With that said, we know that SCS is a choice and we are grateful for the opportunity to know and educate your child.

I can't help but think that this evening the SCS Ski Club bus will pull back into our school yard and I know that, no doubt, SCS Middle School parents will be waiting in the cold, dark winter night with engines running having braved the elements ~ just like my Dad did for me all of those years ago. As you look out at the sea of headlights in the Norwood night, please know that the faculty and I thank God for the light that your child brings to SCS each day and we are so grateful for all you do to support your child as a student in our Catholic community. #SCS2022 #BESTPARENTSEVA

Yours in Christ,

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