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March 14, 2022

Dear Mater Dolorosa School Families:

It is hard to believe that we are already planning for next school year at Mater Dolorosa. It's been a year of planning, restructuring, teaching, learning, and changes in administration. Our dedicated staff and supportive families ensured that our students received the quality education they deserve. Thanks to all our safety and precautionary measures, MDS did not have to close down as a school while many schools across our state were not as successful. Time has passed quickly, and much has taken place, as we've grown together as a faith-based community of learners. We are excited that Mrs. Mary Fedora, who had previously taught at MDS has been named as the new principal to lead our school now and in the many years to come, providing growth and stability.

The Finance Committee has approved a budget for the next school year. In setting the budget, and therefore tuition for the 2022-23 school year, we are always mindful of the cost of our education to the parents of our students. Many hours were spent developing a budget that cuts costs, while still addressing the needs for maintaining a safe learning environment and providing a quality education.

The average cost per pupil at Mater Dolorosa is \$6,000. This reflects increases in fixed costs such as insurance, heating, and other utilities. It is obvious that the current tuition of \$4,165 cannot meet the rising cost of inflation and the long term needs of our school with a cost of \$6,000 per student. In an attempt to meet our financial needs, but being respectful of families' ability to pay, the Finance Committee approved a very slight tuition increase. Tuition for next year will be \$4,270.

Fees will remain the same: a \$50 re-enrollment fee to hold your spot that will come off the first tuition payment, a workbook/technology fee of \$75.00 per student, and a \$45.00 Facts enrollment fee. The materials/technology and enrollment fee will be added to your first tuition payment. Each family will also be required to provide 10 service hours per year. If you cannot perform the necessary service hours, the monetary equivalent of \$25.00 per service hour will be assessed at the end of the school year. Our hope is that you support us with your time and volunteer when you can..

In addition to tuition, we will rely on fundraisers and the generosity of donors, including parishioners of our supporting parishes, to balance our budget. We look forward to another great year with all of our families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As always, we encourage any family who feels the need for financial aid to apply. All aid is need based and dependent on filing an application with Facts grant and aid assessment.

God Bless,

Mrs. Jachym

Fr. Albert



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March 11, 2022

Dear Mater Dolorosa School Preschool Families:

It is re-enrollment time again! The Finance Committee has approved a budget for the next school year. In setting the budget, and therefore tuition for the 2022-23 school year, we are always mindful of the cost of our education to the parents of our students. Many hours were spent developing a budget that cuts costs, while still addressing the needs for maintaining a safe learning environment and providing a quality preschool program. With this in mind, the Finance Committee has approved the following tuition rates for our students for the 2022-2023 school year, which is a very small increase. Preschool arrival is between 7:30-7:45 a.m. and dismissal begins at 2:20 p.m. Our before and after school programs are also available for all students. In addition to the tuition, all families will be required to provide 10 service hours per year or the monetary equivalent of \$25.00 per service hour, once COVID regulations are lifted.

2022-2023 PRESCHOOL TUITION RATES (PER CHILD)*

DAYS PER WEEK	COST
2 Days	\$2,815.00
3 Days	\$4,220.00
4 Days	\$5,330.00
5 Days	\$6,655.00

The three tuition payment plans to choose from are: **Payment in full by August 19, 2022**, twelve monthly payments (July -June) or ten monthly payments (August – May) through the FACTS TUITION Payment Plan. **Payment in the office on a monthly basis will not be accepted.**

We kindly ask that you complete the bottom portion of this form with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit for each child returning to our Preschool program and return it to school by April 25, in order to secure your slot. Open enrollment will begin after April 5th for those students on the waitlist or new to the program. Your deposit will be applied to your 2022-2023 tuition. Also please return the attachment Tuition Payment Method Form. Thank you!

Mrs. Jachym & Fr. Albert

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Child(ren)'s Name/Grade 2022-2023

Child(ren)'s Name/Grade in 2022-2023

Yes, my child(ren) will be attending Mater Dolorosa School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

I will be paying in Full by Aug. 19, 2022

I will be paying through FACTS

No, my child(ren) will not be attending Mater Dolorosa School for the 2022-2023 school year. If no, please share

the reason(s) why: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____