

January 18, 2023

Dear St. John Paul II Catholic School parents and guardians,

Plans for the 2023-2024 school year are underway. We are making progress toward a new school building. Southern Pines agreed to allow the building of SJPII School and St. Anthony's Church at a council meeting on September 26, 2022. Fr. Forbes is working to approve a capital campaign company to begin renewed collection of funding for the new building. Rhetson Company is working on the next phase toward approval of the building and the revised blueprints by Southern Pines.

This year has seen growth with our student body. We have 241 students in 13 classrooms. We have so many exciting things happening each day. Our students are working on mathematical speed and accuracy with basic fact, and times tables and will be participating in a Math Day in February. We focus on a specific virtue each week and reward our students with virtue certificates and virtue cards as they practice the virtues daily. We meet monthly to celebrate SJPII students in a Convocation of Eagles. Our hallway and activity center have had a prayer tree added and several prayers on the walls. We are blessed with certified teachers in every classroom and our teaching assistants (7 of the 8) hold college degrees.

We are on track to finish the year within our budget. Looking ahead we continue to be challenged with our budget. We intend to continue the excellent academic programs at SJPII. The finance council and the school administrator, Fr. John Forbes, have approved a tuition increase for 2023-2024 school year.

Our student Tuition Schedule for 2023-2024 school year is as follows:

- Tuition: \$8600
- Re-enrollment Fee: \$250

If you require assistance, contact the business office. Opportunity Scholarships are available from the state of North Carolina at [https:// www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/](https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/). All financial aid is awarded to families based on need. If you are eligible for the employee or sibling aid you may apply through FACTS. Your parish offers a voucher if you apply through your parish business office.

The 2023-2024 school budget includes a well-earned raise for faculty and staff. Despite these increases, we continue to be the best educational value and one of the lowest priced non-public schools in the area. Please see the attached budget, comparable tuition schedule of local schools and instructions for re-enrollment.

Your children are blessed with an educational environment steeped in Catholic doctrine. We will continue to provide a loving, caring, faith filled, safe, healthy environment for your children. Thank you for your continued support as we offer an excellent, comprehensive, academic program of education for grades Pre-K through grade 8.

Pax vobiscum,



Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

2022-2023: Updates

Chapel Refresh:

- Reframed Stations of the Cross, painted by parents, hung valances, added glass display case

Hallway Refresh:

- Painted front entryway by parents, hung TV showing pictures of activities, moved portraits to one wall and put names underneath portraits, moved religious pictures to hallway to chapel, hung prayers in the hallway, Prayer Tree for special intentions painted on wall with addable post-its

PTO provided funding for:

- **Security cameras** added to increase safety zones
- **Marked parking lot** for safer opening and dismissal times
- **Added traffic signs** to improve traffic flow
- **New phone system** purchased and installed which will move to the new building via the cloud
- **Removed and replaced Smart Board tech** in classrooms
- **Additional camera monitor** added to office with camera to monitor campus
- **Added new playground mulch and sand**

Basic Facts Soaring Eagles:

- Times tables, basic addition/subtraction facts, Middle School Facts are quizzed and students are honored during monthly Convocation of Eagles assembly

Virtue Cards:

- Students exemplifying virtues earn virtue cards from peers and adults.
- Once 5 cards are earned, students take to principal, and their name and date is added to the virtue card list displayed in hallway near grade 5.
- Each set of virtue cards is documented with the date and displayed in the hallway.
- Convocation of the Eagles recognizes students earning virtue cards each month.

Virtue Certificates:

- Virtue certificates are awarded at the monthly Convocation of Eagles.
- Monthly certificates are awarded to students exemplifying virtues during the month as virtues are highlighted.
- Daily announcements share focused virtues and a brief explanation/definition of the virtue. Each weekly Fact Sheet tells the focused virtue.

Convocation of Eagles: Convocation describes a gathering of eagles, similar to a pride of lions.

- Monthly, the students gather in the activity center to celebrate being students at SJPII.
- We open with a prayer, sing a verse of "This Little Light of Mine", read and pray for the intentions requested on the prayer tree, announce birthdays and sing, announce and award virtue certificates, announce virtue card earners, announce any special activities students are involved in (LEGO, Moore County Young Writer contest winners, Knights of Columbus essay Contest etc).
- Close singing 3 verses of "This Little Light of Mine" while shining our individual lights!

National Blue-Ribbon Designation:

- Working on applying for the National Blue-Ribbon Award. We have all the activities and cooperation and continue to raise our test scores.

Accreditation Renewal with Cognia:

- Diocese of Raleigh has extended the accreditation process for another year. We are working on preliminary data collection for accreditation application.

Math Day:

- Feb. 23 (grades 6, 7, 8), Feb. 24 (grades 3, 4, 5), and Feb. 27 (PK, K, 1, 2) will participate in Math Days with awards being presented on March 1.
- Students will participate in activities of mental math, mental estimation, hands-on activities, and a short test to determine math skills. Students will be divided into 2 groups to allow for leveled activities.

Grand & Special Friend Day

Primary Spanish teacher hired for grades PreK, K and grade 1.

