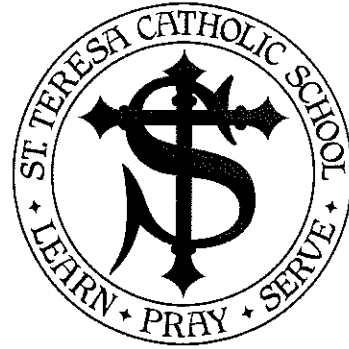


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Saint Teresa School

*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God
to teach, nurture and guide our children
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

Faith Community Academic Excellence



April 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

The intent of this letter is to clarify the reason for the increase in tuition for preschool next year. There are many reasons for this change, all of which benefit our school both short and long term.

St. Teresa Preschool began in 1981 as a way to help St. Teresa School grow since most preschoolers continue on in the same school. The goal is for our preschool program to be self-sustaining, meaning that the tuition collected will cover the salary of the teacher and the curriculum materials (teacher editions, student workbooks, worksheets, activity copies, books, DVD's, etc...). The classroom space and utilities are provided by the school and parish. Each year the cost of education rises as salaries and materials increase. Yet, we desire to continue to provide a highly qualified teacher and excellent learning resources for our students. Since tuition has not increased for many years, we have not kept up with the cost to run our preschool program, and, therefore, this increase has fallen extensively on the parish. In an effort to keep our program strong without straining the parish, we have come to the difficult decision that it is time to raise the tuition. Despite this tuition increase, we are offering an excellent Catholic education to your child at less than \$3 an hour, which is still the lowest price at a Lincoln Catholic School.

Many studies have shown that a strong preschool program is a vital foundation for any school. A school grows by welcoming students at the preschool age. Hopefully, those children and their families have a positive experience during the first year, and, as a result, they stay for their child's entire elementary and middle school career. Therefore, it is vital to sustain a strong preschool program that keeps our school thriving.

We have also restructured the days and times that preschool classes meet in an effort to provide more options for our growing community. This past school year we were unable to accommodate all families that were interested in enrolling a preschooler because we did not have enough available spots. With the restructuring of days and times, we are now able to accommodate 36 children in the age range of 4-5 years old. This allows us to keep a reasonable child-to-teacher ratio of one teacher to every 12 children in each preschool class. With a reasonable ratio comes more learning time, and the children have the added benefit of being in a Catholic environment. All three classes will cover the same content, however, the afternoon class will expound in more detail on the key concepts. Children in all three classes will be prepared for kindergarten the following year. Please see the next page for details about our new options.

By welcoming families into our school community in preschool and keeping them in our school for their elementary and middle school years, we benefit from knowing these children and their families for many years of their life, from growing strong connections with one another, and by being blessed with their many gifts and talents. These are vital contributions to our St. Teresa School Family. We do not want to miss out on these important community members simply because we have not taken the time to create enough space and set a reasonable tuition to fund our wonderful preschool program.

In the Heart of the King,

Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.

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St. Teresa Preschool Program 2018-2019

Days Class Meets	Start Time	End Time	Cost Per Month	Cost Per Year	Number of times class meets	Number of hours class is in session
Monday Wednesday Friday	8:00am	11:00am	\$100	\$900	99	297
Tuesday Thursday	8:00am	11:45am	\$90	\$810	72	270
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	12:30pm*	3:15pm	\$150	\$1,350	163	448

*No afternoon session on early dismissal days. This was taken into account.


Out-of-Parish tuition = add \$50 more per month, all classes

A volunteer will assist for 12 students in a class.

If a class of 13-16 students is necessary to accommodate enrollment, these classes will have a teacher's aide as well.

Please feel free to speak with me about any questions or concerns you have as we transition to the new options in our preschool program!

In the Heart of the King, I am,



Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.
Principal