



St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Dear St. Thomas More Catholic School Family,

The 2023-24 school budget is now complete thanks to the leadership of the church and school administrations. Thanks to sound fiscal guidance of the Parish Finance Council and the careful review of the School Advisory Board, we can continue to provide a first-class education, in a well-maintained facility on a beautiful campus. This budget was the result of prayer, deliberation, cautious expense budgeting, and conservative enrollment forecasts. We are blessed to keep our increases minimal as a direct result of our Home and School Association (HSA) fundraising events, individual donations, and matching gifts. Tuition for the next school year will increase by **4.9%**. Our modest increase last year allowed us to become certified as an Orange County Living Wage Employer. We are blessed with a dedicated and consistent faculty and staff who prioritize our children. As inflation costs rise to an average of over 7%, a larger increase this year is inevitable. The 2023-24 tuition rates can be found on the enclosed Tuition Fee Schedules.

While every possible effort is made to maintain affordable tuition rates, we recognize that increasing education costs can cause financial hardships. Tuition assistance is available for school families and information regarding the programs are available on the school website and the current fee schedule. Financial aid resources, such as Opportunity Scholarship, Diocesan Tuition Assistance, and FACTS Grant and Aid are available to those who qualify. We are allocating \$218,125 from the church offertory and school endowment toward the FACTS Grant and Aid program.

We are excited again this year to utilize the online re-enrollment process through your RenWeb Family Portal, no paperwork! The 2023-24 Re-enrollment process will open January 6th. **The Online Re-enrollment form and fee (\$220 per student) is due by February 1, 2023, after which an automated \$50 late charge will be assessed to any current student not enrolled by that date and seats may be forfeited.**

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the parent volunteers, school faculty, and the school and parish staff for their generous efforts that make our school such an outstanding educational choice. Whether individually in the classrooms, or as part of the HSA, parental involvement makes a significant impact on our school community. With your continuing support, we believe that the 2023-24 plan will allow us to achieve the spiritual and educational goals for our children in fulfillment of the school's mission.

If you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues with young children, we encourage you to share the gift of our school and church community with them as well. Supporting future enrollment is one of the most important ways of ensuring an active, vibrant future.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Raymond in the Admissions office at lraymond@stmcsnc.org. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our mission.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell W. Fulford".

Darrell Fulford
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Very Rev. Scott E. McCue, V.F.". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Very Rev. Scott E. McCue, V.F.
Pastor