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Office of Catholic Schools

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Dear Families,

Happy Catholic Schools' Week!

As Bishop Bambera announced last week, we have been working diligently to plan for the future of Catholic education. To that end, we are pleased to announce that our registration period for the 2011-2012 academic year will begin immediately and conclude on March 4, 2011. During this time of preparation and planning, your continued partnership is deeply appreciated.

Included with this letter is a three year tuition schedule which we hope will assist you with future planning. Rest assured that we will provide tuition schedules for subsequent school years in a timely fashion. Realizing the tremendous sacrifice you make to educate your children, there will still be numerous financial assistance options available. Please speak to your principal for further information regarding these opportunities. One of the most significant methods of tuition reduction is the EITC program. To qualify, you must complete the PSAS application form which is available online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or can be obtained from your school finance office. In addition, each school will continue to provide opportunities to help reduce the tuition cost to your family (i.e. gift certificate programs).

Some important information to consider:

- Please note that the \$500 mandatory fundraising component has been incorporated into the tuition for the first child in each family. These will no longer be billed separately – the entire parent responsibility will be billed as tuition.
- Enclosed with this letter you will find ONE document that now contains both the Registration Form and Tuition Contract.
- **The deadline for all registration materials is MARCH 4, 2011.** This date will be strictly enforced since enrollment numbers are necessary for future planning. All materials must be received for registration to be complete.
- Registration materials should be returned to the school your oldest child attends.
- A \$100 non-refundable registration fee should accompany your registration. This fee is used for both PSAS and FACTS fees.
- You must be current on all financial responsibilities in order to register for the next school year.
- PSAS forms must be completed for financial aid consideration. Please note that financial aid application must be made each year. The deadline for filing PSAS applications is April 15, 2011.
- Pre-Kindergarten information will come under separate cover from each school.

Our longstanding tradition of providing quality Catholic education within the Diocese of Scranton is a source of great pride and a testament to all responsible for it. We are most thankful for the generosity of our parishes. Their unwavering support, along with your commitment, ensures that Catholic schools will remain alive and well. Thank you for your partnership as we continue to educate the young people God has entrusted to our care. Together we will make the vision of a stable, sustainable Catholic School System that is spiritually sound and academically excellent a reality.

Sincerely,

Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Schools/  
Superintendent of Schools

Principal

Catholic Schools

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