Tuition and Fee Schedule for 2023-2024
St. John Paul II Catholic School
2922 Camp Easter Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Grade	Annual Tuition	Monthly Tuition <small>(11 months)</small>
Pre-K – 8 th Grade	\$8,600	\$782

Due February 10, 2023

Enrollment Fee \$250. Technology Fee included in total tuition.

- Fees totaling \$250 per student, must be paid upfront before your child is officially enrolled/re-enrolled. The paid fees secure your child's place.
- Tuition will be billed on an annual, semi-annual, or 11-month period. You make your choice in FACTS.
- First payment will start in June with a June-April tuition billing cycle.
- All fees are non-refundable. Tuition fees are subject to the terms outlined in the Withdrawal Policy, included in this contract.
- FACTS Agreements for new families need to be completed online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/Signin/3GHCT>
Families currently enrolled in the FACTS tuition program will be automatically re-enrolled on their current payment plan.

FINANCIAL AID

Families requiring financial assistance can apply online through FACTS Grant and Aid. Deadline is April 1, 2023. Results will arrive by email. Each family wishing to participate in the parish voucher program must be considered active parishioners of either Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst or St. Anthony of Padua in Southern Pines or San Juan Diego in Robbins. The Amount is \$500. Sacred Heart forms are available in the church office and need to be signed by the Father Forbes. St. Anthony of Padua forms are also in their church office. You will need to go by there to fill out form and leave for Father Kane. Please contact Father Javier at San Juan Diego.

North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA)

Opportunity Scholarship

Estimated Amount for 2023-2024 is \$6168 per year can be used for tuition. Please see attached sheet for more information. Enrollment date is February 1 - March 1. Enrollment will continue for several months, but those applying before March 1 get first priority.

The Disabilities Grant & ESA Program has merged, now the "ESA+" Program
New students can apply (beginning March 1) via the ESA+ new student application. Current school year students who benefit from DGrants or ESA funding will renew into the ESA+ Program. This program will cover all tuition and fees.

Tuition Rates Comparable Schools- 8th Grade- Current school yr.	21/22	Add'l Cost/Peer Sch'l's	JP11 23/24
Our Lady of Lourdes- Raleigh	\$ 8,873	+\$273	\$ 8,600
St. Mark's Wilmington	\$ 8,875	+\$275	\$ 8,600
St Patrick- Fayetteville	\$ 8,882	+\$282	\$ 8,600
St. Patrick- Non Catholic	\$ 13,766	+\$5166	\$ 8,600
St. Thomas More-Raleigh	\$ 9,120	+\$520	\$ 8,600
Sandhills Classical - S. Pines	\$ 9,540	+\$940	\$ 8,600
O'Neal- S. Pines	\$ 18,950	+\$10350	\$ 8,600
Episcopal Day School (23-24)	\$ 10,401	+\$1801	\$ 8,600

Summary		Approved Budget: July 1,2023-June 30, 2024	23/24
1/11/2023			
1	Budget Enrollment		235
2			
3	Tuition -	\$	8,600
4	Enrollment Fee	\$	250
5	Technology Fee		In tuition
6			
		11 Pay monthly payment	\$ 782

Revenue

7	Total NetTuition	\$	1,965,000
8	Total Fees	\$	61,975
9			
10	Total Tuition and*Fees	\$	2,026,975
11			
12	Total Other Revenues	\$	96,350
13	Total Student Activities	\$	26,600
14	Total Miscellaneous	\$	13,000
15	After Care	\$	42,500
16	Parent Groups	\$	13,000
17			
18	Total Revenue	\$	2,218,425

Expense

19	Total Wages and Benefits	\$	1,813,400
20	Total Chapel	\$	1,000
21	Total Computer Program	\$	54,250
22	Total Instruction	\$	25,700
23	Total Office	\$	49,548
24	Total Utilities	\$	48,900
25	Total Maintenance	\$	78,725
26	Total Grounds and Custodial	\$	105,000
27	Total Insurance	\$	25,700
28	Total Advancement	\$	1,500
29	Total Auxiliaries and Activities	\$	-
30	Total After Care	\$	2,500
31			
32	Total Expense	\$	2,206,223
33			
34	Surplus(Deficit)	\$	12,202
35			

Please return this form to the office no later than February 10, 2023. The Enrollment fee is \$250 per child. Checks must be attached to this form. Credit cards are accepted, include the following information to pay with Credit card.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Account number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVS: _____

My child (ren) will be returning to Saint John Paul II Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. Name (s) of Child (ren) and grade:

Please charge tuition to my FACTS account _____ (Parent Initials)

My child (ren) will not be returning _____ (Parent Initials)

Reason _____

Withdrawal Policy

Families must notify the school in writing if a student is being withdrawn. Registered students who are withdrawn before the first day of school are responsible for 1/3 of the annual tuition. Registered students who are withdrawn between the first day of school and December 15 are responsible for 1/2 of annual tuition. Withdrawals after December 15 are responsible for the full annual tuition.

This policy may be waived if written proof is provided that the withdrawal is a result of a military or job transfer. Please contact Nancy Sheets, Enrollment Manager for more information.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this contract, you are promising to pay the entire amount of tuition and fees due for the 2023-2024 school year. All fees are non-refundable. Your signature indicates you have read and agree with the Withdrawal Policy.