

Blessed Sacrament Parish Community

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Dear Parents,

First and foremost, we would like to genuinely thank you for choosing our excellent school and a Catholic education for your children.

As many of you know, over the past several years, there have been ongoing discussions regarding how to create a more stable funding model for Blessed Sacrament School. It has become clear that operating on a pledge related model is not sustainable. We are the only school in the Diocese of Saginaw that operates in this fashion. As such, we have been operating at a level where 75% of the school funding is provided from contributions made by parishioners who do not have children in our school. Our desire is to bring those numbers more into balance.

A decision has been made by the Parish Administrative Team and Finance Council to implement a tuition model for the 2020-21 school year. A tuition model provides a more reliable revenue base for the school and is more balanced for the Parish than the stewardship/pledge model we currently have in place. The Parish will continue to provide significant financial support to the school and is committed to help families who cannot afford the tuition. Scholarships will be provided based on financial need.

We are in the process of implementing a new school data system known as FACTS – that many other schools in the diocese use. It provides staff and families with academic, tuition and financial aid tools and information. Financial aid will be based on verifiable information that will be provided to FACTS. Use of this system will ensure that monies go to those who truly need them while creating a source of accountability for all.

Implementing tuition is not a silver bullet, but helps with one aspect of a successful school. Efforts still must continue to increase enrollment and develop strong fundraising sources while at the same time continue our high academic standards. Let's work together with the goal of supporting practices that will assure the long term future for Blessed Sacrament School.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Robert J. Howe.

Fr. Robert J. Howe
Pastor

Handwritten signature of Patrick Bevier.

Patrick Bevier
Principal

Handwritten signature of Patrick Regier.

Patrick Regier
Business Manager