

## **Home and School Association Meeting**

**January 19, 2016 7:00 PM**

### **Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School's Cafetorium**

**Call to Order / Prayer:** Leah Rios

**DQ Fundraiser Check Presentation** – Mary Lewis, \$317 Raised (20% of Sales)

**Secretary's Report:** Mary Lewis, A motion was made to approve the November 2015 Meeting Minutes which was seconded and approved.

**Finance Report** – Suzanne Olson and Nancy Benson, the Diocese requires that SMG has only one bank account, which means that Home and School no longer has a bank account that is just theirs. Going forward, Suzanne and Nancy will be reporting on the various Home and School events, providing details on how much money was raised and how much was spent.

**Development Report** - Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31. Help will be needed with participation in the masses on Jan 31. Sign in for the dress down day will be in the classrooms during the open house. Everyone is strongly encouraged to visit their children's classroom from 9-1 on Sunday.

**Spirit Report** -Mary Rowell, Spirit reports will go out in February. If the last report reflected that the 40 hour commitment was met, then a report will not be generated. There are several opportunities coming up cones, chocolate sales, dinner dance, July 4 float, etc.

**SAC/ Principals Report** - The new SMG Mission Statement was discussed. Leadership opportunities at the school were also discussed.

Registration Fee \$350 same as in prior year. Yearbook fees and directories are included in the registration fees this year. Scrip requirement has been discontinued. If you choose to participate you will get a discount on tuition.

The tuition rates were outlined. See attached letter regarding tuition rates etc for 2016-17 school year

Parishioner discount eligibility requirements were discussed.

FACTS program was discussed

**Door prizes, Adjourn**

Dear Families,

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School is delighted to be celebrating **61 years** of Catholic education! We believe our NEW Mission Statement reflects what we have here at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School:

***Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School is a living testament to our Lord's work in his youngest disciples, exemplified by academic excellence, spiritual formation, and compassionate service to others.***

We know that families sacrifice to give their children a Catholic education. A combination of tuition and fundraising will cover the cost of operating the school and providing tuition assistance, which is given to families who demonstrate financial need. In an attempt to help support our large families and to ensure best-financial practices, we have adjusted the multi child discount. The following adjustments were made based on diocesan-wide research, parent surveys, and feedback from committees from the School Advisory Council, Strategic Plan committee, and School and Parish Financial Councils.

#### Tuition Information for 2016-2017 School Year

Tuition Rates are quoted on an annual basis and will be processed through your FACTS account.

Discounted Tuition Rate (PK-8): (SMG Parish)	\$6,000 1 <sup>st</sup> Child
	\$4,500 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child Discount
	\$4,200 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Child Discount
	Free 5 <sup>th</sup> Child and Every Additional Child
Non-Discounted Tuition Rate (PK-8):	\$7,000 1 <sup>st</sup> Child
	\$5,250 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child Discount
	\$4,900 Every Additional Child

#### Application Fees for 2016-2017 School Year

- Register by May 9, 2016: \$350 per student
- Register after May 9, 2016: \$400 per student
- Application fee is non-refundable and includes basic initial school supplies, one yearbook, two class parties, two field trips, one directory, and Home and School fees.
- Scrip has been transitioned into an optional fundraiser allowing 75% of the net profit raised, to be credited toward the final tuition installment. Any families with unpaid Scrip balances from previous years will be unable to participate in the Scrip tuition opportunity.

As planned, we are currently contracting with the FACTS Management Company to help us manage tuition payments. There is a small fee (maximum of \$50.00) for the FACTS service; due to the cost to families associated with this change, we elected not to raise the registration fee this year and to better help families, we rolled in specific additional fees.

If you have any further questions regarding Tuition, please contact Nancy Benson, School Business Manager.

May God Bless you and your family,

Fr. Luke Robertson, TOR, Pastor

Leah Rios, Principal

School Advisory Council

Tuition Study Committee